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Dear authors, thanks for your review. I would like to point out a few issues to be addressed.

Methods:

I still think this is important to add the context in which ZOE was given as a choice. You mentioned: "However, it is worthy to mention that ZOE based materials are frequently used for stepwise excavation and to postpone the final restoration, and is a frequent choice, especially in primary teeth. Therefore the alternative was given to the responders." Please include this in the manuscript.

For case 2- Even if not included in the questionnaire to respondents (who might not be aware of this grading system), MIH-TI gives an idea about the severity of the case provided for readers (mostly pediatric dentists), I strongly suggest to indicate the grading of the molar in the methods section, but leave final decision to editor.

Table 2- Why is esthetics given as a reason for extraction (case 1a), and ZOE (case 1b)?? Your answer "It is difficult to assume reason why esthetics was chosen by dentists for the extraction and ZOE. However, it should be kept in mind that only 3 dentist chose esthetics when considering extraction. And only 3 dentists chose number of affected molars/materials available/aesthetics for ZOE." Could you please mention this somewhere in discussion since it does raise questions why this has been chosen. (I think it shouldn't have been given as an option in the questionnaire).
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