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   Yes
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   Yes
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   Yes
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   Yes
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Yes

General

The authors responded adequately to the reviewer comments. As far as I am concerned, the manuscript is now ready for publication. I only encountered a small number of minor errors, that the authors can address themselves:

Minor Essential Revisions

1. P8, methods, second sentence: “As a consequence of the aim …. and Nothern Ireland” is not correct. I suggest replacing “As a” with “A”.

2. P8, methods, last sentence: There is an underscore present before the first word in this sentence, i.e. “_Regularity”.

3. P9, methods, 8th line of text: “…and extreme dentally anxiety”, replace “dentally” with “dental”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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