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Highlights

• B. Foti's method of age estimation tested in Indian children between 6-14 years.

• 3rd molars excluded from the sample due to high variability in eruption timings.

• New India specific regression models show higher accuracy in a validation sample

• New methods show greater accuracy in males and in age group of 10-12 years.

• Can be used in the absence of radiographs, with little expertise/ training required.

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