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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS Manuscript NO: 11913-edited).

**Title:** Pathways of Fear and Anxiety in Dentistry: A Review

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1. Reviewer 742429

The article, "Pathway of Fear and anxiety in Dentistry - a Review" is interesting, though quite long. ABSTRACT Here the subtitles: aim, Methods, Result, etc. should take separate paragraphs.

**We thank the reviewer for bringing this up. We have now modified the abstract as per your request.**

Is "core tip" necessary or required under ABSTRACT? INTRODUCTION "In these instances,...anxiety often ...(a verb is missing here).

**We thank the reviewer for bringing this up. The Core tips were required to be placed under the abstract. We have now modified introduction taking into consideration the missing verb**

CONCLUSION There is, however, a ...

*Thanks for making this*

2. Reviewer 570290

Pathways of Fear and Anxiety in Dentistry: A Review AIM The aim of this article was to analyse the theories underpinning dental fear, anxiety and phobias Methodology In order to identify relevant studies about the impact of dental fear and anxiety, a computerized database search was conducted using Medline Database Medline/PubMed). The search covered the period 1900 to 2014 including only articles written in English. Search terms included "dental fear and anxiety," "cognitive," "informative," "verbal threat," "vicarious," "parental," and "origin of fear."

As with the planning of any study, the study design determines the validity of its results This study is poor instruments have been identified for the assessment for quality in both randomized clinical trials as well as meta-analyses of prospective cohort studies The studies is not appropriate sample size , develop data..... the reasons for exclusion The article should state any discrepancies between authors and how the discrepancies were resolved. The number of studies excluded from the analyse and the reasons for the exclusions should also be provided.

*We thank the reviewer for his comments; unfortunately we believe that the reviewer may have misunderstood the aims of this review. The aim of this **invited review article** was to highlight the possible pathways of fear and anxiety in dentistry and not to analysis the actual experience of fear and anxiety. This review is not a meta-analysis of previous study. We are currently doing a number of clinical studies that will be appearing in International Journals to address this. We have however modified the article taking into dismiss any confusion, the modified article now reflect our group's expert opinion on the subject and has taken care to avoid being classed as a meta-analysis.*

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Sincerely yours,

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