

Letter to editor

Sir,

This is a good case report for treatment of small mechanical exposures in primary teeth which is published in your esteemed journal (Perez E *et al.* Direct pulp capping [DPC] in primary molars: Report of two cases. *J Pediatr Dent* 2015; 3: 101-3). DPC can be a good treatment option for the small mechanical exposure. In our clinics, we usually go for pulpotomy procedure in case of mechanical exposure of primary teeth. However, now we can try DPC as a successful treatment option for the small mechanical exposures in primary teeth.

I want to add one more thing. We can use mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) above the exposed pulp tissue instead of calcium hydroxide because MTA is a more bio-compatible material. Then the tooth can be restored with a material that seals the tooth from microleakage.

In case of carious pulpal exposure in primary teeth, we recommend pulpotomy rather than pulp capping. In primary teeth, when pulp capping material is placed above the exposed pulp, it stimulates the undifferentiated mesenchymal cells to differentiate into odontoclastic cells which in turn lead to internal resorption.^[1]

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