

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58392

Title: *Management of Unilateral Mandibular Space Loss Using a Modified Gerber Space Regainer in a 7-year-old Child: A Case Report*

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
 ✓ Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality	✓			
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

- The case addresses a common clinical problem in pediatric dentistry
- The modified appliance demonstrates a practical and innovative approach
- Clinical and radiographic findings are clearly presented
- Sequential follow up photographs effectively document treatment progress
- The discussion is supported with relevant and recent literature
- Treatment outcome is clinically satisfactory with good stability
- The report has useful educational value for interceptive orthodontics

Weakness of the study:

- The report is limited to a single clinical case
- Long term follow up beyond the reported period is unavailable
- Ethical approval and informed consent should be stated more clearly
- Quantitative assessment of tooth movement could be included
- Minor grammatical and typographical errors require correction
- The discussion could compare more similar published cases
- Some figure legends and formatting need improvement

Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript presents a well-managed case of unilateral mandibular space loss treated with a modified Gerber space regainer. The topic is clinically relevant and highlights an effective interceptive orthodontic approach for managing premature space loss during mixed dentition. The treatment protocol is clearly described, and the sequential clinical photographs and radiographic findings support the reported outcome. The discussion is logical and relates the modified appliance to existing treatment options. The manuscript is generally easy to read, although minor grammatical, typographical, and formatting corrections are needed to improve overall presentation. The authors should clearly mention institutional ethical approval or specify if ethical clearance was exempted for this case report. Written informed consent from the patient's parents for treatment and publication of clinical photographs should also be stated. As this is a single case report, the limited generalizability and relatively short follow up should be acknowledged more clearly. Overall, the manuscript is informative and suitable for publication after minor revision.

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The manuscript appears to be an original clinical case report, and no obvious evidence of previous publication or duplicated content was identified during this review. However, the journal should perform a routine plagiarism similarity check before publication to confirm originality and ensure compliance with accepted publication ethics.