Author's response to reviews

Title: Socioeconomic disparities in orthodontic treatment outcomes and expenditure on orthodontics in England's state-funded National Health Service: A retrospective observational study

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Dear Editor

My co-authors and I would like to thank BMC Oral Health for the consideration of our revised manuscript. We were happy to see the revised manuscript has addressed the reviewer comments. We have edited the revised manuscript to address the two comments noted by the editorial board. The changes made to the manuscript are detailed below.

Best wishes

William Whittaker

Revision requests:

1. Unfortunately we are unable to access the web link for reference 12. Please ensure that you have provided the correct web link for this reference.

Author response: we have replaced the reference with the latest FP170 form:

References: Page 21 line 9 to line 11:

2. Please list each individual author and their contributions in the Authors’ Contributions section (e.g. Authors AB, CD, EF and GH participated in data acquisition, analysis, and interpretation). We note that the contributions of authors SB and PB have not been individually listed in this section.

Author response: we have expanded the authors’ contributions to include each author’s initials where ‘all the authors’ were mentioned:

Authors’ contribution: Page 19 line 15 to line 18:

“Authors JP, WW, SB, PB and MT contributed to the conception and design of the study, data interpretation, manuscript revisions and approved the final manuscript. MT acquired the data. JP and WW drew up the detailed analysis plan. JP carried out the analysis and drafted the manuscript.”