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Title: The effect of motivational interviewing on oral healthcare knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of parents and caregivers of preschool children: An exploratory cluster randomised controlled study

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The Editor

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Dear Sir,

RE: The effect of motivational interviewing on oral health knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of parents and caregivers of preschool children compared to traditional dental health education: An exploratory cluster-randomised controlled study. MS: 7271552021619719

We are submitting a further revision to our manuscript for consideration by *BMC Oral Health*.

In this resubmission, we have addressed the comments made by referee 2.

The responses to comments are listed below.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rahul Naidu
Referee 2

- I would like the authors to include as a limitation of the study a statement to the effect that comparing MI to an intervention of known lack of effect may serve to exaggerate the impact of MI.

We have now added this statement as Limitation 10 in ‘Limitations of the study’ – (page 28, lines 654-655).

- It may be worth the authors pointing out that the MI intervention led to a large increase in retention - this may be a benefit of the approach.

We have now included this finding in the ‘Discussion’ (page 26, lines 595-599).