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Dear Mrs McMillan,

On behalf of my coauthors, thank you again for considering our research article ´Minimizing risk of customized titanium mesh exposures – a retrospective analysis´ for publication in your journal BMC oral health. The manuscript has been revised to address your comments, and a detailed point-by-point response to each point is attached. A clean version of our manuscript is also attached.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Amely Hartmann

Dear Editor/Reviewer,

Thank you for critically assessing our manuscript for publication in BMC oral health.

We wish to thank you for suggested improvements.
1. In your Ethics approval and consent to participate section, please clarify if your study was approved by an ethics committee, and include the full name of the ethics committee (and the institute to which it belongs to), and the committee’s reference number if appropriate. If you did not need formal ethics approval, please confirm that this complies with national guidelines and provide a reference which supports this. Alternatively, supply a statement that says that a local ethics committee ruled that no formal ethics approval was required in this particular case.

Response: According to your suggestion we added this information to the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

p.3, l.3-9 and p.15, l.3-9:

This is a clinical non-interventional monocentre study. It was performed retrospectively during the clinical routine without any further consequences for the patient. Data were anonymized and processed in accordance with the 2013 Declaration of Helsinki on medical protocol and ethics (Declaration of Taipei on Ethical Considerations regarding Health Databases and Biobanks 2016). Due to the character of the study no approval by the local ethics committee was necessary (Regulatory of the ethic committee of Rhineland-Palatinate and described in Gaus et al. [24]).

2. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, please explicitly state whether any administrative permissions and/or licenses were acquired by your team to access the data used in your research.

Response: We added this information to the Ethical approval and consent to participate section.

p.3, l.9-11 and p.15, l.9-11:

No administrative permissions and/or licenses were acquired by the team to access the data used in the research due to the character of the study.

3. Please clarify in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section if consent was waived, whether the patients consented to analysis of their medical records and if any further permission from the practice was required.

Response: Please see answer to question 1 and 2.
4. Please include a statement in your Funding section describing the role of the funding body in the design of the study, the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: We included a statement describing the role of the funding body precisely.

p.15, l.23- p.16, l.2:

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Response:

We removed the revision letter.

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