Reviewer's report

Title: How Much Dentists are Ethically Concerned about Overtreatment; a Vignette-Based Survey in Switzerland

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Reviewer: Bjorn Hofmann

Reviewer's report:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound? Not assessed.
4. Do the figures appear to be genuine, i.e. without evidence of manipulation? NA
5. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? NA
6. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? NO
   Based on answers from less than one third of a specific subgroup of dentists, i.e., the invited German speaking dentists in Switzerland, the authors conclude on behalf of all dentists in Switzerland: “Suggesting unnecessary treatments to patients seems to be an ethically unacceptable conduct in the eyes of dentists in Switzerland. Although dentists in Switzerland …”
7. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? NO
   A discussion on validity of the questionnaire and relevance of results for other dentists are wanting.
8. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes.
9. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? NO, see 6.
10. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests