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Non Syndromic Supernumerary Premolars : A Report Of Two Cases

Abstract

Multiple supernumerary teeth are usually associated with various syndromes. But they are relatively uncommon as isolated dental anomaly. This paper presents two cases of non syndromic supernumerary premolars. In first case unilateral unerupted mandibular supernumerary premolars were accidentally discovered on radiographic examination and patient is being followed up. In second case bilateral maxillary supernumerary premolars were clinically visible causing malocclusion so they were extracted and patient is undergoing orthodontic treatment.

Key Words

non syndromic, supernumerary, premolar

Introduction

Supernumerary teeth are those that are in excess of normal complement and mimic the normal shape. [1] The prevalence of the supernumerary premolars in permanent dentition is between 0.075-0.26%.[2],[3] Supernumerary teeth can occur as single, multiples, unilaterally or bilaterally and in the maxilla, the mandible or both. Cases involving one or two supernumerary teeth most commonly affect the anterior maxilla, followed by the mandibular premolar region. [4] The etiology and mechanisms that can give rise to supernumerary teeth in the maxillary midline or premolars are fairly similar. Gardiner suggested three possible mechanisms, including an abnormal proliferation of the dental lamina, an additional follicle, and an extension of the dental lamina after the deciduous as well as permanent follicles (post-permanent type). [5]

We report here, two cases with supernumerary non-syndromic premolars.

Case 1

A 13 year old boy presented with the chief complaint of pain on both the sides of the jaw in the front of ear and restricted mouth opening since 2 weeks. History revealed that patient met with a road traffic accident 4 years back and was treated for the same.

Extraorally, patient had bilaterally symmetrical face, non tender and no

clicking on palpation in the TMJ region. The patient could open the mouth to maximum with difficulty because of pain. Intraoral examination revealed permanent dentition Angles Class 1 molar relationship with well aligned maxillary and mandibular arch with fair oral hygiene. No other significant abnormalities were seen during examination.

Patient was then advised for OPG (Fig.1) Radiograph did not reveal any significant findings in relation to TMJ. Surprisingly, two separate well developing supernumerary premolars were observed and another questionable sac like structure observed near the apical region of distal root of 46. (Fig 2).

Case 2

A 15 year old boy patient reported for the treatment of malocclusion. On clinical examination, 16 and 26 were carious. An interesting finding of bilateral maxillary erupted supernumerary premolars was noticed (**Fig 3**) causing crowding in that area. Supplemental premolars were morphologically similar to the first



Fig 1 : Opg Showing The Presence Of Supernumerary Mandibular Premolars On Right Side

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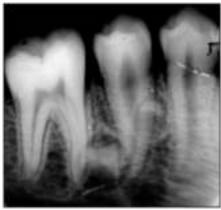


Fig 2 : lopa Radiograph Showing Supernumerary Mandibular Premolars In Various Stages Of Development



Fig 3 : Showing Supplemental Maxillary 1st Premolars On Right And Left Side

developing, unerupted supernumerary teeth in relation to premolars.

In both the above cases, history from the child and the parents did not help in any hereditary aetiology.

Treatment and follow up

In first case pain got relieved after taking anti-inflammatory drug for 3 days. Since the erupted molars and premolars were asymptomatic and vestibular tenderness was absent, developing supernumerary premolars were kept under observation. In second case patient is undergoing orthodontic treatment after bilateral extraction of supplemental maxillary first premolars.

Discussion

Multiple supernumerary teeth are frequently recognized as a part of characteristics of cleidocranial dysplasia and Gardner syndrome. [6],[7] However, it is rare to find multiple supernumeraries in individuals with no other associated disease or syndrome. The most frequent supernumerary teeth identified are mesiodentes, followed by premolars and fourth molars or distal molars. [8],[9] Yusof reviewed most of the literature and found that a predominance of nonsyndrome multiple supernumerary teeth occurred in the mandibular premolar area. Solares and Romero, [11] in their comprehensive review of supernumerary premolars, found male to female ratio of 3 to 1, mean age of 16.4 years, and an extremely high occurrence rate of 74% for mandibular premolars. Unlike other supernumeraries, they are more likely to develop in mandible than maxilla and usually resemble normal premolars in shape and size (Stafne, 1932). Stafne also states that there is a tendency for supernumerary teeth to commence their development later than the normal for teeth of that region.[12]

Complications associated with the presence of supernumerary teeth include enlarged follicular sacs, cystic degeneration, nasal eruption, malposition of adjacent teeth, over retention of primary teeth, delayed eruption of permanent teeth, loss of space, impaction, diastema, loss of vitality, and root resorption. [13],[4]

The timing for surgical removal of

premolars. OPG did not reveal any other controversial. Hanratty^[14] suggested premolar region. Thus multiple phases of removal of more developed supernumerary premolars be accomplished soon after diagnosis, but must therefore be considered less developed premolars be left in situ and removed later in order to avoid damage to adjacent structures and allow for bone regeneration. However, asymptomatic supernumerary teeth may be left in place and immediate removal indicated only if any of the aforementioned complications are evident.[15]

> Also if a supplemental tooth is present and erupted, it may be difficult to determine which is the supplemental and which is the tooth of the normal dental series. In these circumstances, assuming both teeth are healthy, it is logical to extract the tooth most displaced from the line of the arch for the relief of crowding.[4]

A relatively high percentage of cases with supernumerary teeth are accidentally found during radiographic examinations. A special phenomenon of supernumerary premolars reported in the literature is their recurrence and new development of supernumerary teeth. [16],[17],[18] Anegundi et al reported a unique case of multiple premolars in all four quadrants that were distributed unevenly. A series of radiographs taken over four years demonstrated further sequential developing bilateral supplemental premolars in the maxilla, where they are considered rarest. [19] Supernumerary premolars commonly occur in several regions of the same mouth, so the finding of one indicates radiographic examination of the other premolar regions. It has been reported that up to 24% of patients with an anterior maxillary supernumerary may later develop supplemental premolars.

The dental lamina is not completely resorbed and is reactivated at the time of crown completion of the normal permanent teeth, which can create multiple supernumerary teeth especially in the premolar region. [13] Lin [13] et al reported a case with overall nine supernumerary teeth which were found in the following 2 years. So it is sometimes difficult for clinicians to make a proper treatment plan for cases with multiple supernumerary teeth because of their recurrence or newly developed supernumerary premolars is still supernumerary teeth, especially in the

treatment may be necessary in order to achieve an ideal clinical result. Each case individually concerning its treatment. Close observation with regular radiographic control is recommended. Thus patient follow up is essential.

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