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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “Dysphagia as the only symptom in submandibular gland sialolithiasis: A case report,”which we request you to consider for publication as a *Case Report* in  *ORAL HEALTH AND DENTAL MANAGEMENT.*

This manuscript describes a case of a 47-year-old male with a giant submandibular gland sialolith. The sialolith measured 24 mm in length and weighed 4.7 g. In this patient, it was difficult to ablate the submandibular gland from the surrounding soft tissue during the surgical procedure; hence, the long-term existence of chronic inflammation around the sialolith was suspected. However, no swelling or tongue compression was noted in the patient. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of a patient with submandibular sialolithiasis presenting with dysphagia as the only symptom, without any sublingual or submandibular swelling. We show that dysphagia may have occurred due to disturbances in hyoid bone movements caused by the large sialolith. The absence of any changes in the position of the displaced bone at rest after removal of the sialolith may be attributed to the fixation of the bone in the underlying tissues due to the long-term existence of the sialolith.

We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership. R.HA designed the study, and wrote the initial draft of the manuscript. T.O contributed to analysis and interpretation of data, and assisted in the preparation of the manuscript. All other authors have critically reviewed the manuscript. All authors approved the final version of the manuscript, and agree to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.We have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to *ORAL HEALTH AND DENTAL MANAGEMENT*. This research did not receive any specific grant from funding agencies in the public, commercial, or not-for-profit sectors.There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

This manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. The manuscript has been carefully reviewed by an experienced editor whose first language is English and who specializes in editing papers written by scientists whose native language is not English.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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