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Title of the Manuscript:	The Dental Caries Experience of Preschool Children in Harare
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>Sample size calculation. What was the prevalence that you fixed for calculation. If so which study did you take the prevalence from. Please quote. Was drop out rate taken into consideration.</p> <p>Sampling technique and sample selection can be more clear. Was the district divided into 3 strata depending on the density suburbs. What is your study definition of this. Does it relate to SES or population density. If it was population density what is the justification of dividing the strata.</p> <p>Did the authors considered calculating population to proportion calculation for selection of subjects from each school.</p> <p>Objectives statements: 1. Estimate caries prevalence and experience....2. Describe the contributing factors like...</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>In Abstract: you have concluded that caries prevalence is high. But not mentioned the prevalence in the abstract. In the abstract please put only the actual final subjects included in the study. N.178</p> <p>In results need not have chart and tables for a single variable. Either one is suffice. In pie charts pls add on the percentage in to chart.</p> <p>In table number 2 : I personally feel it is the mean values of DMFT in the header. You have put as frequency. Frequency represents the number of a particular event hapeening. So the graph related to this might also need change.</p> <p>In table number 4 question number 4 what does the option NONE 5% trying to say or indicate. And Has your child ever visited dentist – 87.3% When was the last visit – NEVER 86.7% Why is the percentage not tallying.</p> <p>In Discussion:while comparing your prevalence rate pls try to compare with your national or the local research papers rather than with Australia where many factors would influence the prevalence rates between the two countries. And for other variables like oral health practices the author have only elaborated on the results in detail but not discussed the results and their findings.</p>	
Optional/General comments	The overall presentation can be improved with considerations into above said details.	



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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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