

First of all, I want to thank both reviewers for their helpful comments.

REVIEWER 1:

The only issue I think that deserves consideration is about the differential diagnosis between severe and progressive periodontal disease and the presence of the elastic in the pocket, which was not identified. The early identification of it would avoid tooth loss. Thus, the authors should call attention to the fact that the dentist did not noted the elastic and this is the real cause of the tooth loss, although it was there because of the orthodontic treatment.

R: we added the following statement in the Discussion section: "Effectively, the early identification of it would avoid tooth loss: the absence of a correct differential diagnosis between severe and aggressive periodontitis and the presence of the elastic in the pocket, together with the lack of orthodontic experience and competence, is the real cause of the tooth loss."

REVIEWER 2:

There are only several minor comments

1. Teeth "1.6 and 1.7" seems neither FDI nor Universal tooth numbering systems.

R: "1.6 and 1.7" was replaced by "16 and 17"

2. Page 5: There is an extra space after "interest".

R: the extra space was removed

3. Differential diagnosis: According to 1999 AAP world workshop about classification, it should be "aggressive periodontitis" instead of "aggressive periodontal disease".

R: We substituted "aggressive periodontal disease" with "aggressive periodontitis"

4. Pathological diagnosis: "Loos" is a typo.

R: We substituted "Loos" with "Loss"

5. The format of reference #17 is different from that of others.

R: Format of reference #17 was modified