Reviewer's report

Title: Early childhood caries in Switzerland: a marker of social inequalities

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The overall manuscript reads well.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. Introduction, para 1: ECC is correlated a high burden of disease. Should correlated be considered?

2. While appreciating that the authors do not want to clutter the tables, I find it strange that an overall sample finding is presented alongside a Swiss only findings. The overall including the Swiss only sample, but separate non-Swiss sample findings are not presented, which I suspect will show a higher ECC prevalence.

3. The prevalence ratios must include reference categories and 95% Confidence Intervals. As presented the reference category is unknown.

4. The words prevalence and rate are used together throughout the manuscript, technically prevalence is not a rate. But I appreciate they occasionally used together.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'