Reviewer's report

Title: Perception of Toothache in Adults from Capitals and Inner Cities within Brazilian Geographic Regions

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Reviewer: Leonard Crocombe

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The authors have answered my questions from the previous review, though in a descriptive paper such as this, I would expect some sociodemographic variables to be included in the analysis.

There are still quite a few mistakes with the English which need to be rectified before the paper can be published:

- In the abstract aim, it is not clear in what area of body where the reported the pain comes from.
- In the results section of the abstract the word "notheast" should be "northeast."
- The first sentence in the introduction ends with "... or described in terms of such lesion", which doesn't make sense.
- In the thirth paragraph of the introduction, a different term for "people relations" needs to be found.
- In the fourth paragraph of the introduction, the second sentence which ends with "... since the dentist's appointment does not occur regularly" needs to be re-worded.
- In the final sentence in the second paragraph of the methods, the phrase "Examiners make data collection ..." needs attention.
- In the second paragraph of the results section, the word "reaches" should be "reached". Results should always be described in the past tense.
- In the results section where table 1 is described, the number of places fater the decimal point varies from two to four. Please be consistent. I suggest that with the number of respondents that two numbers after the decimal point is enough.Similarly, p=0.0045 etc. should simply be p<0.01 because the survey doesn't get down to that level of accuracy.
- In the second paragraph of the discussion, the first sentence has the word "shows" and it should be "show". The second sentence has two regions behaving. I suggest that isn't what you mean.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
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