Reviewer’s report

Title: Identifying Brazilian dentists profile using cluster analysis based on job-related variables and perception about profession

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The study is consistent and relevant. The proposed study is current and the goal is well defined.

The method chosen is appropriate, since the segmentation of the sample into groups with similar characteristics facilitated the understanding of the goal: to define the professional profile and their perception of professional practice.

• Minor Essential Revisions

In 1188 former students eligible, 322 were analyzed (27.1%) professionals. Despite the losses have been justified, the limits of the study should be highlighted.

The comparison between the clusters was not included in the discussion. It is not clear why this analysis and their inclusion in this study. This analysis may be dispensable?

• Discretionary Revisions

Check page 9, last prâgrafo, 5th row - (REF)?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.