Reviewer's report

Title: Oral Health Status and Treatment Needs among Psychiatric Inpatients in Rennes, France: a cross-sectional study

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

With readers of this journal being essentially mental health clinicians, and I guess psychiatrists, I found the specific messages for the target audience lacking. This paper is essentially written for a dental / oral health audience. The authors should consider revising the discussion for the journal reader or consider an alternative journal. In some places, especially in the methods and results, may need elaboration (and referencing) as specific dental terminology is used throughout. This would however increase the length of the paper. The authors may want to consider a more succinct paper written specifically for the target audience of mental health clinicians. It is unlikely that oral health practitioners read the BMC Psychiatry.

It is surprising that a recent systematic review and meta-analysis is not referenced:

Kisely et al in the Br J Psych.

Minor essential revisions:

Attention to details regarding formatting and language could be better, for example fonts and spacing changes across the manuscript and tables, the gender distribution if repeated in paragraph 1 of the results, a more thorough proof-read is needed. Khi-square test should Chi-square test.

It is surprising that the data is almost 7-years old and not previously published.

Standardise the number of decimals points, and I would suggest rounding off all numbers as a first or second decimal point does not change the findings of the study.

Consider reducing the number of tables, as the reader of this journal will be more interested in the implications of the findings rather than the detailed findings themselves. While the statistical analysis is appropriate, they may be too extensive for the readership and the issues they will be interested in.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.