Dental Traits of Congenital Syphilis Revisited in Dental Outpatient Department (OPD)

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To the Editor,

Historic review with present day relevance about dental stigmata of congenital syphilis was beautifully narrated in the literature [1]. The purpose of this letter is to visually illustrate the dental traits of congenital syphilis seen in a 20-year-old Indian man who visited our dental department for gum bleeding and foul breath. The following dental traits of congenital syphilis were evident in this case: (a) Hutchinson's incisors and syphilitic canines (Fig. 1a, b) and moon molars or bud molars (Fig. 1c, d, e). Apart from the above dental traits listed, the patient had arachnodactyly (Fig. 1f) and unilateral congenital cataract of right eye (Fig. 1g). The patient was from lower economic class and did not took treatment for interstitial keratitis of right eye which later proceed as cataract. The patient was reluctant to take prosthodontic treatment for dental traits of congenital syphilis. The patient was referred to higher medical Centre for further treatment of cataract.

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Fig. 1 **a** Maxillary arch: Hutchinson's incisors and syphilitic canines. **b** Mandibular arch: Hutchinson's incisors and syphilitic canines. **c** Maxillary arch: moon molars or bud molars. **d** Right mandibular arch: moon molars or bud molars. **e** Left mandibular arch: moon molars or bud molars. **f** Arachnoidactyly **g** Unilateral congenital cataract of right eye

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