Reviewer’s report

Title: ASSOCIATION BETWEEN MALOCCLUSION, CARIES AND ORAL HYGIENE IN CHILDREN 6 TO 12 YEARS OLD RESIDENT IN SUB-URBAN NIGERIA

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Review of the manuscript "MALOCCLUSION, CARIES AND ORAL HYGIENE IN CHILDREN 6 TO 12 YEARS OLD RESIDENT IN SUB-URBAN NIGERIA"

This is an interesting and very thoroughly reported study. I have some minor comments.

1) Even though some previously reported methods have to be omitted, I think number of participants should be in the abstract, and both N of target population and n of participants and participation rates should be reported in the methods. It is essential in interpreting the results.

2) Also participation rate, and whether it might have influence the results, should be discussed.

3) The authors report mean values 0.27 (0.82) throughout the manuscript, but do not report what is in the brackets. Mean (SD)?

4) p-values are usually reported with 3 decimals

5) In tables, in column 'total' in every row there is: (100%). The tables would look better without those, and easier to read, especially since it does not bring any extra information

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