Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of mobile personalised texting versus non-personalised texting on the caries risk of underprivileged adults: a randomised control trial

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Reviewer: Arun Suresh Dodamani

Reviewer's report:

Abstract: mention definite conclusion.
Key words : "Cariogram" can be added as a keyword.

Background : Second sentence is repeated.

Page number 4- 11 and 20 : Follow one pattern of writing either patients' or patient's.
Page number 5- You could also mention alternative/ research hypothesis.
    Detailed calibration examination and baseline 24 procedures, subject characteristics, and data collection are described elsewhere [15, 16]. Why elsewhere??

Page number 6: 6- A prior sample size....
    13-14 : Then who did clustering??
    16 : willingness to participate in the project can be written as Those who were ready to give consent.
    20 : Kappa statistics.

Page number 7 : 16 : give fullstop
    18 : OHSRC : Its easy to understand if fullform mentioned together atleast when it is coming for the first time in an article. Otherwise you have mentioned it under abbreviation.
Page number 9 : 1 : how saliva is collected? which container is used? stimulated or unstimulated saliva??
Page number 14 : 19 : Give reference
Page number 15 : 3 : too large sentence..
Discussion : maximum part of discussion is stating limitations only.
Page number 16 : 18 : the interventions to the personalised participants were apt to be similar to those for the non-personalised participants.

What is the use of intervention then?/
Then why we divided it into study and control group??
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