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**Oral health status among 3-5 years old children, attending pre-schools in Matale DDHS area.**

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Association seen between the caries experience of the child and the following factors-sector / level of mothers education/sweet consumption (respectively  $p= 0.0266$ ,  $p= 0.0034$ ,  $p= 0.0008$ ). With plaque index, only the type of milk given to the child showed association ( $p = 0.0088$ ). Almost 87 per cent of the children had a plaque index equal or below 0.6 which was considered as the acceptable level of plaque. The mean plaque index for the whole sample was 0.41 (SD = 0.26). 96 per cent of the children reported that they used a toothbrush for cleaning their teeth. 90 per cent of the children used fluoride containing toothpastes.