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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Dental Sciences
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Title of the Manuscript:	Oral health status on among pregnant attending at Health Centers, in Savannakhet Province, Lao PDR: a cross-sectional study
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, but re-evaluate the structure of the sentences and tenses once before publication as the entire article should be written in "third person" or conduct English Proof reading</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>+Objective can not be written in this format as it generates (Executional Bias) as it looks like the author is looking for a reason to "Implement preventive oral care programmes" kindly change the Objective – To assess the effectiveness of oral health care knowledge and hygiene practices among a pregnant women from Lao</p> <p>+Discussion- Kindly summarize the finding you want people to take home from your survey in 1 paragraph in Discussion for example " reduced periodontal pockets achieved solely by tooth brushing despite evidence in literature linking periodontitis and pregnancy"</p> <p>+Conclusions- Do not mention the sample size issue not being large enough to generalize in the Conclusion kindly keep it in the 2nd last para of Discussion. ONLY YOUR CONCLUSIVE FINDING IN CONCLUSION.</p> <p>+Sample size is not a limitation considering you calculated for 380 and got 323 (that's a decently representative sample) but a flaw is there considering the vast number in population consider elaborating on how you standardised the Interpretation of Indexes. (more number of Investigators/dentists causes more Observational bias especially in CPITN which can be reduced by openly declaring the number of investigators).</p>	

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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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