

Review of: "Midpalatal suture maturation staging using cone beam computed tomography in patients aged between 9 to 21 years"

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Dear authors, first congratulations for the study. I think they could better describe the professional experience of the image evaluators and the inclusion of a third observer, which also reduces the risk of evaluation bias. A second point would be the clinical application of the study. What is most doubtful today is the application of MARPE in adults, as we have already found in the literature that an average of 15 to 20% of adults present the possibility of suture disjunction, so in a future study it would be very interesting to work with a sample only of adults. Is age still relevant to decision making on whether to apply disjunction or not? From what we have seen in the current literature, no.