Author's response to reviews

Title: Multidisciplinary approach of fused maxillary central incisors: a case report

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Reviewer’s report
Title: Multidisciplinary approach of fused maxillary central incisors: a case report
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Date: 1 September 2014
Reviewer: JUAN CARLOS PJC PRADOS-FRUTOS
Has the case been reported coherently?: 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?: No
Is the case report persuasive?: Yes
Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes
Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes
Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes
Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:
It is a beautiful clinical case and very good treated but I think it is desirable to include epidemiological aspects in the introduction, the same that it could be desirable to include briefly some data derived from the following literature:
- Steinbock et al, J Endod. 2014
- Demircioglu Guler et al, Case Report Dent. 2013
- Oelgiesser D et al. Quintessence Int. 2013

The absence of this literature not means a defect in the paper but I think that it could be help to improve the quality.

We have added data regarding epidemiological aspects by mentioned articles and the other references have been cited in the text.

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is

This is a good example to present the coordination of different dental specialities for a disease treatment.

Has the case been reported coherently?
- Yes. On my personal point of view, this paper has been elaborated from the general to the particular in the sense of begin with a short etiopathogenic introduction and showing the case problem from the diagnostic to the ending of the treatment.

Is the case report authentic?
I don’t know, but clinical and radiological images are coherent.

Is the case report ethical?
- Yes. Authors guarantee the existence of a patient manuscript in which is written the permission to publish the paper.
Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?
- Yes. In the introduction, I think it is necessary to include references about epidemiological aspects (racial aspects...), also, some bibliographic references as, for example the following:
  - Steinbock et al, J Endod. 2014
  - Demircioglu Guler et al, Case Report Dent. 2013
  - Oelgiesser D et al. Quintessence Int. 2013
We have included these references in our manuscript.

In clinical case presentation, it would be useful an explanation about the provisional crowns treatment duration and the material type used in the permanent crowns (ceramic...).

We have explained that provisional crowns were maintained for 2 weeks before fabrication of the definitive prostheses to achieve the proper maturation of soft tissue.

The permanent crowns were made with ceramic material.

In the figure legends, figure 4, I consider that it could be interesting to say that it is an apical radiolucid lesion, and if it is possible with a presumptive diagnostic, considering that the journal is guided to medical professionals, generally no dentist, and so this would be easier to read for them.

Presumptive diagnosis was radicular inflammatory cyst.

As Minor issues, page 4, paragraph 1, where is written figure 4 is figure 7 (in figures and legends it is OK).

Figure 4 (A, B, C, D) have been corrected
In the same page, paragraph 2, where is written crows it would say crowns.

We have corrected this mistake

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?
- Yes because it is not usually the coordination of different dental specialties to obtain a conservative result with a good function.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests

Reviewer's report
Title: Multidisciplinary approach of fused maxillary central incisors: a case report
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Reviewer: Adriano Piattelli

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?: No
Is this case worth reporting?: Yes
Is the case report persuasive?: Yes
The authors reported multidisciplinary clinical treatment of a case of an upper central incisor fusion. Even if there are other papers in literature focusing on this topic, the manuscript concerns an unusual anomaly, which was successfully treated through combined endodontic, orthodontic and prosthetic treatments. There are no missing information. The conclusions are supported by the data provided. The quality of the images is satisfactory.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests