Ms Anne Menard

Editor

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Dear Ms Menard:

I would like to submit the manuscript entitled “Effects of fluoride and calcium phosphate-based varnishes on pH, lactic acid and trace elements in saliva: a randomized clinical trial” by Poza Pascual A., Serna Muñoz C., Perez Silva A., Martinez-Beneyto Y. and Ortiz Ruiz AJ. to be considered for publication, as an original article, in *BMC Oral Health*.

Saliva as a possible indicator of susceptibility to caries has been widely studied. In order to do so, salivary antioxidant levels, proteins and trace elements have been considered. However, no controlled, randomized clinical trials have been conducted to monitor the effectiveness of calcium phosphate varnishes in children at high risk of caries according to their influence on salivary pH, lactic acid concentration and salivary trace elements. We believe the aforementioned findings could be of interest to the readers of your journal.

We declare that this manuscript is original, it has not been published before and it is not currently being considered for publication elsewhere.

In addition, we report no conflicts of interest. Furthermore, the completion of our work has not been dependent on significant financial support that could have influenced its outcome. As Corresponding Author, I confirm that the manuscript has been read and approved for submission by all the abovenamed authors.

We hope you find our manuscript suitable for publication and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely,

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