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Oral Health Behaviours and Their Predictors in Children

Message from the Guest Editors

Oral diseases are highly prevalent among children of all ages and are a major public health concern, more so in low-income countries. The most common oral disease, dental caries, is easily preventable through regular oral hygiene practices, including toothbrushing twice a day with fluoridated toothpaste and limiting sugar intake. While the management of dental disease is expensive and has a debilitating impact, prevention is simple and cost-effective. All oral health outcomes, including oral health behaviour, are determined by several population-level, family, and individual-level predictors. Reports suggest that disparities in oral health behaviours also contribute to a high burden of oral disease among underprivileged children. Therefore, evidence-based interventions targeted to improve children's oral hygiene behaviours and reduce the effect of social, educational, and environmental barriers are warranted. Such pieces of evidence would be of help to governmental organisations and policymakers so that necessary reforms could be made.

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