Reviewer's report

Title: Association between parental guilt and oral health problems in preschool children: A hierarchical approach

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The research is relevant and interesting.

*** Major Compulsory Revisions:

The research examines the association between parental guilt and oral health problems, which include dental caries, TDI and malocclusion. Regarding malocclusion - dental spacing or crowding is completely ignored, though it is the main reason for patients to seek orthodontic treatment, usually at an older age. Overjet and Overbite tend to change spontaneously with growth, and should not be diagnosed as maloclusion and the age of 3-5. I suggest to delete the malocclusion issue from the research and focus on dental caries and TDI.

*** Minor Essential Revisions:

line 264: "Complicated TDIs..." should be TDI
line 267: "complicated TDIs..." should be TDI
line 268: the word Moreover is redundant

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'