

Subject: [BDS] Editor Decision

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We have reached a decision regarding your submission to Brazilian Dental Science, "EVALUATION OF ADHERENCE TO THE USE OF TELEDENTISTRY BY DENTAL SURGEONS IN A SPECIALTY CENTER (STATE OF SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL)".

Our decision is: Resubmit

Reviewer A:

Dear authors,

The manuscript addresses a highly relevant and timely topic, particularly regarding the potential of teledentistry to expand access to care.

Please see comments in the attachment.

Regards

Recommendation: Revisions Required

Reviewer B:

Introduction

The authors do a good job of describing relevant literature on the benefits and drawbacks of teledentistry and summarizing this literature.

Methods

At the end of the methods section “...aligned with the framework of the Technology Acceptance Theory”, the authors need to add a citation as was done in the discussion.

The authors state that “a total of 205 questionnaires were delivered, comprising the final sample of 205 participants...” kindly clarify if 205 questionnaires were administered and there was a 100% response rate or otherwise.

Software used for analysis was not cited

Results

Minor comment on data visualization regarding figure 2: readers typically associate positives with blue and negatives with red. This is flipped in the authors’ figure and might take readers a second to adjust.

Tables numbers in text and on table headings are mismatched.

Discussion

It would be useful to discuss patients’ data security (and more detail on regulations) regarding the use of Whatsapp as a teledentistry tool, seeing as this study specifically inquired about Whatsapp.

Conclusion

Conclusion should be more succinct.

Recommendation: Revisions Required
