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Dear Authors, I have read the interesting manuscript and some questions raised. Attached please find my comments. Overall. General English grammar revision (Minor spelling errors). Introduction. Authors stated "Accumulating evidence suggests that enamel microabrasion is efficient and effective for producing aesthetic improvements". Please add a reference for this statement. Introduction. Authors stated "Carbamide peroxide (10 and 20%) and 7.5% hydrogen peroxide showed good clinical effectiveness to improve clinical appearance of teeth affected by dental fluorosis, but it is important to point out that the clinical success is only in cases of class 1-3 of the Total Surface Index of Fluorosis (TSIF)". Please add a reference for this statement. Introduction. Authors stated "The dental enamel microabrasion technique is a highly satisfactory, safe and effective procedure". Please add a reference for this statement. Introduction. Authors stated "The aim of this research was to relate the efficacy of a treatment to remove dental fluorosis stains with the stain size, working time, and enamel loss caused by the treatment, using the 16% hydrochloridric acid microabrasion technique with manual application". It would be better to rephrase as "The aim of this research was to show a case series related to a treatment to remove dental fluorosis stains with the stain size, working time, and enamel loss caused by the treatment, using the 16% hydrochloridric acid microabrasion technique with manual application". Table 1 could be cropped. Instead, it could be added a flow chart showing patient selection, enrollment, drop outs and final patient numbers. Materials and Methods Authors stated "33 mujeres y 24 hombres". Please translate in English. Table 2. Authors stated "Tabla 2. Número de pacientes y distribución en género, media y desviación estándar.". Please translate in English. Table 2. Please change age using years and months instead of decimals. Materials and Methods Authors stated "Teeth that had not been completely erupted were excluded". Please point out how a teeth was considered "erupted" or not (using a measurement? Considering anatomical aspects? By eye? ). Materials and Methods Authors stated



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highly satisfactory, safe and effective procedure (Sundfeld RH, Croll TP, Briso AL, de Alexandre RS, Sundfeld Neto D. Considerations about enamel microabrasion after 18 years. Am J Dent. 2007 Apr;20(2):67-72)". Conclusions. Authors stated "fluorotic teeth.MODERADA Y SEVERA". Please crop non English words. Conclusions. Authors stated "There was a significantly higher enamel loss when the working time was above 4 minutes, with a p=0.000 value". Please crop P values. References. Some references are quite old (1990; 1994; 1984; 1978; 1993; 1996; 1995; 1989; 1977). Please add some modern research. Some studies have been suggested in the sections above. References. Some references are not presented in Journal style (22, 24, 28, 30, 31)

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