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We are submitting a revised version of the above-mentioned manuscript for consideration by BMC Oral Health.

As requested, in this revised version we have made the following changes:

1. Line numbers inserted.
2. Acknowledgments moved to after author contributions.
3. Formatted tables 5,6,7.

This paper describes an interventional study exploring the effect of a brief counselling technique, motivational interviewing (MI) on oral health knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of parents and caregivers of preschool children, compared to dental health education. The study was undertaken among a West Indian population in Trinidad. The implications of the findings for oral health promotion for families with preschool children are discussed.

I confirm this research is the original work of the authors who all contributed to the preparation of the manuscript. The authors declare no competing interests and the manuscript is not under consideration by any other journal.

Sincerely,

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