Reviewer's report

Title: Oral health of 12-year-old Dai children in Yunnan Province, China

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The study described the dental caries and periodontal status of 12-year-old Dai 12 children in China and to study the factors affecting their oral health status. The information reported is important for planning the dental health promotion program for this population because such information is scarce. I have several suggestions for minor revisions.

1. In the first page, the name of second institution of the first and third authors is not found.
2. Page 3, lines 31-32: the dentist/population has changed obviously now compared to year 2007. Please try to find recent data, including those published in Chinese.
3. Page 3, lines 42: "the predominant ethnic group' is better deleted to avoid misunderstanding because all ethnic groups in China are equal.
4. Page 11, lines 224-225: The description "no organized oral health promotion programme was conducted for the ethnic minority children" has no evidence. Please rewrite. E.g. organized oral health promotion programmes were uncommon in rural areas of China, especially in western areas where the economic was less development.
6. Page 20, lines 406: "P value" should be amended to keep consistency with previous tables.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.