Reviewer's report

Title: Associations between dental anxiety, sense of coherence, oral health-related quality of life and health behaviour - a national Swedish cross-sectional survey

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This manuscript reports the results of a cross-sectional survey investigating the associations between dental anxiety, sense of coherence, oral health-related quality of life and health behavior. The title of the study accurately conveyed what has been found. The manuscript writing is acceptable and the material and methods sections are appropriate and well described. My detailed observations are as follows:

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The question posed by the authors needs to be clarified. Why more studies investigating the relationship between DA and SOC, OHQoL and health-related behavior are needed?
2. The abstract does not clearly address the problem. The rationale of the study needs to be stated in the abstract section.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. The authors mentioned a lot about the vicious circle of DA. Although there was a sentence that described the circle in the background section, would it be possible to add a figure of the circle to enhance understanding?
2. In the discussion section please explain why oral hygiene behavior was not related to DA in this study.
3. The administration of short forms of the SOC and OHIP scales may affect the results of this study. This should be stated as one of the limitations.

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

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.