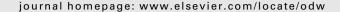
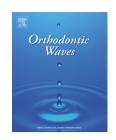


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Case report

Orthodontic treatment of an open bite case with congenitally missing teeth using premolar autotransplantation

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In cases of congenitally missing teeth, it is useful to combine autotransplantation and orthodontic space closure. We treated a 12-year-old girl who showed a slight anterior open bite with congenitally missing teeth and impaction of the maxillary canine. The molar relationships were Angle Class II. We attempted traction of the maxillary canine after surgical exposure. However, we could not move it and suspected it to be ankylosed. A mandibular premolar was transplanted into the maxillary anterior region. After active treatment, a porcelain fused to metal crown was placed to restore aesthetic appearance labially. Occlusion remained stable during 4 years and 9 months of follow-up. At 8 years and 6 months post-transplantation, the donor tooth remains both clinically and radiographically healthy.

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1. Introduction

Absence of maxillary anterior teeth is not a rare phenomenon in Japanese orthodontic patients. Among patients with congenitally missing teeth, the incidence of missing maxillary lateral incisors is 14.1% in males and 12.2% in females [1]. In cases of congenitally missing teeth, it is very important to reconstruct occlusion, covering the lack of teeth. Elimination of the arch length imbalance caused by congenitally missing teeth necessitates formation of a comprehensive treatment plan which considers the possibility of orthodontic space

closure and/or a prosthetic restoration. There are other treatment options, i.e., osseointegrated implant or autotransplantation of a tooth. In a growing child, osseointegrated implants cannot adapt to growth and developmental changes in the oral region. Autotransplantation of premolars has been reported to be a useful treatment modality in cases of agenesis or traumatic loss of teeth [2,3]. High survival and success rate have also been achieved when the maxillary incisor area is the recipient site [4]. Autotransplanted teeth have the capacity for functional adaptation and preservation of the alveolar ridge [5]. This case report documents a patient who received an

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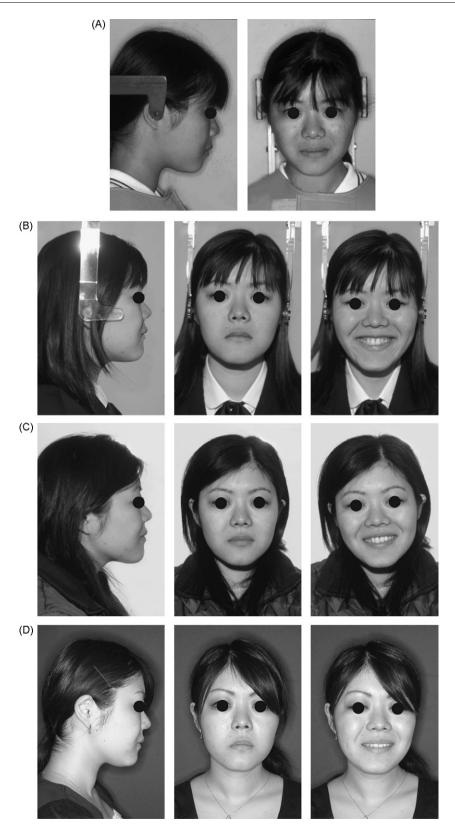


Fig. 1 – Facial photographs. (A) Pretreatment (12 years and 1 month); (B) post-active treatment (18 years and 4 months); (C) after 2 years and 1 month of retention (20 years and 5 months); (D) after 4 years and 9 months of retention (23 years and 1 month).

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