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## DENTINOGENESIS IMPERFECTA TYPE II: A CASE REPORT

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### ABSTRACT

Dentinogenesis Imperfecta is one of the most common autosomal dominant hereditary disorders of dentin formation. It is classified as, type I which is associated with osteogenesis imperfecta; type II not associated with osteogenesis imperfecta; and Type III is associated with the Brandywine triracial isolate. Clinically the teeth shows discolouration and often results in shearing of the overlying enamel which results in attrition and fracture. Radiographically it shows structural defects such as bulbous crowns and small pulp chambers. Early diagnosis and treatment can achieve better functional and aesthetic results and psychological benefit. In this case report we present a 27 year old female with generalized brownish discolouration of the teeth and severe attrition with radiographic features of bulbous crown and spike shaped roots suggestive of Dentinogenesis Imperfecta type II and the literature including etiology and management is briefly reviewed.

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## INTRODUCTION

The most common hereditary disorders of dentin formation is Dentinogenesis imperfecta (DGI). It is an autosomal dominant Mendelian trait and has a very low incidence of spontaneous mutations, thus signifying a basic defect in structural and regulatory protein (Bhandari, 2008). It is also known as hereditary opalescent dentin or Capdepont dysplasia. The dental papilla of either or both primary and secondary dentin will be abnormal as it is a localised mesodermal defect (Rajendran, 2006). In 1908, it was diagnosed as a defect, predominantly due to abnormal dentin (Subramaniam, 2008). Mutations in the dentin sialophosphoprotein gene, located at locus 4q12q21, results in defect in the dentin sialophosphoprotein and dentin phosphoprotein, 50% of the noncollagenous structure of dentin is formed by these proteins (Akhlaghi, 2016). Shields *et al* classified Dentinogenesis imperfecta into three categories: Type I is associated with

osteogenesis imperfecta where primary teeth are more severely affected than permanent. In Type II, also known as hereditary opalescent dentin, primary and permanent dentition both are affected equally. Type III is rare gives them a shell-like appearance and affects the permanent dentition most commonly (Akhlaghi, 2016). This case report describes the clinical manifestations and radiographic features of a 27 year old female patient with Type II Dentinogenesis imperfecta.

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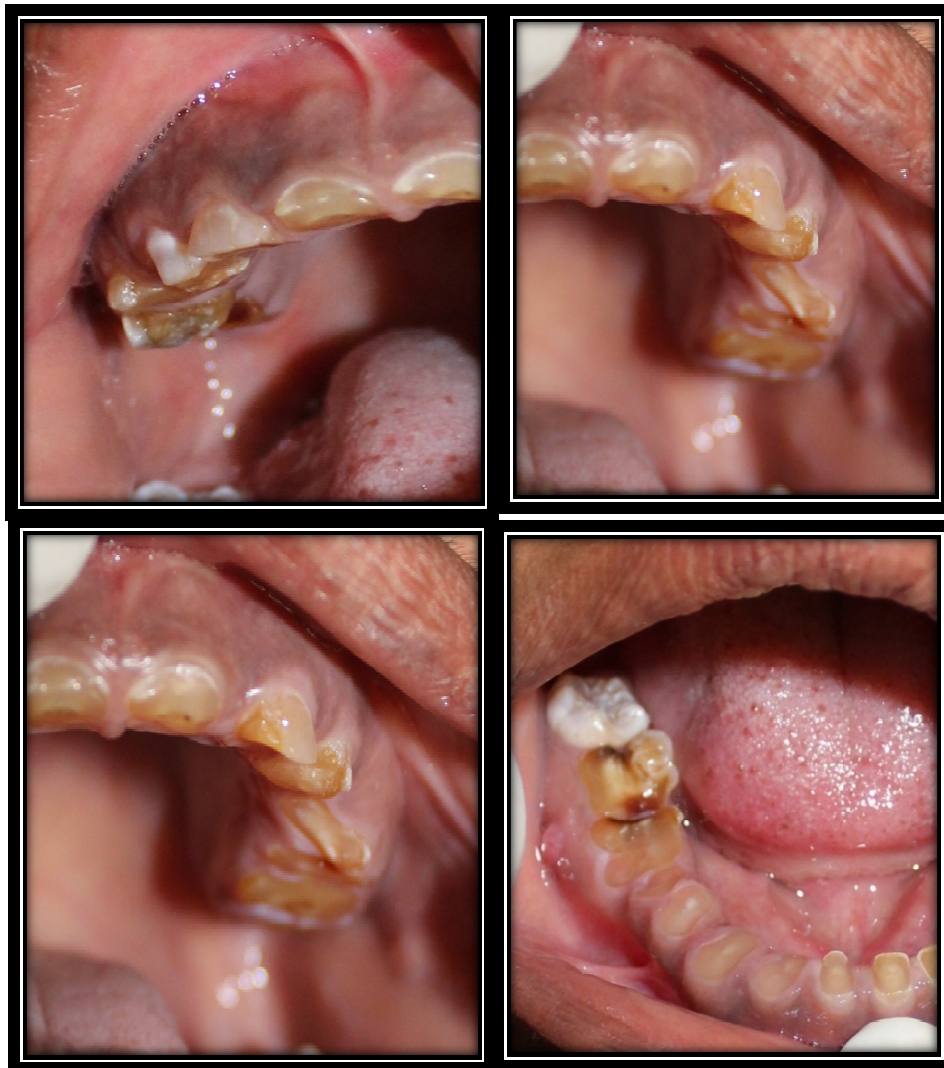
A 27 year old female patient (Fig: 1) reported to the department of Oral Medicine and Radiology with a chief complaint of pain in the lower right back tooth since 1 month. Pain was sudden in onset, intermittent, moderate, aching type, localised, aggravated on chewing food and relieved by taking medication. She gave a history of brownish discoloration and chipping of both milk and permanent teeth since childhood. Her medical history, past dental history and family history was non-contributory.

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**Fig. 1.** 27 year old female patient. **Fig. 2.** Teeth small in size and shows severe attrition, with complete loss of enamel in most of the teeth and coronal height of the teeth reduced



**Fig. 3.** Class two cavity is evident in disto-occlusal aspect of 36 and mesio-occlusal aspect of 46 with sinus opening on the attached gingiva. Bell shaped crown is seen with respect to 34, 38 and 48

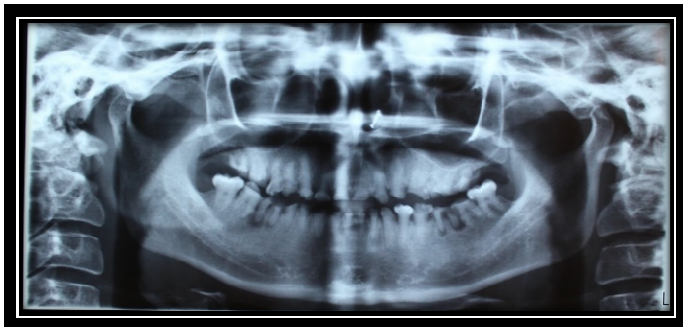
General physical examination revealed she was moderately build, well nourished, well oriented to time, place and person. Extra oral examination revealed right submandibular lymphnodes were palpable roughly oval in shape, size approximately 1x1 cm in diameter, soft in consistency, mobile and tender. On intraoral examination, complete compliment of permanent teeth were present except for 18 and 28.

Generalized brownish discolouration of the teeth with a translucent hue was evident. The teeth were small in size and showed severe attrition, with complete loss of enamel in most of the teeth (Fig: 2). Coronal height of teeth was reduced. Exposed dentin as well as pulp in the various teeth were seen. Class two cavity was evident in disto-occlusal aspect of 36 and mesio-occlusal aspect of 46 with sinus opening on the attached

gingiva. Bell shaped crown was seen with respect to 34, 38 and 48 (Fig: 3). On probing of the teeth, generalized surface softness, chipping of the enamel and dentin was evident. 46 was tender on percussion with grade one mobility. Based on the history and clinical findings a provisional diagnosis of chronic apical periodontitis wrt 36, chronic periapical abscess wrt 46, and dentinogenesis imperfecta type II was considered. Patient was subjected to investigations like intraoral periapical radiographs (IOPA) w.r.t upper and lower incisors and molars and Digital OPG. IOPA Radiographs (Fig: 4) revealed, altered morphology of crown, with decreased density of enamel and dentin and obliteration of the root canals.



**Fig. 4. IOPA Radiographs shows altered morphology of crown, with decreased density of enamel and dentin and obliteration of the root canals. Well defined radiolucency evident at apical one-third of both root with 36 suggestive of periapical granuloma. 46 shows diffuse periapical radiolucency suggestive of periapical abscess**



**Fig. 5. Digital OPG shows features of generalized marked attrition of the occlusal surface with reduced density of enamel, dentin thinning and generalized bulbous crown with small spike shaped roots having marked cervical constriction and obliterations of root canals**

Disto-occlusal radiolucency was evident involving enamel, dentin and pulp wrt 46. Radiolucency involving enamel, dentin and pulp was present in relation to 47. Well defined radiolucency was evident at apical one-third of both root with 36 was suggestive of periapical granuloma. 46 showed diffuse periapical radiolucency suggestive of periapical abscess. Digital OPG (Fig: 5) revealed, features of generalized marked attrition of the occlusal surface with reduced density of enamel, dentin thinning and irregular surface of the incisal and occlusal aspect of teeth. Generalized bulbous crown with small spike shaped roots having marked cervical constriction and obliterations of root canals. Based on the radiographic findings, a final diagnosis of chronic periapical abscess w.r.t

46, periapical granuloma w.r.t 36 and dentinogenesis imperfecta type II was considered.

## DISCUSSION

DGI is a group of autosomal dominant genetic conditions characterised by abnormal dentin structure affecting either the primary or both the primary and secondary dentitions. The teeth appear amber, brown/ blue or opalescent brown while radiographically the crowns may appear bulbous, pulp chambers are often small or obliterated and the roots are often narrow with small or obliterated root canals (Barron, 2008). Non-syndromic DGI is reported to have an incidence of 1 in 6,000 to 1 in 8,000 (Barron, 2008 and Abukabbos, 2013). DGI has been classified by Shields and co-workers into three types: Type I, DGI associated with Osteogenesis imperfecta (OI). Both are mesodermal defects, (although OI may occur without DGI). Type II, DGI without OI. Type III, Brandywine type. It is a rare variety characterised by shell teeth, with very little dentin and multiple pulp exposure in the primary teeth (Bhandari, 2008). Dentin is that component of the tooth which encloses the dental pulp and is itself enclosed, above the gingival margin, by the enamel. Structurally, dentine is composed of a mineral phase of hydroxyapatite (70%), an organic phase (20%) and water (10%). The organic phase is primarily of type I collagen (85%) and the remaining, non-collagenous protein is dominated by dentine phosphoprotein (15%) (Nanci, 2008). Kim and Simmer (Kim, 2007) described the etiology of dentinogenesis imperfecta as a defect in the gene that codes for most dentin proteins, including collagen type I. The enamel appears to be normal; however, it tends to detach and fracture because of occlusal stress, thus exposing the dentine, which exhibits a soft consistency and therefore, wears quickly and lead to the alveolar process (Witkop, 2007). Some authors have reported that attrition reduces the incidence of carious lesions; however, periapical lesions are very common because of the quick exposure of the pulp due to attrition (Wieczorek, 2013). The most common clinical manifestations of DI are tooth discoloration (varying from amber-like translucent gray or brownish purple to yellowish brown) (Birria, 2012), and excessive tooth wear. The enamel might peel off to leave dentin exposed, making it susceptible to severe and rapid decay. Radiographically, teeth have normal enamel radiodensity and thickness (Shields, 1973).

In both the deciduous and permanent teeth, dentinogenesis imperfecta presents root canals and pulp chambers with progressive obliteration due to continuous and disordered dentin deposition by odontoblasts (De La Dure-Molla, 2015). The tooth crowns are short and have a bulb or signet form, while the roots, in addition to being short, are constricted (Devaraju, 2014). Other features of DI include bulbous crowns with marked cervical constrictions and partial or total precocious obliteration of pulpal space. Significant decay can be seen over a short period of time. Histologically, dentinal tubules are sparse, irregular and larger in diameter, and often have large areas of uncalcified matrix (Akhlaghi, 2016). A medical history should aim to establish if the dental condition is a 'syndromic' form of DGI as this is a variable feature of a number of heritable conditions including Osteogenesis imperfecta (Martin, 2007). Ehlers Danlos syndrome, Goldblatt syndrome, Schimke immunosseous dysplasia, Brachio-skeleto-genital syndrome, and osteodysplastic and primordial short stature with severe microdontia, opalescent teeth, and rootless molars.<sup>5</sup> The aims of treatment are to remove sources

of infection or pain, restore aesthetics and protect posterior teeth from wear. Treatment varies according to the age of the patient, severity of the problem and presenting complaint. The outcome of a diagnosis of DGI largely depends upon the age at which the diagnosis was given and the speed and quality of the treatment provided. Where diagnosis occurs early in the life of the patient and treatment follows the recommendations outlined above, good aesthetics and function can be obtained thereby minimising nutritional deficits and psychological distress.

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