

## Case Report

# Odontoma-Like Malformation: Sequelae of Trauma in The Primary Dentition: Case Report

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**Abstract:** Traumatic injury to the primary teeth can cause significant alteration of the underlying permanent dentition because of the close anatomic relationship between the developing permanent teeth and the apices of the overlying primary incisors. **Aim:** This case report describes a rare complication of odontoma-like malformation along of the permanent tooth, resulting from the intrusion of the predecessors at very young age. Clinical and radiographic examination revealed unerupted left maxillary central incisor blocked by a compound odontoma. The treatment plan was the surgical removal of the odontoma. Clinical and radiological follow-ups have been established to monitor the eruption of the permanent tooth.

**Keywords:** Odontoma like malformation, Intrusive injury, Treatment, Trauma.

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## INTRODUCTION

Traumatic dental injuries are relatively common among children. Studies have shown that approximately 30% of the children had sustained dental trauma at the age of 7 years [1, 2].

The most serious injuries to primary teeth occur between the ages of 1 and 3 years [3]. The majority of the trauma occurs as a result of fall accidents at home [4].

The highly resilient and flexible supporting structures result in luxation injuries rather than fractures of the teeth. These luxation injuries constitutes 62 to 73% of all injuries to the primary dentition of which intrusive and extrusive traumas are more common than other luxation injuries [3]. Developmental disturbances of permanent successors are often seen as a result of the intrusion of primary incisor.

The close relationship between the apices of the primary teeth and the developing permanent successors explains the high prevalence of disturbances that include hypoplastic defects, root dilacerations, and other enamel or developmental disturbances that are not

seen until months or years after the injury when the permanent successors erupt [5, 6].

The sequelae and their gravity depend on the age of the occurring of the traumatism, the intensity and the direction of the shock.

The objective of this article was to describe through a clinical case the diagnostic elements and the management of odontoma-like malformation resulting from intrusive injury at very young age

## CASE REPORT

A 8 years old boy consulted the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Prevention of the Dental Clinic of Monastir, Tunisia with the complaint of unerupted left permanent maxillary central incisor (21). Anamnesis reported history of trauma at the age of 2 years, leading to the intrusion of the 61, without any dental follow up.

The clinical examination revealed mixed dentition and the presence of the right permanent central incisors (11). The left permanent central incisor was missing (21). (figure 1)



**Fig-1: Intraoral examination showing unerupted 21**

Panoramic radiograph showed an impacted permanent left maxillary central incisor and multiple radiopaque structures. The crown of the lateral incisor(22) appears to be malformed (figure 2).



**Fig-2: Panoramic radiograph showing impacted permanent left maxillary central incisor and multiple radiopaque structures**

Based on clinical and radiographic examination the final diagnosis was an odontoma-like malformation caused by trauma inflicted to the primary dentition.

The treatment plan was the surgical removal of the compound odontoma under local anaesthesia. (Figure 3).



**Fig-3: Removal of the compound odontoma**

Compound odontome was removed (figure 4) and the flap was sutured (figure 5)



**Fig-4: Compound odontome**



**Fig-5: Sutured flap**

Histopathologic examination of the hard tissue specimen confirmed the diagnosis of compound odontome. Partial denture was considered until the eruption of the impacted tooth. Clinical and radiological follow-ups were established to monitor the eruption the permanent incisor.

## DISCUSSION

During the initial growing period of a child when motor coordination is not well developed, the incidence of trauma to the primary dentition is greatest[7].

When trauma occurs during the stage of odontogenesis, it can seriously affect the morphogenetic stages of tooth development [8]. The prevalence of developmental disturbances secondary to dental injuries in the primary dentition ranges from 12% to 69% [9].

The severity and the extent of the disturbances depends on the intensity and the direction of the impact on the primary teeth, and the stage of germ development (the child's age at the time of the injury). Intrusion and avulsion injuries result in the highest risk of causing developmental disturbances [10, 11].

The majority of traumatic injuries occur at age 2 years, during the developmental stage of the permanent crown [12, 13]. Depending on the severity of the trauma and on the stage of tooth morphogenesis, the alteration could result in specific malformations, such as enamel hypoplasia, root and crown dilacerations, and less frequently, odontoma. Odontogenic tumors, as odontoma, are rare with an absolute incidence from 0.002% to 0.1% [14, 15].

Odontoma-like malformations are rare complications developed after trauma, confined primarily to maxillary incisors, when the time of injury occurs between ages < 1 and 3 years during the morphogenetic stages of the dental follicle and results mainly from intrusive luxation or avulsion. It is a mass of mineralized tissue slightly similar to the dental germ and may have a relatively normal or rudimentary root and occur during early phases of odontogenesis [7, 12].

In our case, the trauma occurred at the age of 2 years leading to odontoma-like malformation. The period between 0 and 3 years of age corresponds to the development and mineralization of the crown (Nolla's stage 4, 2/3 of the formed crown [10, 12].

According to Andreasen [1] the younger the child is at the time of injury, between 1 and 4, the more severe are the developmental disturbances involving the crown of the successor, corresponding to Nolla's stages 1-5 [16]. The sequelae in the root formation occurs more commonly when the trauma afflicts children more than 4 years old, at a time when the crown of the successor is in its final stage of formation and the root initiating the developing process, starting the dental development Nolla's stage 6 [16].

These sequelae require multidisciplinary approach. The surgical removal of the odontoma, for this case, was planned to allow the eruption of the 21

## CONCLUSION

The traumatic injuries on the deciduous teeth can affect the germ of the successor in development. Thus, regular follow-up and radiographs are recommended in cases of intrusion injuries in children 1-3 years of age to allow early detection and management of possible developmental disturbances.

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