Reviewer’s report

Title: Attitude toward and awareness of medical-dental collaboration among medical and dental students in a university in Indonesia

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The authors drafted a paper that describes the attitude towards and awareness off collaboration between dental and medical professionals. Following are my comments and suggestions for improving the current manuscript:

Introduction:

The study rationale needs to be justified

Methods:

How many waves of the questionnaire were sent out?

Data analysis:

The description of variables and covariates is unclear- more details are required

The cut-off points for the attitude were not clear or justified. It may be better to leave at as score and use linear regression, instead of logistic regression

Line 121- 'To avoid missing data, a web-based questionnaire was adopted', please explain this statement.

Line 125: the authors used dichotomous response to measure attitude. Such approach is known to decrease internal-reliability, and increase in type II error rates in 2-point response formats. It is better to use more than 4 responses scale to measure attitude. The author should justify why they used a dichotomous scale.

Line 126: The authors described attitude as poor and good. However, attitude should be described as negative or positive
Discussion:

The first paragraph is just reiteration of the aim which was followed by a discussion of methodology choices. The authors should answer the research questions and leave the discussion of methodology and limitations to the end of the discussion.

Conclusion:

The statement that (Good attitude and awareness can establish an essential foundation for fostering collaboration between medicine and dentistry) is not based on current study findings

**Are the methods appropriate and well described?**
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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Yes

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