

CASE REPORT

Molar Incisor Hypomineralisation and its Management- A Case Report

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Abstract

Esthetics is an important factor in a patient's decision to undergo endodontic treatment. Intrinsic discolorations are due to the presence of chromogenic material within enamel or dentin, incorporated either during odontogenesis or after tooth eruption. Intrinsic colors are determined by optical properties of enamel and dentin and their interaction with light. If incorporated into the dentin, they become visible because of the translucency of the enamel. The following case report is on intrinsic stain and its management. (2020, Vol. 04; Issue 01: Page 61 – 64)

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Introduction

Molar incisor hypomineralisation (MIH) is a type of enamel defect affecting the molars and incisors in the permanent dentition. It is considered a world wide problem and usually occurs in children under 10 years old. This condition is caused by the lack of mineralization of enamel during its maturation phase, due to interruption to the function of ameloblasts (1). Many factors have been suggested, such as genetics and medical problems during pregnancy, but only childhood illness, fever in particular seems to be associated with MIH (2, 3). The enamel of the affected teeth appears yellow, brown, cream or white and appears aesthetically displeasing (1). As the enamel is not fully mineralized, children with MIH are more likely to experience tooth decay compared to those without the condition (4).

Case Report

22 years old female patient from Haringhata, Nadia came in the Dept. of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics with a chief complaint of pain in the anterior region of upper jaw and scattered discoloration in the anterior portion of both the upper jaw and lower jaw. She had a previous history of pain in the same region 1 year back which was subsided after taking medicines. On examination both the maxillary central and lateral incisors were found tender on percussion. On radiographic examination, periapical lesion was found apical to the both the central incisors (11 and 21) (Fig 1A). Ellis's class II fracture was also noticed on the maxillary left lateral incisor. Vitality test confirmed that both the maxillary lateral incisors (12 and 22) were non-vital. The main concern was to relieve the patient from pain and to mask brownish the discoloration. So, a treatment plan was made. RCT will be

done to alleviate pain followed by fabrication of metal ceramic crown for the maxillary anteriors (11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23). In case of mandibular anterior teeth, masking the discoloration with light cure composite resin was planned. On examination a score 2 calculus was found in the labial and lingual side of anterior teeth of lower jaw. Ultrasonic Scaling was performed and she was taught the brushing techniques. Access cavities were prepared and biomechanical preparations were done for 11, 21, 12 and 22. The apical portion of 11 was found slightly resorbed and it was filled with calcium hydroxide and the patient was asked to come for follow up after

2 weeks. There was improvement in the apical region and the open apex of 11 was found constricted (Fig 1B). After 4 weeks, root canals of all four teeth were obturated with gutta percha in lateral condensation method (Fig 1C).

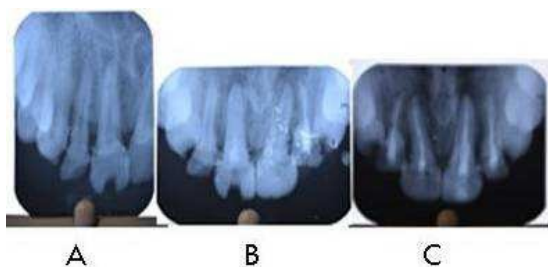


Figure 1: Pre, mid and post treatment radiograph

After completion of endodontic part, here comes the prosthodontic part. Firstly, diagnostic casts were fabricated. Primary impression was taken with irreversible hydrocolloid (alginate, AlgiteX) in a stock tray and cast was prepared with dental stone. It revealed that crown height was insufficient in 12, 21 and 22 regions. Jaw relation records were made and the casts were mounted on a semi-adjustable articulator. A diagnostic wax up for full veneer crowns in 13, 12, 11, 21, 22, 23 were done. The wax up was then shown to the patient and with her consent, crown lengthening was planned in 12, 21, 22 regions. A surgical splint was fabricated keeping the edge of the splint to the desired gingival level.

Crown lengthening procedure was performed with apically positioned flap and necessary osteoplasty procedure was carried out to maintain biological width. Periodontal pack was given.



Figure 2: Crown lengthening procedure

After 3 weeks, healing was completed and satisfactory result was obtained. Thereafter, tooth preparation for full veneer metal ceramic crown was done in 13, 12, 11, 21, 22, 23. Finish lines were kept on cementum. Temporary crowns were fabricated using clear acrylic and cemented with zinc polycarboxylate cement. After few days permanent metal ceramic crown had been cemented and composite restoration was done on mandibular anterior teeth (Fig 3).



Figure 3: Pre and post treatment intraoral view

Discussion

The discoloration which was present in both the central and lateral incisors of maxillary arch (11, 12, 21, 22) were extended till the cervical 3rd from the middle third of the respective tooth and in the canines of both the arches (13, 23, 33, 43) the discoloration was present only in the upper 3rd region of the respective tooth. No deciduous teeth were affected and also no such discolorations were present with the people residing in that area. The patient gave no such history of similar discolorations present with the relatives of the patient. Since the stains are localized and present much deeper in the tooth, they are

intrinsic stains. Molar Incisor Hypomineralisation (MIH), which is a type of Amelogenesis imperfecta, is given as provisional diagnosis in this case. MIH affects permanent dentition only. Following diseases can be given as differential diagnosis for this case (5, 6):

1. Genetic defects and hereditary diseases (Stains are usually generalized in hereditary diseases, but stains are localized in present case)
2. Amelogenesis Imperfecta (It affects both deciduous and permanent dentition. In present case, no history of discoloration in deciduous dentition.)
3. Dentinogenesis Imperfecta (It affects both deciduous and permanent dentition. No history of discoloration in deciduous dentition in present case.)
4. Dentin Dysplasia (IOPA radiograph reveals no enlarged pulps in present case.)
5. Alkaptonuria
6. Congenital Erythropoetic Porphyria (Red Discoloration should present)
7. Congenital Hyperbilirubinaemia (Green Yellow Discoloration should present)
8. Tetracycline Staining (No history was present in this case.)
9. Fluorosis

All these differential diagnosis are excluded by history, clinical examination and radiographic examination. In case of Amelogenesis Imperfecta, Tetracycline staining and Fluorosis where the stains are generalized, bleaching procedure or full mouth rehabilitation or ceramic veneers are used to improve esthetics; but in this case, the stains were localized only in the anteriors. Many factors can be contributing to MIH and until now the aetiology of MIH is still unclear. Some studies stated that common childhood illness was one of the contributing factors for MIH (7). Crombie et al, 2009 stated that common childhood illness does appear to increase the prevalence of MIH but again further work

will be required to clarify the specific causes of this observed effect (8).

As there was a periapical infection apical to the maxillary central incisors, root canal treatment was performed followed by fabrication of metal ceramic crown. Stainless steel crowns are reported to be the most effective and efficient restoration in managing tooth sensitivity and restoring severely broken down primary molars and permanent molars in children. However, stainless steel crowns do not have perfectly adapted margins and as such their long-term use on the permanent teeth must be carefully considered (9). In this case esthetics would have been compromised. Porcelain fused to metal (PFM) crowns for the anterior and posterior teeth are the restoration of choice for amelogenesis imperfect (AI) patients and have been reported to be successful but only in affected adults (10). Ceramic crowns are also considered for anterior restorations because of its esthetics. As the enamel was slightly brittle and the discoloration in the mandibular anteriors were present from the middle of the crown to the cervical portion, the stains were masked by using light cure composite material with minimal reduction of the crown only on the labial side. Rada reported composite resins provided satisfactory esthetics and durability (11). However, a high failure rate associated with insufficient bonding between the composite resin restoration and enamel among variants of AI has been reported in the past (12). Several approaches have been documented to improve bonding strength between composite resin restoration and enamel. Venezie et al. found that pretreatment of enamel surfaces affected by AI with five percent sodium hypochlorite resulted in an improvement of bonding strength in vitro (13). When a more conservative approach is desired, resin modified glass ionomer (RMGI) is recommended in occlusal non-stress bearing areas because of its fluoride releasing and chemically retentive ability, while composites resin provide acceptable

resistance to occlusal wear in stress bearing tooth surfaces (10). As discussed earlier, Ellis class II fracture was noticed on the maxillary lateral incisors which may suggest a reduction of the vertical dimension of the occlusion. Since there were no attrition marks on the teeth and the patient was young (22 years), full mouth rehabilitation was opted out. Bleaching or fabrication of ceramic veneers in this case was also not done because of the enamel thickness.

Conclusion

It is vivid from the above discussion that the changes we create should be esthetically appealing and functionally sound too. It is our duty to carefully diagnose, analyze and deliver the best to our patients. The crown reduction should be as conservative as possible. Aim has to be less reduction of tooth structure and greater esthetics and durability. This simply means that esthetic dentistry has to be a multispecialty branch, wherein all treatments like periodontics, surgical procedures have to be performed whenever deemed necessary.

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