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Rajeshree Moodley, Ph.D (Reviewer 1): Comments to the Authors

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General comments: The paper is interesting and well written.
Specific comments: the referencing in-text needs to be in superscript.
Thanks for submitting
Response: The authors would like to thank Dr. Rajeshree Moodley for these supportive comments. We have now fixed the in-text references.

Ilana Moodley (Reviewer 2): This manuscript provides a good argument for the need to improve quality measures in Dentistry. It is well written and relevant to the current issues pertaining to Dentistry. The authors have identified four main challenges with the current measurement of quality and provide a good case for transforming quality measures into e-measures which can be adopted by even small individual and group practices to ensure the delivery of quality patient care. While there is a research grant number provided, there is no ethical approval provided. There are also some minor typographical errors noted as follows:

In the Abstract- the Discussion and Conclusion paragraphs have different line spacing and font. Also, the word Conclusion is not highlight as a heading.

Line 185- provides should be provide

Line 189- insert the word when before extreme practices are observed.

Line 203- Dental service organisation should read - Dental Service Organisation (DSO)

Response: The authors would like to thank Dr. Ilana Moodley for the supportive comments and helpful suggestions. We have now provided the ethical approval number for the original research project in the declarations page, although, this manuscript did not report data that directly involved human subjects. We have also made the recommended changes addressing the typographical errors listed above.