Reviewer’s report

Title: Orthodontic treatment of a severe anterior open bite and an alveolar bone defect caused by incisor trauma: A case report

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Minor Essential Revisions:

Background/Introduction:
This section should emphasize why this article is being published (i.e. This case report presents the treatment of an anterior open bite patient with a severely intruded ankylosed incisor. Include why treatment of an ankylosed incisor and an anterior open bite is difficult.) I would recommend moving the background information of the 4th paragraph of the discussion that discusses anterior open bite malocclusion and difficulty of open bite treatment in conjunction with an ankylosed incisor to the Background/Introduction section. Even part of the first paragraph of the discussion may also be better in the background/introduction section so there is no redundancy in the discussion.

Case Presentation:
Editing of grammar is necessary in this section. In the second sentence I would rewrite the sentence saying “A modified Nance appliance was used to extrude the left central incisor, but no extrusion of the incisor occurred.” A superimposition of pre- and post-treatment cephalometric radiographs should be included.

Discussion and Conclusion:
Again, editing of grammar is necessary in this section. Relapse of anterior open bites is common after intruding posterior teeth and references should be quoted explaining relapse of the posterior intrusion and anterior extrusion as the reason for the open bite relapse of this case.

Overall, this is a very difficult case that was well treated and should be documented, but the English and grammar needs to be edited before it is published.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests.