Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of the oral health behavior, knowledge and status among dental and medical undergraduate students: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Asim Abdulrahman Al-Ansari

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for your effort in preparing this manuscript.

Below are my comments.

Background (Introduction) section,

1. the description of the extent of oral disease might be good in itself. However, i believe it should be reduced because this is not the actual focus of the paper. one paragraph will suffice.

2. Page 5 Line 102: I don't think that "health promotion is the right term here because according to the World Health Organization health promotion is "the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health. It moves beyond a focus on individual behavior towards a wide range of social and environmental interventions". I believe the right choice for your context is "Health Education".

This also applies when the term was used on Page 12 Line 238

Methods

1. Page 5 Line 107: please mention why only first and third were chosen for the study.

Results

1. Page 7 Line 14: please use a more measurable term than "little obvious"

2. Page 12 Lines 185 and 188: This statements are written as though clinical examination was conducted. Please explain or rephrase to show that this is still self reporting.
Discussion:

1. Page 12 and 13, Lines 195-211: This is far too long as an introduction to the Discussion. In fact it is not needed here. You could utilize some of this information in the Introduction section in relation to my previous note about the introduction section.

2. Page 15 Lines 251-263: These details about the periodontal disease-bacteria-system disease relationship seems to be out of context. If you really want to emphasize this relationship, a line or two about it is enough.

Than you

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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