Reviewer’s report

Title: Shear bond strength of different retainer wires and bonding adhesives in consideration of the pretreatment process

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Reviewer: Bernd Koos

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Discretionary Revision

1. The figure 2 seems to be redundant.

The topic of this submitted manuscript is of high importance in the daily clinical work in orthodontics. The question about retention and stability is a vital key to a long lasting success of an orthodontic treatment.

The aims of the study design are very clear, the material and methods section describes in a very detailed manner every performed step.

The statistical analysis is very extended, but comprehensible and absolutely sufficient to answer the key questions.

The discussion is appropriate and includes the relevant aspects of the contemporary literature in this field.

For these reasons I recommend to accept, after a discretionary revision, this manuscript for publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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'