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This paper would provide useful information to readers who have interest in related field.

Some concerns should be modified:

1. In abstract and line 16:
'IOTN' should be 'index of orthodontic treatment need' rather than '--- needs.'

2. In line 23,
Should be 'Ethical approval'.

3. The letter 'p' for P value should be italic fond throughout the manuscript.

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