Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of oral care protocols practice by dentists in Rio de Janeiro towards HIV/AIDS individuals

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- The sample was stratified by gender and this was not mentioned in the aim of the study, it should be added.

- There is a need to mention "what's in not known" or what's missing in the literature about the research topic so that to justify the need to conduct this study, and this should be located at the end of the background, before the aim part

- The title as well as the aim of the study should include more description of your study population, like dental surgeons in Rio de Janeiro

- No need for informed consent (page 4, line 13) returning the questionnaire is already considered an informed consent.

- Presenting the results of other studies should be mentioned in the background part, only the comparison of the present study with the other should be done in the discussion but without listing the details of the previous studies' results because these should be already mentioned in the background (example page 7, lines 13 to 17)

- In the results:

- page 5-line 15: the word "men" is missing after the percentage.

- page 6-lines 10 and 11: sentence need to be restructured, percentages can be represented at the end between brackets.
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