Reviewer's report

Title: Psycho-education programme for temporomandibular disorders: a pilot study

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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

In general manuscript is well prepared but the terminology and the punctuation of the text should be revised. Suggested edits have been made; please take these into consideration as you revise the text.

1) Abstract:
“Temporomandibular disorders (TMD)” should be “Temporomandibular disorders (TMDs)
“CR-ROM” should be “CD-ROM”

2) Introduction:
1 line:
“Temporomandibular disorders” should be “Temporomandibular disorders (TMDs)
“It is by far the most predominant condition described that affects the temporomandibular system; other conditions include arthritis, arthrosis, arthralgia and disc displacement.” There should be at least 1 reference at the end of the sentence.
5 line:
“TMJ” should be “Temporomandibular joint (TMJ)”
Last line:
“CR-ROM” should be CD-ROM

3) Methods
1 line:
“Forty-one TMD patients” should be “41 TMD patients” (Numbers should be written in numerical style in the whole of the manuscript)
“(RDC/TMD, Dworkin & LeResche, 1992)” Reference number is more appropriate “(RDC/TMD)X”
5 line:
Authors used “group” and “condition” terms to clasify the participated TMD patients. Nevertheless, the same term should be used entire of the manuscript.

4) Technical report:
1 line:
“Original photographs were captured using Nikon CoolPix 950 and Kodak CD 215 digital cameras” should be “Original photographs were captured with digital cameras (Nikon CoolPix 950 and Kodak CD 215)”

5) References:
The Journal has specific requirements in regard to references. Revise the references according to Guidelines for Preparing Manuscripts.

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