Reviewer's report

Title: The Modified Dental Anxiety Scale: UK population norms in 2008

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Minor Essential Revisions

p. 6, second paragraph, first sentence: Reference number 12 is mentioned twice; please check if it should be a different reference (for instance 21) or if it should be deleted.

The reference list is given twice (before and after the tables)

Reference 30 contains a double dot, just before the journal name

Discretionary Revisions

The authors report their testing results as, for instance, t = 1.07, df191, p = .146. I am not sure if there are any journal guidelines how to report statistical results, however, I always report such data as: t (191) = 1.07, p = .146. In other words, the df are usually reported between parentheses just after the test statistic. I am aware that this is not a golden rule. However, perhaps the authors can consider placing the equal to sign (=) between df and the number of degrees of freedom, such as: t = 1.07, df = 191, p = .146 (what is also done when reporting the chi-square outcomes earlier in the report).

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Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'