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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I would love to accept this case report now that it is better, but unfortunately the English grammar is still not easy to read. Is there someone else that can provide editing of the manuscript? It is such a great case that needs to be in print, but the wording still needs improving.

Minor Essential Revisions:

I think it would flow better to add 'and it is usually difficult to treat orthodontically' to the following sentence in the Background: "Anterior open bite malocclusion is a difficult problem in orthodontic treatment, because such a malocclusion develops as a result of the interplay of many different etiologic factors and it is usually very difficult to treat orthodontically. Some of these treatment methods include: orthognathic surgery......"

I don't feel that it is a completely new technique that is being used for the case so the purpose of the case report needs to be changed: 'The purpose of this case report is to illustrate the treatment of a severe anterior open bite and alveolar bone defect complicated by an ankylosed maxillary central incisor.'

I agree with you that the open bite occurred because of the ankylosed tooth and the patient may have developed a compensatory tongue thrust because of the open bite, but the tongue thrust did not cause the open bite. I would put the new sentence "He had bad habit of compensated tongue thrusting" at the end of the first paragraph in the case presentation and also change that last sentence "His smile became strange because the patient was ashamed of his teeth condition". It might sound better to say "The patient did not like to smile as he was ashamed of his teeth. He also had a compensatory tongue thrust due to the anterior open bite."

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.