**Table 3 Caries prevalence and variables studied**

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| Independent variable | Group（N） | DMFT>0 (n, %) | p-value |
| Gender | Boys (439) | 134, 31% | 0.013 |
|  | Girls (434) | 167, 39% |  |
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| Location | Towns (424) | 154, 36% | 0.266 |
|  | Villages (449) | 147, 33% |  |
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| Brushing twice or more daily | Yes (209) | 74, 35% | 0.674 |
|  | No (634) | 213, 34% |  |
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| Eating snacks daily | Yes (459) | 160, 35% | 0.763 |
|  | No (378) | 128, 34% |  |
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| Visiting dentist within last year | Yes (105) | 50, 48% | 0.002 |
|  | No (747) | 241, 32% |  |
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