Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors influencing patients' satisfaction with dental appearance and their desired treatment need to improve aesthetics

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Dear Dr. Diana Boy

First I would like to thank both reviewers for the most encouraging comments and suggestions that they have made. I have done some changes accordingly as suggested by both reviewers. I believe I have addressed all issues raised.

Thank you

Response to Referee 1 (Leando Marques):

The point-by-point responses to the concerns are as follows:

1. The process of selecting the study sample has been clarified. This includes sample size calculation and sampling method used to ensure representativeness of the target population.

2. The authors have decided to maintain Table 1 and Table 2 as the tables will help readers to find out and retain critical information faster. There are no repetitions in the presentation of results. The tables have the complete information when only pertinent results are highlighted in the text.

3. The conclusions have been re-written. Limitations of the study are now place in ‘Discussion’.

Thank you

Response to reviewer 2 (Marc W Heft):

The point-by-point responses to the concerns are as follows:

1. The English version of the questionnaire used has been added as Box 1.

2. The questionnaire did not enquire the perceived need for dental care.

3. Clinician’s determination on patient oral condition was not included as the objective of the study was only to assess satisfaction based on patient’s perception.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mon Mon Tin Oo