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Title: ASSOCIATION BETWEEN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES AND MALNUTRITION IN A SUB-URBAN POPULATION IN NIGERIA

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The authors cover in this paper an important aspect of preventive and community dentistry " the potential association b between malnutrition and dental carie in a sample of children.

Unfortunately, the paper suffers of some flaws.

- introduction
  the section is quite confuse and need a refocusing process.

Materials and methods
- In the previous paper the sample selected was aged between 6 months to 71 months; while in this paper, it is reported an age range of children between 6 months to 12 years old. This adds confusion to all the paper. Only in table 1 the correct age group is reported.
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