Reviewer's report

Title: Profiling the clinical presentation of diagnostic characteristics of symptomatic TMD patients

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Reviewer: Ephraim Winocur

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Dear Authors,

I meticulously revised your manuscript entitled “Profiling the clinical presentation of diagnostic characteristics of symptomatic TMD patients” and regretfully I did not find it relevant to the study of TMD, since it does not add any significant information or relevance to the diagnosis or treatment modalities. The clustering of different diagnoses is interesting but meaningless since comorbidity is possible. What’s more after performing the multiple diagnosis the clinician should decided whether a comorbidity exist (in this case the treatment of each disorder is required), or a cause and effect exist and in this case only the cause should be treated.

Your research is mainly epidemiological and may be of some value as such. If you accept that you may proceed by changing the aims of your study and resubmitting it.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'