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Title: Hawely retainer and lichenoid reaction - an uncommon oral contact reaction case report.

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1. In the abstract, case-presentation section, should include. The retainer was withdrawn from use

2. In figure 5 legend more histopath description should be stated. What about the chronic inflammatory cells which is important for the diagnosis. Kindly draw an arrow to indicate where dysplastic features are in the epithelium. Please include more figures of histopathology at different levels of the specimen.

3. In Fig 8 there is still residual erythema. So its wrong to say complete resolution. Please discuss this in the discussion. Change: complete to partial resolution

4. Patch testing in many centres is done with commercially available patch test kit. Was this not available to you? Kindly discuss as a limitation in the discussion. Please cite J Oral Pathol Med. 2016 Jan;45(1):48-57 on the role of patch testing...

5. Fig 6 is not needed

6. The discussion says "atypical dysplasia" confirms OLL. This is a wrong expression. Dysplasia is not common in OLL.

7. In the discussion "a triad" is mentioned. Not clear what this triad is?

8. Under histopathology it is important to describe what dysplastic features were found.
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