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Review Report response

Thank you very much for the reviewer's comments and corrections. All the comments and corrections have now been dealt with and the manuscript has significantly improved.

Response to reviewer 00742049:

The aim of the present study was to analyze differences in prevalence and pattern of tooth agenesis and craniofacial morphology between non syndromic children with tooth agenesis with and without upper cervical spine morphological deviations and to analyze associations between craniofacial morphology and tooth agenesis in the two groups together. Therefore children without tooth agenesis were not included in the study as it does not correspond to the aim of the present study.

Response to reviewer 00742372:

The word "None syndrome" has been replaced with the word "Non syndromic".

Response to reviewer 00742422:

The aim in the abstract has now been replaced with the aim in the final part of the introduction as suggested by the reviewer. But now the aim is 43 words and only 20 words are allowed. In total the abstract is 233 words which is less than the maximum number of words (246 words). I hope it is OK. Otherwise please let me know. Thank you.

Response to reviewer 00731613:

- 1) The exclusion criteria have now been inserted in the MATERIAL AND METHOD section page 3.

- 2) The registration of tooth agenesis has now been clarified in the *registration of tooth agenesis* page 4
- 3) The hypothesis suggested in the present study regarding the relationship between tooth agenesis and upper cervical spine deviations have now been clarified in the DISCUSSION section page 7, second paragraph.
- 4) In the conclusion, it has been elaborated how the results of the present study may be valuable in the early diagnosis and treatment planning of non syndromic children with tooth agenesis.