Reviewer's report

**Title:** Poverty, Social Exclusion and Dental Caries of 12-year-old children: A cross-sectional study in Lima, Peru

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**Reviewer:** Kaye Roberts-Thomson

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This paper has improved considerably.

Minor essential revisions.

On page 8 in the discussion the sentence beginning 'A cross-sectional design' should read 'Causality cannot be determined using a cross-sectional design'.

Some comment on the use of odds ratios rather than prevalence ratios would improve the discussion.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests