Reviewer's report

Title: Oral Cancer Awareness of Undergraduate Medical and Dental Students

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Reviewer: Anne Koerber

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General
Revisions are satisfactory.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
none

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 12, "Although voluntary modules may attract those students with an existing interest in oral health and disease. " This is not a sentence. It occurs in the next to last paragraph. Perhaps you could unite this fragment with the preceding sentence using a comma.


If this is the final editing, you should make sure that the tables have a construction similar to each other.

The titles of the figures should be more descriptive. For example, Figure 1's title could be "Percentage of dental and medical students identifying risk factors for oral cancer" and Figure 5's title could be "Percentage of medical and dental students identifying oral changes occurring in oral cancer."

The authors responded to my suggestion that IRB approval ought to be noted by stating that it hadn't been legislated at the time of the survey, which caused me to suggest that the year in which the survey was administered should be noted in the Methods section, and perhaps the methods section should also note that the students taking the survey were aware it was to be used for research purposes.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.