Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of essential oil mouthrinses with or without alcohol on plaque and gingivitis: a randomized controlled clinical study

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It is an interesting study but, although both mouthwashes are commercialised no reference is made to the composition throughout the study. I think this information should be provided in the material section in order to understand what you are in fact comparing. I think it should be made clear they are comparing 2 mouthwashes based on their composition, i.e. one with alcohol and the other without.

The main problem with the design has been commented in the discussion, a control mouthwash should be used in the control group so conclusions can be established in relation to this group.

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