Author’s response to reviews

Title: Sonic irrigant activation for root canal disinfection: power modes matter!

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Dear Ms Menard, Dear Ms McMillan, Dear Mr Zhu

Many thanks for the expeditious handling of our revision – not something we take for granted given the grave situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We greatly appreciate the positive feedback of the peer-reviewers.

We are happy to inform you that we have undertaken all necessary revisions as requested. We have uploaded the revised manuscript (OHEA-D-20-00052R1) on your editorial management website. We dispensed with a point-by-point response letter as the corrections pertain exclusively to publishing requirements and not to scientific content.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries. Thank you very much indeed for your time and consideration.

Editor Comments:

1. We notice that author Sigrun Eick is an associate editor and Editorial Board member for the BMC Series. In your Competing Interest section, please add a statement that addresses this. Something along the lines of: "Sigrun Eick is a member of the editorial board for BMC Oral Health, but otherwise had no role in the publication process of this manuscript."

Our reply:
An important point, thank you very much indeed. We have amended the "Competing interest section" accordingly.

2. Please provide a “List of abbreviations” subsection after the Conclusions section. If abbreviations are used in the text, they should be defined in the text at first use and included in this list.

Our reply:
Many thanks for directing our attention to the lack of a abbreviation list. We have added a list with all abbreviations used in the manuscript. All abbreviations are defined in the text at their first use.
3. Please be sure to add the ethics information found in the main body of your manuscript into the "Ethics approval and consent to participate section."

Our reply:
A careless oversight of ours - thanks for pointing it out! We have copied the ethics information from the main body of the text to section at the end.

4. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

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Many thanks and all good wishes,

Florin Eggmann