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## Dear Dr Hariyani

Thank you for your submission to the Journal of *Clinical Cosmetic and Investigational Dentistry* titled 'Factors influencing the severity of dental caries among Indonesian children with autism spectrum disorder – a pilot study'

I have noted that you have not referred to Table 2 in your manuscript. Please can you send me an updated version and I will load it for you

Kind regards Rachel

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## Dear Dr Hariyani,

Thank you for your manuscript submission to Clinical, Cosmetic and Investigational Dentistry. On behalf of the Editor, I would like to inform you that your submitted manuscript 'Factors influencing the severity of dental caries among Indonesian children with autism spectrum disorder – a pilot study' (205041) has been peer-reviewed and may be considered for publication after the necessary revisions are completed to the Editor's satisfaction.

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EDITOR EVALUATION

**REVIEWER 1 EVALUATION** 

Dear authors,

Comments to address:

1) Introduction. Second paragraph should report the target of prevalence of ASD. Is it in a country or over the globe?

2) Third paragraph must give a strong clue to the dental caries prevalence in ASD children. I advise ending with the conclusions of the systematic review.

3) Material and Methods. It is important to include the number of process authorizing the study. The examiners had a training moment before the dental survey? Was it registered with a Kappa statistics?

4) The authors should concern about reporting the dental caries data by age as this is a pilot study and could help future studies to plan a future sample.

Discussion. The discussion should have in the first paragraph a short nevertheless explicity answer for the question enrolled at the last paragraph of Introduction.

#### **REVIEWER 2 EVALUATION**

I would like to thank the Editor for the opportunity to review this interesting paper. Apart from the suggestions for a spelling check I have the following comments.

Please address:

1. Please change "deft" to "dmft" according to the 5th edition of WHO Oral Health Surveys Basic Methods.

- 2. Mention the company name of the statistical software.
- 3. Replace "70" with "Seventy" in the first line of the results.
- 4. Mention the statistical test for test-retest reliability.

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Your Sincerely,

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I am pleased to inform you that your submission, "3Factors influencing the severity of dental caries among Indonesian children with autism spectrum disorder – a pilot study", has been accepted for publication in "Clinical, Cosmetic and Investigational Dentistry". The publication processing fee is now payable before your paper can be progressed any further and an invoice is accessible here: <u>https://www.dovepress.com/invoice.php?</u> i key=m0EiGGMIUweTkazwNtkXSQhs36034

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## Dear Dr Hariyani

I am happy to advise that your typeset manuscript has just been published in its final form on our website. You can view and download it here: <u>https://www.dovepress.com/articles.php?article\_id=50102.</u> A PDF of our manuscript will also be emailed to you shortly.

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There are 17 quick questions and your feedback will be used to help us improve our author service.

A summary of views your paper has received will be sent to all authors of this paper on a regular basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your contribution to Clinical, Cosmetic and Investigational Dentistry. It was a pleasure working with you and I hope we can do so again in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr. Okunseri,

We are very grateful to you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript and we acknowledge the time spent by the editors and reviewers in commenting on this paper. Please find below a point-by-point reply to reviewers' and editors' comments. We hope that we have now addressed the concerns raised and believe that the manuscript has been substantially improved.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Comments from Editor and Associate Editor:**

**Comment 1:-** Ethical Requirement: Please confirm in the revised manuscript that this study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki.

*Response:*- The information has been added in the method section. The explanation has been added in the material and methods (page 5 line 119-120).

**Comment 2:-** Please confirm the author Oktarina's name as it is different in our system (Oktarina Oktarina).

*Response:-* Thank you for the confirmation. The co-author's name is Oktorina (only one word, without family name). Your system records Oktarina Oktarina as your system ask me to enter both the first and family name as a compulsory entry. Thus I recorded it twice.

**Comment 3:-** Citations: Please cite references sequentially in text, tables, and legends by superscript Arabic numerals with no parentheses, eg, 1 or 3,4 or 10-15. Numbers should be placed after punctuation marks, eg, .3,4.

*Response:*- Thank you for the correction. The changes have been made throughout the article.

## Reviewer: 1

**Comment 1:-** Introduction. Second paragraph should report the target of prevalence of ASD. Is it in a country or over the globe?

*Response:*- Thank you very much for your positive feedback on our manuscript. The explanation has been added in the introduction (page 3 line 57).

**Comment 2:-** Third paragraph must give a strong clue to the dental caries prevalence in ASD children. I advise ending with the conclusions of the systematic review.

*Response:-* We have provided the estimate of caries prevalence in ASD children that come from a systematic review and meta-analysis in paragraph 3 of the introduction (page 3 line 64-65), and highlight that studies estimating further clinical condition of untreated dental caries among children with ASD are scarce (page 3 line 64-67).

**Comment 3:-** Material and Methods. It is important to include the number of process authorizing the study. The examiners had a training moment before the dental survey? Was it registered with a Kappa statistics?

*Response:*- Thank you for the questions. For the oral examination, it was conducted by one of the researchers (EP), who is a general dentist and has many experienced in conducting an oral examination. Thus we did not conduct any training. However, to maintain the intra examiner validity, ten per cent of the participants (dyad of parents-carer and the kid) were asked to complete the self-administered questionnaire and follow another oral examination again to check for test–retest reliability (using Kappa statistics and ICC) after a washout period of 1 month. These have been explained in method (*Questionnaire and data collection*) section in page 6 line 127 and in page 7 line 146-149.

**Comment 4:-** The authors should concern about reporting the dental caries data by age as this is a pilot study and could help future studies to plan a future sample.

*Response:*- The report of the dental caries data by age has been provided in Table 1 (page 13) and in the result section (page 8 line 190-192).

**Comment 5:-** Discussion. The discussion should have in the first paragraph a short nevertheless explicitly answer for the question enrolled at the last paragraph of Introduction. *Response:-* Thank you for the suggestion. The changes have been made in the main document (page 9 line 216-219).

# **Reviewer: 2**

**Comment 1:-** Suggestions to conduct a spelling check.

*Response:*- Thank you very much for the suggestion. We have tried our best to minimalize the spelling error.

**Comment 2:-** Please change "deft" to "dmft" according to the 5th edition of WHO Oral Health Surveys Basic Methods.

Response:- Thank you for the correction. Some changes have been made in the main document.

Comment 3:- Mention the company name of the statistical software.

*Response:*- Thank you for the suggestion. The name of the statistical software used and the company name have been added in the main document (statistical section (page 7 line 169-170)).

**Comment 4:-** Replace "70" with "Seventy" in the first line of the results.

*Response:*- Thank you for the suggestion. The changes have been made in the result section (page 8 line 176).

**Comment 5:-** Mention the statistical test for test-retest reliability. *Response:-* Thank you for the reminder. It has been added in page 7 line 149.