Table 6 Association of knowledge, attitudes and practices of sweet foods and beverages consumption with caries status among the studied schoolchildren

Independent variable	Caries active[a]		Caries free		P-value[b]
	No.	%	No.	%	
Dietary knowledge					
Poor	220	89.8	25	10.2	0.314
Good	559	91.9	49	8.1	
Dietary attitudes					
Poor	675	94.8	37	5.2	< 0.001
Good	104	73.8	37	26.2	
Dietary practices					
Poor	647	96.4	24	3.6	< 0.001
Good	132	72.5	50	27.5	

[a]Based on decayed/missing/filled teeth for deciduous (dft) and permanent (DMFT) teeth. Caries active = ≥ 1 dft/DMFT; caries free = 0 dft/DMFT.
[b]Chi-squared test for association of sociodemographic variables and caries status.