Reviewer’s report

Title: Topical povidone iodine inhibits bacterial growth in the oral cavity of patients on mechanical ventilation: a randomized controlled study

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The manuscript of "Topical povidone iodine inhibits bacterial growth in the oral cavity of patients on mechanical ventilation: a randomized controlled study" is reported the effectivity of oral rinse using povidone iodine. This article was revised by author, and be proved satisfactory. One point, I offer opinion, the figure of this article is need remediation. In figure 3, there are including bacterial count graph and table. The figure legends are not informing each explanation. In the graph, the style are seems being warped out of shapes. I cannot recognize which graph has significant difference. Its needs detail explanations. In the same manner, the explanation of figure 4 are prefer more precise information in result sentence.

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