

## ***Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene***

### **Reviewer's Worksheet**

#### **General guidelines for reviewing the manuscripts:**

##### *1. General content and organization*

- The abstract is congruent with the paper and based on publication guidelines.
- The title reflects the focus of the paper in a clear and concise manner.
- The introduction provides a clear articulation of the focus of the paper.
- There is a clear rationale to support the focus of the paper and its importance to dental hygiene practice.
- Concepts important to the article are defined.
- Headings guide the reader in moving through the article.
- Each paragraph in the body of the article contributes to the argument presented.
- There is a logical flow throughout the body of the article.
- There is a reasonable balance between evidence and new ideas.
- The argument is built in a coherent manner.
- Tables, figures, and illustrations are presented in a clear and concise format.
- Statements are appropriately supported by citations.
- The conclusion includes a synthesis of the argument presented.
- Resources/references are credible, relevant, and include the most current body of knowledge in the topic area.

##### *2. Issues related specifically to research articles*

- The methods and materials are adequately described.
- The sampling approach appears reasonable.
- The study design appears congruent to the question investigated.
- Statistical tests are appropriate for the type of data collected.
- The results are presented in clear and concise manner.
- Limitations of the study are identified.
- Tables and figures support the clarity of the message. Please comment if the paper would be improved with additional tables or illustrations.
- The discussion section provides a synthesis of the results presented.
- The conclusions are supported by the study results.

##### *3. Balance*

- Opinions can be clearly distinguished from fact.
- More than one side of an argument is presented or at least acknowledged.
- Enough information is presented so that readers have a fair chance to judge the validity and reliability of the information.