Reviewer’s report

Title: Consequences of early extraction of compromised first permanent molar: A systematic review

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Review of revised manuscript: "Consequences of early extraction of compromised first permanent molar: A systematic Review" OHEA-D-16-00460R1

The authors managed to include all desired changes. However I would like to address one minor revision request:

There are many readers who want to have a clinical approach from the abstract before reading the full manuscript. In your case they may want to know when it's probably best to extract the FPM. Even if there is no concrete guidance, your manuscript gives a decision aid, which should also find a place in the abstract, since it is extremely helpful for clinical use.

You could therefore shorten up following lines and include it into the abstract (maybe into your conclusion part):

(page 19, line 60) „The ideal time for FPM extraction is when the SPM is at the early bifurcation stage"

And

(page 16, line 56) „If the FPM is extracted during or after eruption of the SPM, complete space closure is usually not achieved."

After incorporating this change, I recommend accepting the manuscript.

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