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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>Abstract: 1. Clarify how you collect data for this KAP Survey. Is this a Knowledge, Awareness and Practice Survey? This have to be spelled out rather than just abbreviation as well.</p> <p>If so, it is not clear how you collect data for this. What questionnaire did you use?.</p> <p>2. DMFT-have to spell out in abstract what this stand for?</p> <p>3. Also clarify what is Class I-IV.</p> <p>Introduction: 'Leprosy is a chronic granulomatous disease caused by Mycobacterium leprae, which mainly affects the skin, peripheral nerves, upper respiratory tract, and the eyes. Left untreated, leprosy can be progressive, causing permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs, and eyes^{1,2}. Leprosy, which was supposed to be eradicated in India 8 years ago, still records the highest number of fresh cases globally. Leprosy was declared eliminated on January 1, 2006, with the prevalence of 0.98/10,000 populations in India². Multidrug therapy being the main weapon against leprosy and has considerably reduced the incidence of leprosy in India significantly from 8.9/10,000 in 2000 to 1.1/10,000 in 2010'</p> <p>Please check paragraph above-similarity index with sites below</p> <p>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5074012/</p> <p>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23870850/</p> <p>4. TThe efficacy of the therapy is largely dependent on the early diagnosis and the disease spreads by oronasal mucosa^{4,5}.- Wrong spelling of the first word</p> <p>Materials and methods</p> <p>6. Your methodology does not answer the question of your study.</p> <p>This is just a descriptive article. This is just a descriptive article on caries status among people affected by leprosy in a colony in Chennai</p> <p>Results</p> <p>7. Your pie chart need a legend- explain what each class is.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>From the results obtained we are able to understand that the knowledge and awareness of oral hygiene was very poor among the patients.-how did you come up with this result, please?</p> <p>The 30 subjects observed in this investigation ranged from 40-70 with their mean age to be 52.</p> <p>Most of the.-hanging sentence.</p> <p>There were several limitations to this study: in particular we were unable to compare the general population of of (repeated word) people affected by leprosy in Chennai, and we had observations at only one time point. However basic dental health cross-sectional surveys can provide a sound basis for estimation of the present oral health status of a population and its future needs for oral health care. They can produce reliable baseline data for development of national</p>	

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	or regional oral health programmes and for planning for appropriate numbers and types of personnel for oral care. Today, leprosy is one of the most debilitating diseases known to mankind. Once diagnosed with leprosy, patients face the long and uphill task of recovering and reintegrating into their community. Employers turn away the people who are affected by the disease evening? they have been treated or cured. This puts the patient in a very hard financial situation. Most of them are secluded and do not mingle with the community and only a mere percentage of them have ever been to a dentist. This shows us why there is a void in the basic knowledge of oral hygiene practices among the patients.	
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PART 2:

	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)
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