Reviewer’s report

Title: Salivary characteristics and dental caries experience in remote Indigenous children in Australia: A cross-sectional study.

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The authors have greatly modified and improved the manuscript by adding the necessary details to the Materials and Methods, and performing further analyses on their data. However, the discussion section is still too general.

Although the authors have extensively altered the results and methods sections, the discussion still does not "discuss" the results in sufficient depth. The only alterations the authors have apparently made were shortening the third and fourth paragraphs.

These changes do not address the comments made by all three reviewers: Reviewer1 "discussion is interesting but does not discuss the given findings", Reviewer2 "most of the discussion is not pertinent to the results", Reviewer 3 "the discussion is too general... (it should) focus on interpreting the results". The authors should re-write their discussion focusing on interpreting their results.

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