Reviewer’s report

Title: Acceptance of virtual dental implant planning software in an undergraduate curriculum: a pilot study

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Reviewer: Ivan Darby

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Overall, this is a well put together and reported study. There are no major issues, but the paper does need some revision, especially in the description of the methods, as outlined below.

Page 2 Abstract
Background: ”Advances in health care such as...."
Methods: Please start all sentences with a number written out (unlike Deutsch). I would add where this study was undertaken.

Page 3
Can I suggest you remove the word high before potential at the start of the second paragraph. Also it should be visualized. What do you mean by "most varied organizations"?

Page 5
Please describe exactly how long the students are taught the implant planning software and exactly what they do. Please describe the scoring of the questionnaire.

Page 6
Without seeing the scoring and assuming that most questionnaires are categorical surely median and IQR should be used?

Page 9 Last sentence 2nd paragraph. Please correct the grammar of "specified by they have been...

Page 10
I would have thought the discussion should include more about the students and the usefulness of the planning software in undergraduate teaching. A lot would also depend on their previous exposure to clinical implant dentistry. Last paragraph, "it does not allow use of...."

Page 11 Conclusions
Although I agree with the conclusion the acceptance by students doesn't come through in the discussion and this needs to be added or better explained.
Page 15
Is figure 1 really needed?

Table 1
Scoring of each measure and averaging as before

Table 2
Please explain better in the results

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'