Appendix 2. Factors influencing choice of retainer	
Clinician and patient-related factors influencing the choice of retainer	
Motivation and compliance of the patients	56.2%
Status of oral hygiene	54.2%
Status of periodontal health	47.2%
Based on the available evidence and guidelines	47.2%
Clinician preferences	42.5%
Preference of the patient/parents	34.6%
The financial cost to the patient	14.4%
Other	6.1%
Malocclusion-related factors influencing the choice of retainer	
Presence or absence of pre-treatment spacing	77.7%
The degree of pre-treatment rotation of the teeth	73.5%
The degree of pre-treatment crowding	70.8%
Presence or absence of pre-treatment posterior crossbite	38.7%
Presence or absence of pre-treatment tooth impaction	22.3%
Presence or absence of pre-treatment anterior crossbite	17.8%
Presence or absence of impacted third molars	8.5%
Other	9%
Treatment-related factors influencing the choice of retainer	
The amount of expansion achieved during treatment	64.1%
The degree of interdigitation at the completion of treatment	50.1%
Myofunctional aspects such as the presence or absence of lip seal and competency	46.5%
The amount of intrusion of anterior teeth achieved during treatment	34.2%
The amount of extrusion of anterior teeth achieved during treatment	31%
Type of orthodontic appliance used	26.3%
The amount of intrusion of posterior teeth achieved during treatment	25.8%
The degree of root resorption of the teeth at the end of treatment	19.3%
The amount of extrusion of posterior teeth achieved during treatment	18.6%
Other	5.9%