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Title: Comparison of oral health behaviour between dental and non-dental undergraduates in a university in southwestern China—exploring the future priority for oral health education

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1. According to the article, this survey was conducted among undergraduates in Sichuan University. Do they reflect the situation of students in Southwestern China, or in the whole China?

Introduction

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2. You mentioned that 'Here we aimed to figure out the oral health status of undergraduates'. Did you mean oral health education status?

Method

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3. Please specify the parameters in the calculator.

4. Why the grades of dental and non-dental students were different? Does it influence the final results?

5. Why the sample number of dental and non-dental students were different?

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6. The authors should specify the oral health education course. Was the oral health education course similar to others in universities of China or designed specifically for this survey? Was the OHE course in this survey representative of the oral health education conducted elsewhere? What is the advantage of the OHE introduced in the manuscript?
Discussion

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7. Please explain why Chinese herbal toothpaste should not be substituted by scaling.

8. Please specify why floss is ignored among undergraduate students in China.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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