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## *Fusion of Unerupted Mesiodens with a Regular Maxillary Central Incisor: a Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenge*

### *Fuzija neizniknutog meziodensa s maksilarnim središnjim sjekutićem: dijagnostički i terapijski izazov*

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#### Abstract

The mesiodens is the most frequent type of supernumerary tooth which can appear in the maxillary midline area. The etiology of mesiodentes is not fully understood. This report shows a case of incomplete fusion of an unerupted mesiodens with a permanent maxillary central incisor, aligned in the dental arch. Intraoral and radiographic examinations indicated fusion of the crown and cervical part of the root of the supernumerary tooth with the permanent incisor. The clinical situation was further complicated by the presence of another supernumerary tooth located palatally. The treatment approach has included two phase surgical therapy to extract the supernumerary teeth. Early diagnosis and appropriate surgical treatment of mesiodentes are important to decrease the risk of clinical complications. Pre-operative 3D imaging is strongly advisable since it allows accurate data to be obtained, and reduces the extent of surgery and the possibility of procedural complications. In most cases, a multidisciplinary collaboration is necessary for precise diagnosis and predictable treatment outcome.

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#### Introduction

Hyperdontia (supernumerary teeth) is defined as a dental anomaly with one or more additional teeth. Supernumerary tooth could form during the initial stage of tooth germ formation due to the interaction of environmental and genetic factors (1). Genetic predisposition plays a role in the development of this anomaly (2,3). A great number of abnormalities of teeth are congenital. Mesiodens is the most common type of supernumerary tooth found in the premaxillary region. Fusion is the union of two embryological separately developing teeth. Gemination is an anomaly caused by a single tooth germ that attempted to divide during its development, resulting in a bifid crown. Fusion can be complete or incomplete depending upon the stage of tooth development at the time of union (4). Fused teeth may lead to serious esthetic problems and malocclusions, especially when supernumerary elements are involved (5). Gemination is clinically similar to fusion, and they can be differentiated by assessing the number of teeth in the dentition (6). On the other hand, clinical and radiological

#### Uvod

Hiperdoncija (prekobrojni zubi) definira se kao anomalija broja zuba s jednim ili više dodatnih zuba. Prekobrojni zub mogao bi se stvoriti tijekom početne faze stvaranja zametka zuba zbog interakcije okolišnih i genetskih čimbenika (1). Genetska predispozicija veoma je važna u razvoju te anomalije (2, 3). Velik broj abnormalnosti zuba je prirođen. Mezidens je najčešći tip prekobrojnog zuba u premaksilarnoj regiji. Fuzija je spoj dvaju embriološki odvojenih zuba u razvoju. Geminacija je anomalija koju uzrokuje zametak jednoga zuba koji se pokušava podijeliti tijekom razvoja, što rezultira bifidnom krunom zuba. Fuzija može biti potpuna ili nepotpuna, ovisno o stupnju razvoja zuba u trenutku spajanja (4). Srasli zubi mogu činiti ozbiljne estetske probleme i malokluzije, posebno kada je riječ o prekrobrojnosti (5). Geminacija i fuzija klinički su slične, a mogu se razlikovati procjenom broja izniklih zuba (6). S druge strane, klinički i radiološki nalazi geminacije dvostrukе su krune zuba i jedan korijen. Iznimno je teško razlikovati fuziju i geminaciju ako se pupoljak preko-

findings of gemination are double crowns and a single root. It is extremely difficult to differentiate between fusion and gemination when a supernumerary tooth bud is attached to the adjacent one; hence the term 'double teeth' is often used (4).

Millazzo and Alexander (7) suggested counting of teeth in a jaw and that the abnormal tooth should be counted as a single one. If we determine a normal number of teeth, it is gemination, and if it is a reduced number in dental arch then we diagnose fusion. The diagnosis established in this way can be wrong if it is a fusion of a normal and supernumerary tooth or if it is a gemination associated with hypodontia. However, those situations are really rare (8). Hagman (9) found only one described case of fusion with a supernumerary tooth. Badole, Shenoi and Parlikar (10) showed an endodontic treatment of fused permanent supernumerary tooth with divided root canals and a periapical process.

Knežević et al. (11) found the incidence of 0.2% of double teeth in a Croatian population. In a sample of Jordanian dental patients, the incidence of double teeth was 0.42%, and the maxillary central incisors were the most commonly affected with the incidence of 3.6% (12). Hamasha and Al-Khateeb (12) stated that recognizing the condition facilitates the prosthetic, periodontal, orthodontic, and surgical treatment. Multidisciplinary approach to planning and treatment contributes to a more successful therapy (13, 14). Published reports describe fusion of supernumerary with permanent teeth, mostly for teeth which are already completely erupted (13-17).

This study presents a case of incomplete fusion of an unerupted mesiodens with a permanent upper-central incisor placed in the dental arch. Another supernumerary tooth was placed palatally, which made the clinical procedure more complicated.

### Case report

A 17-year-old boy was referred by orthodontist for further examination of the excessive teeth in a frontal region of the upper jaw with a recommendation for extraction. The medical history revealed that three years before he suffered from pain in a frontal region, which was taken care of by endodontic treatment of the tooth 21. The medical history confirmed that the patient was in good health. He denied hypersensitivity to drugs and anesthetic agents.

The intraoral examination revealed a labial displacement of the tooth 11, whereas supernumerary teeth were not erupted. A periapical radiological analysis confirmed the diagnosis of hyperdontia. The presence of osteolytic shadow in the periapical area of 11 and 21, was found (Figure 1). A clear case of tooth sensitivity 11 and 22 was determined by thermal test using ethyl-chloride spray (cold test). The patient was obviously concerned and mildly anxious. During the preoperative preparation the patient and his parents were informed about treatment objectives and procedures.

Surgical procedure was performed under local infiltration anesthesia with Ubistesin forte, containing Articain hydrochloride/Epinephrine 1/100 000 (3M ESPE, Seefeld, Germany). One-sided vestibular relieving incision along the edge of gingiva was performed, thus enabling visibility, and at the

brojnjog zuba spoji sa susjednim, pa se često koristi izraz *dvostruki zubi* (4).

Milazzo i Alexander (7) predlažu da se izbroje zubi u čeljusti, a da se abnormalni zub broji kao jedan. Ako se pritom utvrdi normalan broj zuba, riječ je o geminaciji, a ako ih je manje u zubnom luku, dijagnosticira se fuzija. Tako postavljena dijagnoza može biti pogrešna ako se radi o nalazu fuzije normalnoga i prekobrojnoga zuba ili geminacije povezane s hipodoncijom. No takve su situacije ekstremno rijetke (8). Hagman (9) je pronašao samo jedan opisani slučaj fuzije s prekobrojnim zubom. Badole, Shenoi i Parlikar (10) opisuju endodontski tretman prekobrojnoga i trajnoga zuba s fuzijom s razdvojenim korijenskim kanalima i periapikalnim procesom.

Knežević i suradnici (11) ustanovili su u hrvatskoj populaciji pojavnost dvostrukih zuba od 0,2 %. U uzorku jordanских stomatoloških pacijenata učestalost dvostrukih zuba bila je 0,42 %, a maksilarni središnji sjekutići imali su najčešće incidenciju od 3,6 % (12). Hamasha i Al-Khateeb (12) smatraju da rana dijagnostika navedenih stanja olakšava protetsku, parodontološku, ortodontsku i kiruršku terapiju. Multidisciplinarni pristup u planiranju i liječenju pridonosi uspješnoj terapiji (13, 14).

U objavljenim izvještajima opisana je fuzija prekomjernoga zuba s trajnim zubima, uglavnom za one koji su već u cijelosti iznikli (13 – 17).

U ovom radu opisan je slučaj nepotpune fuzije neizniknutoga prekobrojnog zuba s trajnim zubom u zubnome luku. Dijagnosticiran je još jedan palatinalno smješten prekobrojni zub koji je dodatno zakomplikirao kliničku sliku.

### Prikaz slučaja

Sedamnaestogodišnjega pacijenta B. S. ortodont je poslao na pregled s kliničkim i radiološkim nalazom dvaju neizniknutih prekobrojnih zuba u frontalnoj regiji gornje čeljusti i s preporukom za ekstrakciju. Iz anamneze je bilo jasno da je unatrag tri godine trpio bolove u frontalnoj regiji koji su tada završili endodontskim liječenjem zuba 21. Anamneza je potvrdila da je pacijent dobrog zdravlja. Negirao je alergije i preosjetljivost na lijekove.

Intraoralmi pregledom ustanovljen je labijalni pomak zuba 11, a prekobrojni zubi nisu bili vidljivi u usnoj šupljini. Analizom panoramske radiološke snimke potvrđena je uputna dijagnoza hiperdoncije. Ustanovljena je i osteolitička sjena u periapikalnoj regiji 11 i 21 (slika 1.). Uredan nalaz senzibiliteta zuba 11 i 12 dobiven je ispitivanjem hladnoćom s pomoću etil-kloridnog spreja (test hladnoćom). Pacijent je bio vidno zabrinut i blago anksiozan. Tijekom predoperacijske pripreme pacijent i njegovi roditelji obaviješteni su o ciljevima i postupcima liječenja.

Kirurški postupak proveden je u lokalnoj infiltracijskoj anesteziji dvjema ampulama anestetika Ubistesin forte koje sadržavaju Artikain hidroklorid/Epinefrin 1/100 000 (3M ESPE, Seefeld, Njemačka). Jednostrani rasterećeni vestibularni rez uz rub gingive omogućio je vestibularnu preglednost

same time lifting of the palatal flap that gave maximum intraoperative insight and a quick closure of surgical wound. Detaching the supernumerary tooth from the surrounding bone on the palatal side was performed with physio dispenser device INTRAsurg 300 (KaVo, Biberach, Germany) using 0.9 % solution of sodium chloride for cooling. The bone opening from vestibular side was made with care due to squeezed incisors and the fact that substantial deficit of bone structure may cause the problem during the postoperative recovery process. The finding on the panoramic radiograph more clearly showed an excessive tooth that was placed palatally and later extracted with a Bein lever. By accessing it from the vestibular side, the tooth descended through the palatal released mucosal and bone opening. The supernumerary tooth had a similar morphology as a maxillary canine (Figure 2).

One supernumerary tooth was rotated, positioned vestibularly and interincisally, and it seemed to be connected with the endodontically treated tooth 21. It was attached to crown region and cervical part of root (Figure 3). Such intraoperative finding was not expected. Consequently, it was not our intention to disrupt a good surgical cooperation with the patient by unplanned prolongation of the surgical procedure. It was also assumed that detaching and extraction of vestibularly positioned supernumerary tooth would lead to a larger bone destruction, and consequently, unwanted recession of interincisal papilla in frontal area. We used intraoperative insight for a better planning, and the vestibularly positioned supernumerary tooth was not extracted during this visit. The first surgical procedure was completed after extraction of the palatally positioned supernumerary tooth, and sutures were placed.

The patient's postoperative recovery went normally. The patient was monitored multiple times after the surgical procedure. A targeted periapical radiograph showed interincisal vertical position of the second supernumerary tooth (Figure 3). During the follow-up examinations a significant interincisal withdrawal of gingiva was found. After radiographic analysis, it was clearly possible to confirm the fusion of the unerupted mesiodens in dentition. After full recovery of soft and hard tissues in the area and several consultative examinations with the pediatric dentist and orthodontist, the next surgical procedure started. During the second operative procedure, the Nowak Peter incision was applied, which allowed the overview of the entire crown and part of the root of supernumerary tooth (Figure 4).

The crown of the vestibularly interincisally located mesiodens was detached from the permanent tooth 21 by using the flat end taper long diamond bur (EDENTA AG-Swiss, St Galen, Switzerland). After separation, the supernumerary tooth was extracted completely (Figure 5). In the area of fusion of two crowns on the tooth 21 the excess of fusion material remained and was estimated by the consistency as dentin and enamel (Figure 6). The tooth 21 was morphologically shaped and polished by a beveled diamond shaped bur cylinder (EDENTA AG-Swiss, St. Galen, Switzerland) and additionally polished by fine flame-shaped polisher (Figure 7). At the very top of incisal flap, a submucosal periosteal graft was prepared and transferred to the interincisal papilla position. It was covered by a raised mucosal flap. The surgical proce-

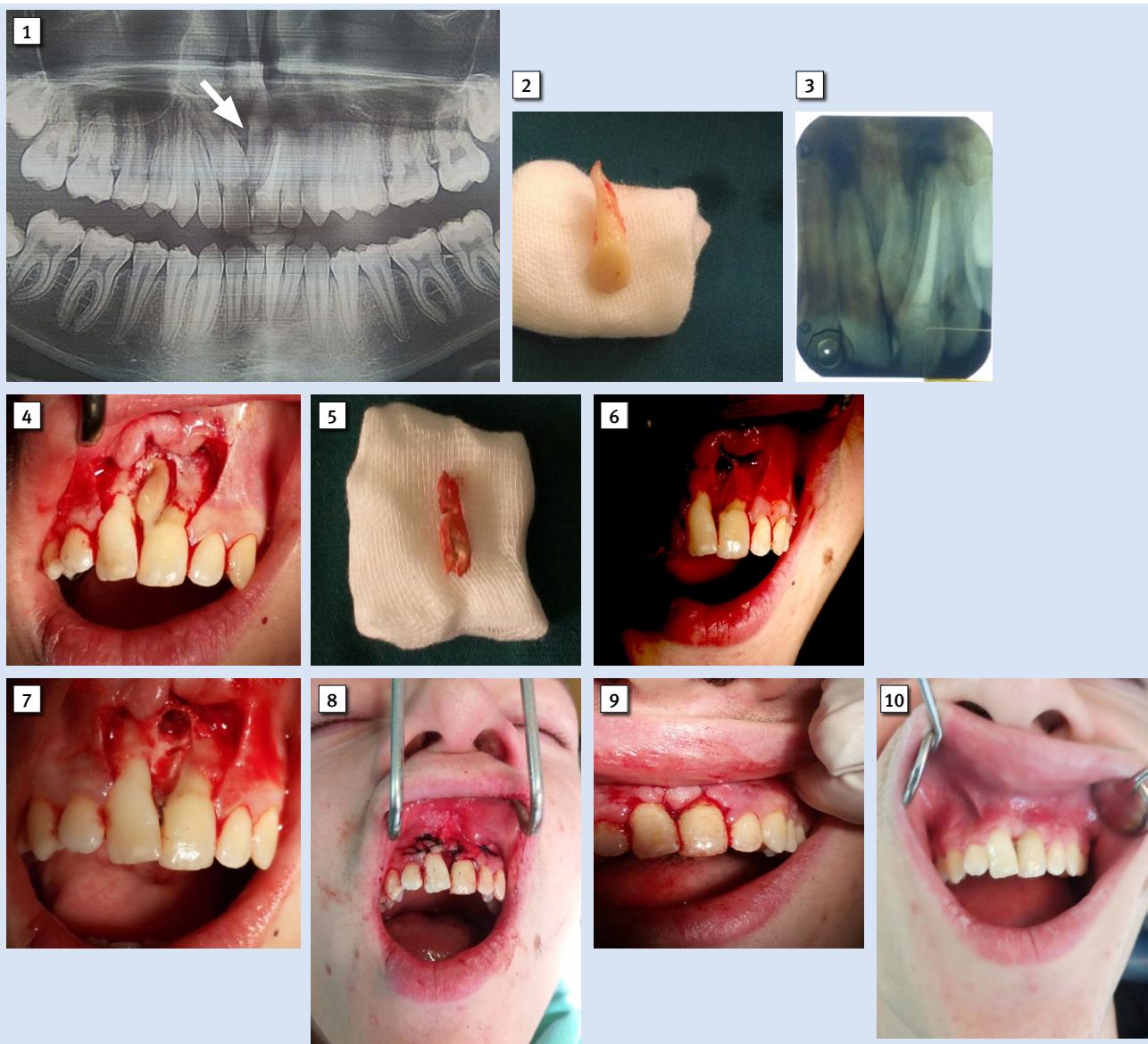
i istodobno odizanje palatinalnog režnja, maksimalni intraoperativni uvid i brzo zatvaranje kirurške rane. Oslobođanje zuba od okolne kosti s palatinalne strane učinjeno je fiziopenzerskim aparatom Intrasurg 300 (KaVo, Biberach, Njemačka), uz hlađenje izotoničnom 0,9-postotnom otopinom natrijeva klorida (NaCl). Kost je s vestibularne strane otvorena pažljivo zbog stisnutih sjekutića i činjenice da značajan deficit koštane strukture može prouzročiti problem tijekom poslijeoperacijskoga oporavka. Na panoramskoj rendgenskoj slici jasnije se vidi palatinalno postavljen prekobrojni Zub koji je izvađen Beinovom polugom. Pristupajući mu s vestibularne strane Zub je spušten kroz nepčano oslobođeni otvor sluznice i kosti. Prekomjerni Zub bio je slične morfologije kao i maksilarni očnjak (slika 2.).

Jedan prekobrojni Zub je rotiran, postavljen je vestibularno i interincizalno i činilo se da je povezan s endodontski liječenim Zubom 21. Pricvršćen je za područje krune i cervicalni dio korijena (slika 3.). Takav intraoperativni nalaz nije bio očekivan. Zbog toga nije bila namjera poremetiti dobru kiruršku suradnju s pacijentom neplaniranim produljenjem kirurškog postupka. Pretpostavilo se da će razdvajanje i ekstrakcija vestibularno postavljenoga prekobrojnog Zub-a sada znatno više oštetiti kost te će se poslijedično pojaviti recesijski interincizalne papile u fronti, što se nastojalo izbjegći. Intraoperativni uvid iskorušen je za bolje planiranje, a vestibularno postavljeni prekobrojni Zub nije ekstrahiran u prvom zahvatu. Ekstrakcijom palatinalno smještena prekobrojna Zub završio je prvi kirurški postupak i postavljeni su šavovi.

Poslijeoperacijski oporavak pacijenta protekao je uredno. Pacijent je kontroliran više puta poslije kirurškog postupka. Snimljen je ciljani retroalveolarni RTG koji je pokazao interincizalni vertikalni položaj drugoga prekobrojnog Zub-a (slika 3.). Na kontrolnim pregledima ustanovljeno je značajno interincizalno povlačenje gingive. Sada se mogla jasno potvrditi već vidljiva fuzija neizrasloga prekobrojnog Zub-a i u zubnom nizu lijevog inciziva. Nakon potpunoga poslijeoperacijskoga oporavka mekih i tvrdih tkiva u području, nekoliko konzultacijskih pregleda sa specijalistima za dječju stomatologiju i pregleda ortodonta, pristupilo se drugom kirurškom postupku. Tijekom tog zahvata učinjen je Nowakov rez koji je omogućio pregled cijele krune i dijela korijena prekobrojnog Zub-a (slika 4.). Kruna vestibularno, interincizalno smještenoga prekobrojnog Zub-a separirana je od trajnoga Zub-a 21 dijamantnim turbinskim svrdlom (EDENTA AG-Swiss, St Galen, Švicarska).

Nakon separacije prekobrojni Zub je u cijelosti izvađen (slika 5.). U području fuzije dviju krune na trajnom Zubu 21 ostao je suvišak fuzijske mase koja se vizualno procijenila kao dentinska i caklinska (slika 6.) pa se Zub 21 morfološki modelirao i polirao turbinskim koničnim finirerskim svrdlom (EDENTA AG-Swiss, St Galen, Švicarska) i dodatno polirao gumičicom za poliranje (slika 7.). U samome vrhu incizijskoga režnja prepariran je submukozno periostalni transplantat i premješten je na mjesto papile interincizalno. Prekriven je podignutim mukoznim režnjem. Kontrolirajući postavljeni transplantat, kirurški je postupak završio šivanjem (slika 8.).

Nakon što su poslije osam dana izvađeni šavovi, estetika interincizalne regije bila je zadovoljavajuća (slika 9.). Na kon-



**Figure 1** Panoramic radiograph showing the osteolytic shadow in the periapical region of teeth 11, 21, which overlaps with the structures of the nasal region and two supernumerary teeth.

**Slika 1.** Panoramska radiografija – osteolitička sjena u peripikalnom području zuba 11, 21 koja se preklapa sa strukturama nosne regije i dvama prekobrojnim zubima

**Figure 2** Palatally located right supernumerary tooth after extraction.

**Slika 2.** Palatinalno smješten desni prekobrojni Zub nakon ekstrakcije

**Figure 3** Periapical radiograph showing a mesiodens in the interincisal region, and indicating the possibility of fusion with the crown of the tooth 21.

**Slika 3.** Periapikalna radiološka snimka – prekobrojni Zub smješten je interincizalno i upućuje na moguće spajanje s krunom zuba 21

**Figure 4** Vestibular incision was performed according to Nowak Peter, which allowed the overview of the entire crown and part of the root of supernumerary tooth.

**Slika 4.** Vestibularni rez učinjen prema Peteru Nowaku omogućio je pregled cijele krune i dijela korijena prekobrojnog zuba

**Figure 5** Vestibularly located mesiodens after separation and extraction.

**Slika 5.** Vestibularno smješten prekobrojni Zub nakon odvajanja i ekstrakcije

**Figure 6** Excess of fusion material left on tooth 21 was assessed as dentin and enamel.

**Slika 6.** Na zubu 21 ostao je suvišak fuzijske mase – vizualno je procijenjena kao dentinska i caklinska

**Figure 7** Polished tooth 21 after removal of residual enamel and dentine.

**Slika 7.** Polirani Zub 21 nakon uklanjanja zaostale cakline i dentina

**Figure 8** Submucosal periosteal graft was placed interincisally on the position of the papilla, covered by raised mucosal flap, and secured with sutures.

**Slika 8.** Submukozno periostalni transplantat postavljen je na mjesto papile interincizalno, prekriven je podignutim mukoznim režnjem i postavljeni su šavovi

**Figure 9** Eight days after surgery, there is a visible wound healing process.

**Slika 9.** Osam dana poslije operacije s vidljivim procesom cijeljenja rane

**Figure 10** Six weeks later, the healing of the papilla and surrounding mucosa is visible in interincisal region

**Slika 10.** Nakon šest tjedana u interincizalnoj regiji uočava se cijeljenje Zubne papile i okolne mukoze

dure was completed by suturing and controlling the placed graft (Figure 8).

Eight days later, the stitches were removed and the esthetics of interincisal region was satisfactory (Figure 9). Six weeks later, healing of the dental papilla and the surrounding mucosa was visible in the interincisal region (Figure 10).

## Discussion

Fusion between the unerupted supernumerary tooth and the erupted permanent tooth is a rare occurrence (8, 9, 11, 12). In the presented case, the clinical examination could not determine fusion because both supernumerary teeth were unerupted. Later on, it was not easy to distinguish the fusion line on panoramic and targeted periapical radiographs. According to European Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (EAPD) guidelines (15) it seems reasonable that cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) could be applied in cases of unerupted, impacted and ectopic teeth. Its use could be considered in cases where it is likely to influence the management and where conventional radiographs fail to provide sufficient information (15, 16).

Rajab and Hamdan (17) estimated by clinical and radiological examination that 18.4% of the patients with hyperdontia had two supernumerary teeth among children aged 5-15 years in Jordan. Srivastava (18) stated that the occurrence of supernumerary teeth or fusion is not so rare among the population in India. Nevertheless, the occurrence of fusion of two supernumerary teeth in primary dentition is very rare (18). Cho (19) stated that in Hong Kong double teeth are more often seen in deciduous dentition than in permanent dentition. Knežević et al. (11) showed that there is a higher frequency of supernumerary teeth in the upper (71.4%) than in the lower jaw (28.6%) in population of Croatia, and that anomalies were more frequent unilaterally (85.7%) than bilaterally (14.3%).

During the treatment plan development, multidisciplinary consultations with orthodontist, pediatric dentist, and periodontist were held, including suggestions for orthodontic extraction of fused and rotated supernumerary tooth after separation. The orthodontist proposed the extraction of endodontically treated tooth 21 which was already aligned in the dental arch, but the surgeon and the pediatric dentist didn't agree and proposed two-phase extraction of supernumerary teeth. However, after evaluating different approaches to the treatment plan, it was decided to implement therapeutic procedure that would be uncomplicated and with a predictable outcome. According to all the statements in the literature, multidisciplinary approach was needed to establish the most appropriate treatment plan (13-14, 16). A two-phase treatment was useful because post-operative bone recovery was enabled after the first surgical procedure, which created a solid base on which the interincisal papilla could be formed in a better way. By using the two-phase surgical procedure, esthetic and functional criteria were met. The patient was satisfied with the final outcome of the therapy.

trotnom kliničkom pregledu poslije šest tjedana ustanovljeno je da su zuba papila i mukoza u interincizalnoj regiji zacijsile u cijelosti (slika 10.).

## Raspovra

Fuzija neizniknuloga prekobrojnoga i izniknuloga trajnoga zuba rijedak je nalaz (8, 9, 11, 12). U opisanom slučaju kliničkim se pregledom nije mogla utvrditi fuzija jer oba prekobrojna zuba nisu iznikla u usnu šupljinu. Poslije nije bilo jednostavno razlučiti kako odrediti liniju fuzije na panoramskim i ciljanim periapikalnim radiogramima. Prema smjernicama Europske akademije za dječju stomatologiju (EAPD) (15), čini se razumnim da se računalna tomografija konusne zrake (CBCT) može primijeniti u slučaju neizniknutih, impaktiranih i ektopičnih zuba. Njegova bi se uporaba mogla razmotriti i kada se pretpostavlja da će utjecati na način liječenja i kada konvencionalni radiografi ne daju dovoljno podataka (15, 16).

Rajab i Hamdan (17) procijenili su kliničkim i radiološkim pregledom među djecom u dobi od 5 do 15 godina u Jordanu da je 18,4 % pacijenata s hiperdoncijom imalo dva prekobrojna zuba. Srivastava (18) je pokazao da pojava prekobrojnih zuba ili fuzija nije tako rijetka u indijskoj populaciji. Ipak, fuzija dvaju prekobrojnih zuba u primarnoj denticiji vrlo je rijetka (18). Cho (19) je izjavio da se u Hong Kongu dvostruki zubi češće vide u mlijeko nego u trajnoj denticiji. Knežević i ostali (11) pokazali su da je u hrvatskoj populaciji veća učestalost prekobrojnih zuba u gornjoj čeljusti (71,4 %) nego u donjoj (28,6%), a anomalije su češće jednostrano (85,7 %) nego obostrano (14,3 %).

Tijekom razrade plana liječenja obavljene su multidisciplinare konzultacije s ortodontom, dječjim stomatologom i parodontologom, uključujući i prijedloge za ortodontsko vađenje srasloga i rotiranoga prekobrojnoga zuba nakon separacije. Ortodont je predložio vađenje endodontski liječenog zuba 21 koji je već bio u zubnom nizu, ali kirurg i dječji stomatolog nisu se složili i predložili su dvofazno vađenje prekobrojnih zuba. No nakon procjene različitih pristupa planu liječenja, odlučeno je primijeniti za pacijenta manje zahtjevan terapijski postupak s predvidljivim ishodom. Prema svim opisima u literaturi, multidisciplinarni pristup bio je potreban za pripremu najprikladnjega plana liječenja (13 – 14, 16). Dvofazni rad bio je koristan jer je nakon prvoga kirurškog zahvata omogućen poslijeoperacijski oporavak kostiju, što je stvorilo čvrstu podlogu na kojoj se bolje formirala interincizalna papila. Dvofaznim kirurškim postupkom zadovoljeni su estetski i funkcionalni kriteriji. Pacijent je bio zadovoljan konačnim ishodom terapije.

## Conclusions

This report shows a case of fusion of an unerupted mesiodens with a permanent maxillary central incisor and one additional supernumerary tooth located palatally. The treatment approach has included two phase surgical extractions of supernumerary teeth. Early diagnosis and appropriate surgical treatment of mesiodentes are important to decrease the risk of orthodontic, periodontal, endodontic, and esthetic problems. Excellent functional and esthetic results obtained in this case are attributable to team work, where specialized experts contributed to the selection of the most appropriate treatment.

## Conflict of interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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### Sažetak

Meziodens je najčešći prekobrojni zub koji se može pojaviti u području središnje maksilarne linije. Etiologija nije potpuno razjašnjena. U ovom članku opisan je slučaj nepotpune fuzije neiznuknutoga meziodensa s trajnim maksilarnim središnjim sjekutićem smještenim u zubnom luku. Intraoralni i radiografski pregledi upućivali su na spajanje krune i cervicalnog dijela korijena prekobrojnog zuba s trajnim sjekutićem. Kliničku sliku dodatno je komplikiralo još jedan palatalno smješten prekobrojni zub. Terapijski pristup uključivao je dvofaznu kiruršku terapiju uklanjanja prekobrojnih zuba. Rano dijagnosticiranje i odgovarajuće kirurško liječenje meziodensa važno je za smanjenje rizika od kliničkih komplikacija. Preporučuje se prijeoperacijsko 3D snimanje zato što omogućuje dobivanje točnih podataka i smanjuje opseg kirurškog zahvata te eventualne proceduralne komplikacije. U većini slučajeva prijeko je potrebna multidisciplinarna suradnja kako bi se dobila precizna dijagnoza, odabrala odgovarajuća terapija i postigao predvidiv ishod liječenja.

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## Zaključak

Ovaj prikaz slučaja opisuje fuziju neiznuknutoga mezidensa s trajnim maksilarnim središnjim sjekutićem i jednim dodatnim prekobrojnim zubom smještenim nepčano. Pristup liječenju obuhvaćao je dvoфaznu kiruršku ekstrakciju prekobrojnih zuba. Rano dijagnosticiranje i odgovarajuće kirurško liječenje mezidensa važno je da bi se smanjio rizik od ortodontskih, parodontoloških, endodontskih i estetskih problema. Izvrsni funkcionalni i estetski rezultati dobiveni u ovom slučaju mogu se pripisati multidisciplinarnoj suradnji koja je rezultirala odabirom najprikladnijega mogućeg liječenja.

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