Table 3. Distribution of responses to individual OHIP-14 items and mean item scores (n = 129)

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| **Dimension and description of item** | **Distribution of responses N (%)** |
| **“Because of trouble with your teeth, mouth or dentures during the last year, . . .”** | **Never (0)/ Hardly Ever (1)** | **Occasionally (2)** | **Fairly Often (3)/ Very Often (4)** |
|  | **5 +** | **< 5** | **5 +** | **< 5** | **5 +** | **< 5** |
| *Functional limitation* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you had trouble pronouncing any words? | 48 (61.53) | 33 (64.70) | 6 (7.69) | 6 (11.76) | 24 (30.77) | 12 (23.53) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you felt that your sense of taste has worsened? | 50 (64.10) | 45 (88.23) | 6 (7.69) | 3 (5.88) | 21 (26.92) | 3 (5.88) |
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| *Physical pain* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you had painful aching in your mouth? | 72 (92.31) | 45 (88.23) | 0 (0) | 3 (5.88) | 6 (7.69) | 3 (5.88) |
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| have you found it uncomfortable to eat any foods? | 51 (65.38) | 42 (82.35) | 12 (15.38) | 6 (11.76) | 15 (19.23) | 3 (5.88) |
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| *Psychological discomfort* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you been self-conscious? | 36 (46.15) | 21 (41.17) | 6 (7.69) | 6 (11.76) | 36 (46.15) | 24 (47.06) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you felt tense? | 26 (33.3) | 18 (35.29) | 15 (19.23) | 15 (29.41) | 27 (34.62) | 18 (35.29) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Physical disability* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| has your diet been unsatisfactory? | 54 (69.23) | 45 (88.23) | 6 (7.69) | 3 (5.88) | 18 (23.08) | 3 (5.88) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you had to interrupt meals? | 69 (88.46) | 4 (7.84) | 0 (0) | 9 (17.65) | 9 (11.54) | 0 (0) |
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| *Psychological disability* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you found it difficult to relax? | 48 (61.53) | 30 (58.82) | 12 (15.38) | 0 (0) | 18 (23.08) | 21 (41.18) |
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| have you been a bit embarrassed? | 36 (46.15) | 24 (47.05) | 6 (7.69) | 3 (5.88) | 36 (46.15) | 24 (47.06) |
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| *Social disability* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you been a bit irritable with other people? | 42 (53.85) | 27 (52.94) | 6 (7.69) | 3 (5.88) | 30 (38.46) | 21 (41.18) |
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| have you had difficulty doing your usual jobs? | 72 (92.31) | 36 (70.59) | 3 (3.85) | 6 (11.76) | 3 (3.85) | 9 (17.65) |
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| *Handicap* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you felt that life in general was less satisfying? | 45 (57.69) | 39 (76.47) | 9 (11.54) | 6 (11.76) | 24 (30.74) | 6 (11.76) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have you been totally unable to function? | 72 (92.31) | 42 (82.35) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 6 (7.69) | 9 (17.65) |