Reviewer's report

Title: Marie and Sainton disease - A case report

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: No

Comments to authors:

Dear authors,

I read your manuscript with a great interest. However, correction of the manuscript is needed before publication:

1. Title: The accepted "Cleidocranial dysplasia" is better than the unfamiliar name "Marie and Sainton disease".

2. Moreover, please add several words for description of the uniqueness of the case (for example, "a multidisciplinary dental approach" or the "normal karyotype").

3. Abstract: Please omit the spaces in the phrase "15-year-old".

4. What is "Asian"? Please be more specific ("Indian"?).

5. Introduction: What is "dental cell"? odontoblast? ameloblast?
6. The sentence "This condition is of clinical significance to every dentist due to..." is incorrect because most of dentists in western countries won't meet even one patient with this manifestation. You should rephrase the sentence to something such "This condition is of clinical significance to dentistry due to..."

7. Case report: Again, what is "Asian"?

8. Please omit "named Soumyasree".

9. Please build the case presentation as a continuous story instead of separated sentences.

10. "Anterior mandibular" is better than "lower anterior region".

11. Discussion: You MUST point your massage. What will the dental clinician gained from reading your article?

12. When you cite an article in the text, you should not present author's first name initial ("Mendoza-Londono and Lee" instead of "Mendoza- Londono R, Lee B").

13. Please write "Cbfa1" with Capital letters.

14. In the sentence "supernumerary teeth will always impede normal eruption" please omit the word "always".

15. Again, as in the case presentation, you should build the Discussion as a continuous essay instead of separated sentences.

16. In the Discussion, you mention the psychological component of treatment, then the "redistribution of the space", and after that back to the psychological treatment. Please gather the psychological sections to one paragraph.

17. Conclusion: Cleidocranial dysplasia patients are not "commonly seen in pediatric dental offices". (If so, there was no place for this Case Report. There are no case reports of patients with the common dental caries or periodontal disease). Please correct this.

18. Figures: too many pictures. Please omit the unnecessary pictures.

19. Figure legends should be more descriptive.

Good Luck!

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests