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In response to the requests of the editors we have:

1. Removed the vertical lines from within the tables, but maintained the horizontal lines that border clinical parameters used to determine the oral status of COHRA and Cognitive participants.

2. Tables 1A and 1B have been renumbered to be Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

3. The country has been included in affiliation details.

4. Underlining indicating changes that were made in the manuscript in response to reviewers’ comments was removed from this final version of the manuscript.