

Subject: [BDS] Editor Decision

Dear Vanessa dos Santos Brum, Isabelle Amorim de Oliveira, Jonas de Almeida Rodrigues :

Your submission Breastfeeding knowledge and profile of pregnant women: A cross-sectional study in Primary Health Care to Brazilian Dental Science, has been revised and according to reviewers' comments, there are questions to be addressed and/or points to be clarified/corrected.

Please answer the reviewers considerations point-by-point in a separate document and also please make all the corrections in the text highlighted in yellow.

Deadline: 30 days

Thank you for considering Brazilian Dental Science for publishing your research. We are looking forward the revised version of you manuscript.

Sincerely,

Reviewer A:

Recommendation: Revisions Required

Comments

Comments to the Author

Dear Authors

The manuscript is interesting and brings a field that remains in need of development, that is breastfeeding. I have some suggestions on the manuscript.

Methods:

- Please add a reference about the contraindications of breastfeed and HIV-positive women.
- Please describe better how was the training prior to data collection.

Results:

- How did you characterize young adults?
- Despite the presence of the tables I suggest to describe better the results with the frequencies you found.
- I suggest you to analyze the association regarding groups, first pregnancy and second or more pregnancy and mothers knowledge.

Discussion:

- I was wondering if the majority of pregnant women in the present study being in the initial stages of pregnancy can influence the retaining of the information, this because breastfeeding is a practical stage after the baby is born, and at the beginning of the pregnancy the women can be interested in information about the pregnancy itself.

Format:

- Table 1 has formatting errors.
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Reviewer B:

Recommendation: Revisions Required

Comments to the Author

Dear author,

Thank you for submitting the manuscript entitled “Breastfeeding knowledge and profile of pregnant women: A cross-sectional study in Primary Health Care.” The study addresses a relevant and timely topic with the potential to contribute meaningfully to the breastfeeding literature. Your manuscript is well written and structured; however, several aspects require attention and refinement to strengthen the clarity, methodological rigor, and applicability of the findings. Below are the main comments:

Abstract

- I believe it would be useful to include the data collection period in the methodology section.

Introduction

- Please specify more clearly how this study is integrated into the larger “parent project.”

Methods

- There is limited information regarding the questionnaire... What is its origin? Did it undergo a validation process? Was a pilot test conducted?
- Please describe the epidemiological profile of the city to provide contextualization.
- Regarding interviewer training and standardization... Was inter-rater agreement assessed? How was this training conducted, and what was its duration?
- Only the Chi-square test was used. Did the authors consider other analyses (e.g., logistic regression) that could provide more robust results?

Discussion

- The World Health Organization was already mentioned in the first line of the

introduction. If the acronym WHO is to be used, it should appear in the introduction and then be used consistently throughout the discussion.

- Provide a more detailed explanation of how the convenience sampling may affect representativeness in the study.
- The discussion does not address potential biases, which are important considerations.

Table 1

- In the variable “Maternal Age,” there is a typographical error: “28 to 21 years old.”
- How was “base salary” standardized? According to which year? A footnote might be relevant.
