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## RESUMO

O bruxismo em crianças e sua relação com o desenvolvimento das disfunções temporomandibulares (DTM) ainda não foram claramente definidos. O objetivo desta revisão sistemática foi avaliar a possível associação entre bruxismo e DTM em crianças. Sete bases de dados foram pesquisadas e 497 artigos foram avaliados. A qualidade metodológica foi avaliada através da Escala de Newcastle-Ottawa. A meta-análise foi realizada com os artigos em que a extração de dados foi possível e o efeito sumário foi medido por meio do odds ratio (OR) e respectivos intervalos de confiança de 95% (IC). A classificação de recomendações, avaliação, desenvolvimento e avaliação (GRADE) foi usada para avaliar a certeza da evidência. Dez estudos transversais foram incluídos na revisão sistemática. Destes, 8 apresentaram associação estatisticamente significante entre bruxismo e DTM. No entanto, 7 apresentaram alto risco de viés. A meta-análise foi realizada com 3 artigos e obteve OR de 2,97 (IC 95% variando de 1,72 a 5,15), indicando que crianças com bruxismo têm 2,97 vezes mais chances de apresentar DTM, com nível de certeza muito baixo definido pelo GRADE. Embora os estudos mostrem alto risco de viés, a análise qualitativa de estudos individuais mostrou que as crianças com bruxismo têm maior chance de desenvolver DTM.

Palavras-chaves: Saúde Oral, Odontopediatria, Transtornos da Articulação Temporomandibular, Bruxismo, Criança.

## **ABSTRACT**

Bruxism in children and its relation to the development of temporomandibular disorders (TMD) has not been clearly determined yet. The objective of this systematic review was to evaluate the possible association between bruxism and TMD in children. Seven databases were searched and 497 articles were assessed. Methodological quality was assessed through Newcastle-Ottawa Scale. The meta-analysis was performed with the articles in which extraction of data was possible and the summary effect measure through odds ratio (OR) and respective 95% confidence intervals (CI). Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) was used to assess the certainty of evidence. Ten cross-sectional studies were included in the systematic review. Of these, 8 showed a statistically significant association between bruxism and TMD. However, 7 presented a high risk of bias. The meta-analysis was performed with 3 articles and obtained an OR of 2.97 (95% CI ranging from 1.72 - 5.15), indicating that children with bruxism are 2.97 times more likely to present TMD, with very low level of certainty defined by GRADE. Although the studies showed high risk of bias, the qualitative analysis of individual studies showed that the children with bruxism have greater chance of developing TMD.

Keywords: Oral Healthy, Paediatric Dentistry, Temporomandibular Joint Disorders, Bruxism, Child.

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## LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

ATM	Articulação Temporomandibular
COMUT	Sistema de Comutação Bibliográfica
CAPES	Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior
DC/TMD	<i>Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders</i>
DTM	Disfunção Temporomandibular
GRADE	<i>Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation</i>
MeSH	<i>Medical Subject Headings</i>
PRISMA	<i>Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses</i>
PROSPERO	<i>Register of Systematic Reviews</i>
RDC/TMD	<i>Research Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders</i>
TMJ	<i>Temporomandibular Joint</i>
TMD	<i>Temporomandibular Disorders</i>

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# 1 INTRODUÇÃO

O bruxismo é definido como uma atividade repetitiva dos músculos mastigatórios, caracterizada pelo apertamento ou ranger dos dentes e/ou pelo ato de segurar ou empurrar a mandíbula. Pode ser uma atividade diurna (bruxismo da vigília) ou noturna (bruxismo do sono) (LOBBEZOO et al., 2013). É mais comum em crianças do que em adultos e menos comum em idosos, uma vez que tende a diminuir com a idade (BADER e LAVIGNE, 2000; MANFREDINI et al., 2013). A prevalência do bruxismo em crianças varia de 3,5 a 40,6% e não tem preferência por sexo (MANFREDINI et al., 2013).

As forças geradas pelo bruxismo são transmitidas às estruturas do sistema mastigatório. Algumas dessas forças são absorvidas sem nenhum efeito deletério, enquanto outras podem predispor a distúrbios de variados graus, quando a atividade excede a tolerância fisiológica individual (LAVIGNE e MONTPLAISIR, 1994; OKESON, 2013). A sobrecarga muscular resultante das atividades musculares mastigatórias pode estar associada ao fluxo sanguíneo local e a distúrbios da microcirculação, além da dor decorrente de uma isquemia (MONTEIRO, 1988). Níveis mais altos dessas atividades aumentam o risco de consequências negativas para a saúde bucal (por exemplo, dor muscular mastigatória grave ou dor na articulação temporomandibular) (RAPHAEL, SANTIAGO E LOBBEZOO, 2016).

A principal causa não-dental de dor na região orofacial entre crianças e adolescentes é a Disfunção Temporomandibular (DTM) (GOODMAN e McGRATH, 1991; NILSSON, LIST e DRANGSHOLT, 2005), que é definida como um conjunto de distúrbios envolvendo os músculos mastigatórios, a articulação temporomandibular e as estruturas associadas (FETEIH, 2006). Diferentemente dos adultos, estudos com relação à prevalência de DTM em crianças e adolescentes não são baseados em diagnósticos específicos de DTM, mas sim na prevalência de sinais e sintomas da disfunção (FETEIH, 2006; TECCO e FESTA, 2010), associada aos fatores de risco (LERESCHE et al., 2007) e ao autorrelato de dor (NILSSON, LIST e DRANGSHOLT, 2005). A prevalência de DTM em crianças e adolescentes variam de 9,8 a 80% (FETEIH, 2006).

A considerável variação tanto na prevalência de DTM como na de bruxismo pode ser atribuída a diferentes metodologias de pesquisa, critérios clínicos

para diagnóstico, amostras populacionais (ATTANASIO, 1997; CAMPARIS e SIQUEIRA, 2006) e procedimentos de exame (KÖHLER et al., 2009; TOSCANO e DEFABIANIS, 2009). Além disso, estudos não deixam claro até que ponto o bruxismo em crianças pode estar relacionado com a DTM. Uma revisão sistemática sobre o tema contribuiria para estabelecer a relação entre essas duas condições em crianças.



## **2 PROPOSIÇÃO**

O objetivo deste trabalho foi identificar, através de uma revisão sistemática da literatura, se o bruxismo em crianças pode estar relacionado com a DTM.

### 3 MATERIAL E MÉTODOS

A presente revisão sistemática foi realizada seguindo as normativas do *Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses* (PRISMA) ([www.prisma-statement.org](http://www.prisma-statement.org)). A revisão sistemática foi registrada e atualizada na *International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews* (PROSPERO) pelo código CRD42017071281 (APÊNDICE A e APÊNDICE B).

#### 3.1 PECO QUESTION

Esta revisão sistemática foi conduzida de modo a responder à seguinte pergunta clínica (*PECO question*): “O bruxismo em crianças pode estar relacionado à DTM?”.

P (*population*) = crianças

E (*exposition*) = ter bruxismo

C (*comparison*) = não ter bruxismo

O (*outcome*) = DTM

#### 3.2 CRITÉRIOS DE ELEGIBILIDADE

Os critérios de elegibilidade incluíram: estudos observacionais, crianças com idade inferior ou igual a 12 anos, um grupo “com bruxismo”, um grupo controle (sem bruxismo) e da condição “com DTM”.

Foram excluídos os estudos de revisão (narrativa ou sistemática), cartas ao editor, relatos de casos, estudos laboratoriais, em animais, estudos que não discriminaram a idade dos pacientes, amostra com pacientes especiais e/ou grupo específico e trabalhos nos quais não foram possíveis correlacionar bruxismo e DTM na faixa etária em questão.

#### 3.3 ESTRATÉGIA DE BUSCA

Uma busca detalhada da literatura foi realizada nas bases eletrônicas de dados: Medline via Pubmed and BVS, Web of Science, Cochrane, SciELO, Lilacs, Scopus e BBO. Buscas na literatura cinzenta - Google Scholar - também foram incluídas. Uma busca manual da lista de referência dos estudos incluídos foi realizada para publicações que não foram identificadas eletronicamente. O período de busca foi até setembro de 2017, identificando os estudos sobre bruxismo e DTM em crianças. Não foram impostas restrições quanto à data de publicação.

As palavras chaves foram divididas em três grupos de acordo com a *PECO question*: população (P), exposição (E) e desfecho (O), incluindo unitermos *Medical Subject Headings* (MeSH) e não-MeSH (Figura 1). Foram realizadas combinações entre elas com os operadores booleanos “and” e “or” (Figura 2), a fim de refinar os resultados da pesquisa.

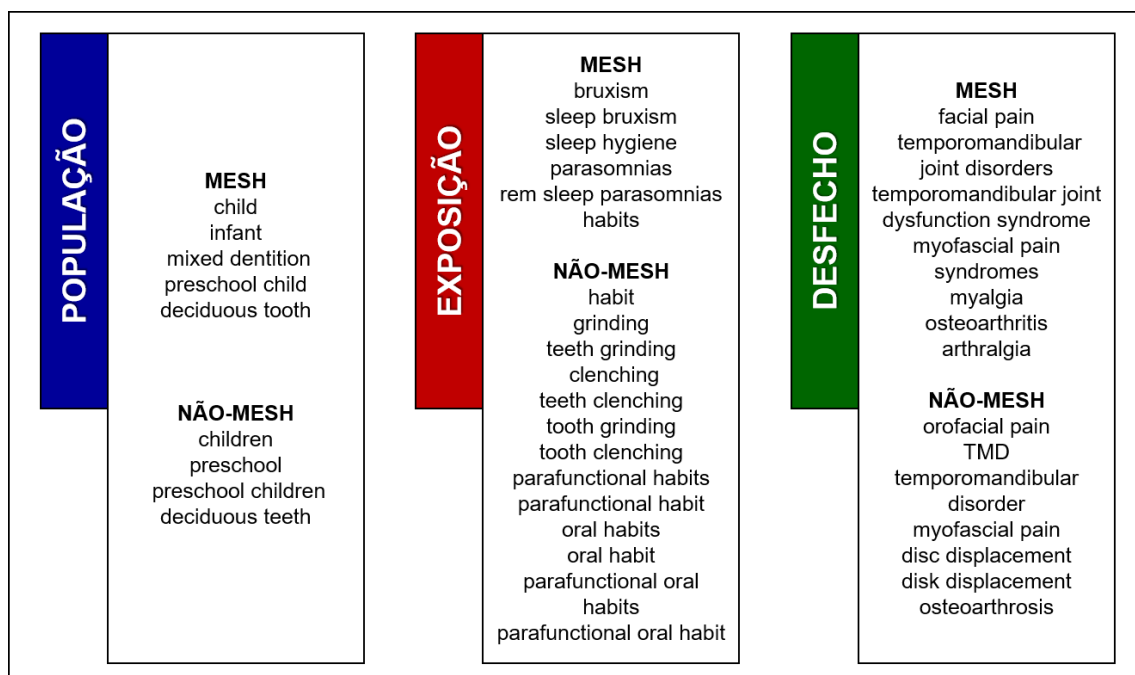


Figura 1 - Termos MeSH e não-MeSH divididos em três grupos de acordo com *PECO question*: população, exposição e desfecho  
Fonte: O autor.

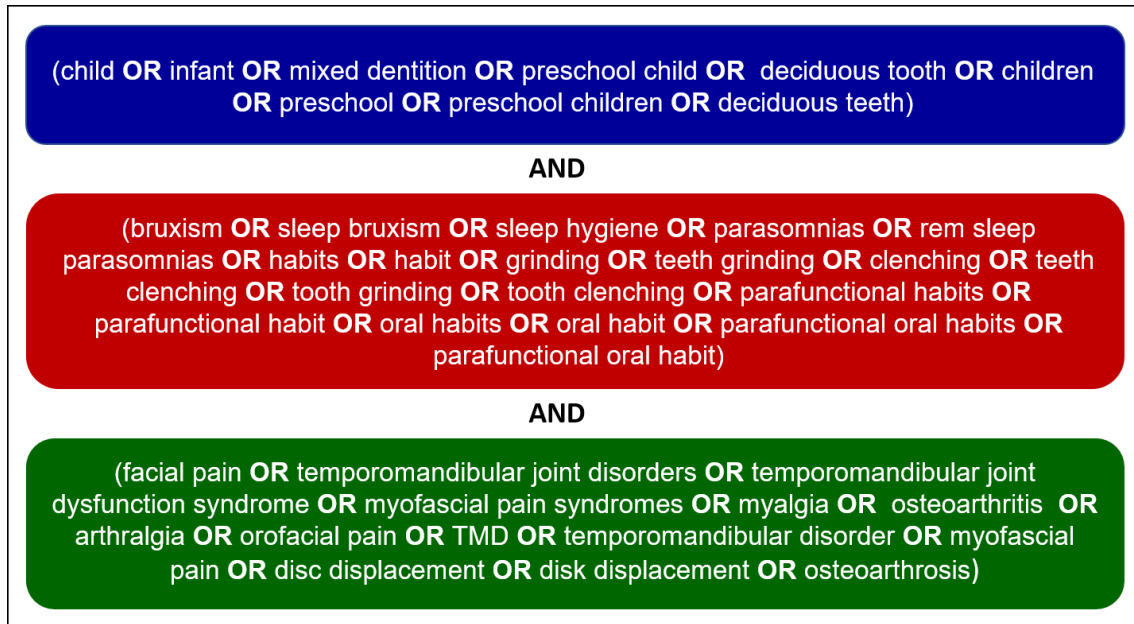


Figura 2 - Termos divididos de acordo com a *PECO question* combinados com os operadores booleanos “and” e “or”

Fonte: O autor.

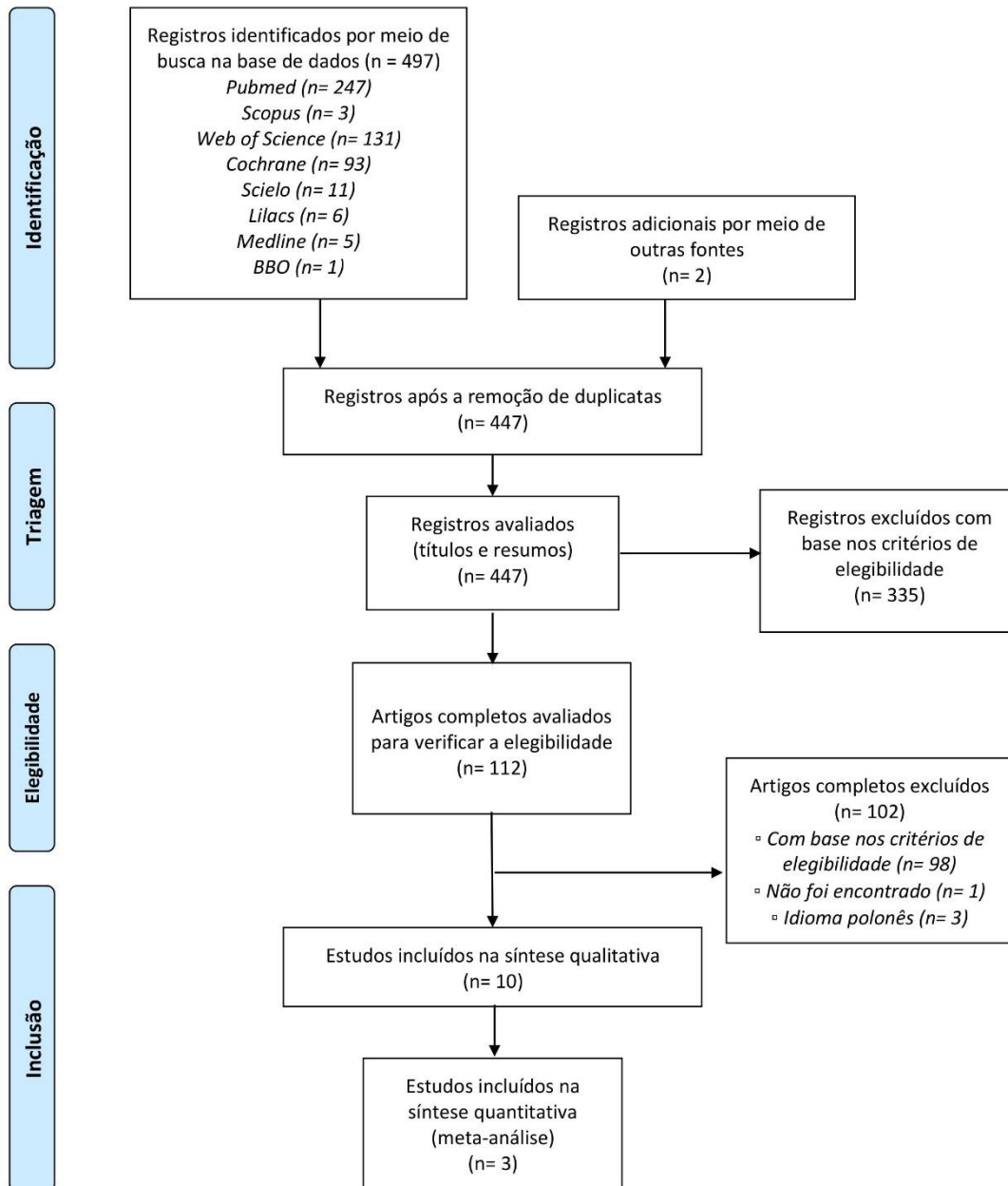
### 3.4 SELEÇÃO DOS ESTUDOS

Um total de 499 registros foi obtido: 247 da Medline via Pubmed, 3 do Scopus, 131 da Web of Science, 93 da Cochrane, 11 da Scielo, 6 da Lilacs, 5 da Medline via BVS, 1 da BBO e 2 da literatura cinzenta. Após a remoção das duplicatas, 447 foram selecionados para a leitura de título e resumo. Dois avaliadores foram calibrados na aplicação dos critérios de elegibilidade acima descritos. A avaliação dos títulos e resumos foi realizada individualmente por cada um dos avaliadores. Para o cálculo da concordância interexaminador, 10% das publicações, ou seja, 43 registros tiveram suas avaliações comparadas, obtendo-se um Kappa de 85%, indicando excelente concordância (LANDIS e KOCH, 1977) entre os avaliadores.

Após a leitura de títulos e resumos pelos dois avaliadores, 335 foram excluídos, restando 112 artigos para a leitura completa. Os critérios de elegibilidade foram aplicados novamente pelos mesmos avaliadores que mais uma vez fizeram a avaliação independentemente. Discordância na decisão foi discutida e resolvida por consenso.

Dos 112 artigos, 10 foram incluídos na análise qualitativa e, destes, 3 na análise quantitativa (meta-análise).

Na Figura 3 está apresentado o diagrama do PRISMA que mostra a seleção dos estudos.



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Figura 3 - Diagrama PRISMA

Fonte: O autor.

### 3.5 EXTRAÇÃO DOS DADOS

Os dados dos artigos incluídos foram compilados e organizados de acordo com: 1) os autores do artigo e ano de publicação; 2) total da amostra; 3) sexo da amostra; 4) idade da amostra; 5) diagnóstico de bruxismo; 6) classificação do bruxismo de acordo com o período que ocorreu e do padrão; 7) diagnóstico de DTM; 8) tratamento estatístico utilizado para relacionar o bruxismo com a DTM; 9) resultados encontrados pelos autores.

### 3.6 VERIFICAÇÃO DA QUALIDADE

A análise da validade de um estudo, verificando até que grau o seu desenho, sua condução e análise minimizaram os possíveis vieses ou erros, foi feita através dos critérios de análise de estudos transversais através da escala de qualidade Newcastle-Ottawa adaptada para estudos transversais (ANEXO A).

A qualidade dos estudos foi avaliada por uma escala de 0 (alto risco de viés) a 10 (baixo risco de viés). Os critérios seguidos foram: representatividade da amostra, tamanho da mesma, taxa de não respondentes, determinação da exposição, controle dos fatores confundidores da exposição, avaliação do desfecho e teste estatístico utilizado. Cada item poderia marcar até um ponto, exceto na determinação da exposição (marcaria dois pontos caso utilizasse uma ferramenta validada) e na avaliação do desfecho (marcaria dois, caso fosse uma avaliação cega independente).

### 3.7 MÉTODOS ESTATÍSTICOS

Foi utilizado o programa STATA Statistical Software (versão 15, College Station, TX: Stata Press) para realizar a meta-análise. Os dados foram extraídos em números absolutos relacionados ao número de indivíduos com e sem bruxismo e número de indivíduos com DTM e sem DTM. Os dados foram extraídos de acordo com o relatado nos artigos incluídos, e apenas aqueles artigos nos quais os mesmos poderiam ser extraídos foram incluídos na meta-análise.

A heterogeneidade estatística foi calculada através do teste estatístico  $I^2$  (DEEKS, HIGGINS, ALTMAN, 2015). O modelo de efeito fixo de Mantel-Haenszel foi

utilizado quando a heterogeneidade estatística não era significativa ( $p > 0,05$ ) (DEEKS, HIGGINS, ALTMAN, 2015). Calculou-se a estimativa do efeito (OR) para a ocorrência de DTM em indivíduos com exposição (bruxismo) versus indivíduos sem exposição (ausência de bruxismo). Esta comparação de dados foi possível em apenas três estudos (EGGER et al., 1997).

### 3.8 GRADE

A certeza da evidência foi avaliada pelo GRADE (*Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation*) por meio da plataforma GRADEpro.

## 4 ARTIGO

O artigo a seguir está apresentado nas normas da revista “International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry”, classificada no Qualis da CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior), na Área de Avaliação de Odontologia, como A1 (ANEXO B e C).

### **Association between bruxism and temporomandibular disorders in children: a systematic review and meta-analysis**

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#### **Abstract**

**Background.** Bruxism in children and its relation to the development of temporomandibular disorders (TMD) has not been clearly determined yet. **Aim.** The objective of this systematic review was to evaluate the possible association between bruxism and TMD in children. **Design.** Seven databases were searched and 497 articles were assessed. Methodological quality was assessed through Newcastle-



Ottawa Scale. The meta-analysis was performed with the articles in which extraction of data was possible and the summary effect measure through odds ratio (OR) and respective 95% confidence intervals (CI). Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) was used to assess the certainty of evidence. **Results.** Ten cross-sectional studies were included in the systematic review. Of these, 8 showed a statistically significant association between bruxism and TMD. However, 7 presented a high risk of bias. The meta-analysis was performed with 3 articles and obtained an OR of 2.97 (95% CI ranging from 1.72 - 5.15), indicating that children with bruxism are 2.97 times more likely to present TMD, with very low level of certainty defined by GRADE. **Conclusions.** Although the studies showed high risk of bias, the qualitative analysis of individual studies showed that the children with bruxism have greater chance of developing TMD.

## **Introduction**

Definitions of bruxism are numerous and have varied widely in the scientific literature. In 2013, consensus was obtained on a definition of bruxism as repetitive masticatory muscle activity and specified as either sleep bruxism or awake bruxism<sup>1</sup>. However, currently the international consensus on the assessment of bruxism was revised and updated, aiming to further clarify the 2013 definition and to develop separate definitions for sleep and awake bruxism<sup>2</sup>. Thus, sleep bruxism is characterized as masticatory muscle activities that occur during sleep (activities rhythmic or non-rhythmic) and awake bruxism occur during the wakefulness (characterised by repetitive or sustained tooth contact and/or by bracing or thrusting of the mandible)<sup>2</sup>.

The bruxism is more common among children than adults and less common in elderly as it trends to decrease with age<sup>3, 4</sup>. The prevalence of bruxism in children ranges from 3.5 - 40.6%, and it has no gender preference<sup>4</sup>.

The muscle overloading resulting of masticatory muscular activities could be associated with local blood flow and microcirculation disorders, and pain derived from an ischemia<sup>5</sup>. Higher levels of this activities increase the risk of negative oral health consequences (e.g., severe masticatory muscle pain or temporomandibular joint pain)<sup>6</sup>.

The main non-dental cause of pain in the orofacial region among children and adolescents is temporomandibular disorders (TMD)<sup>7, 8</sup>, that is defined as a set of disorders involving the masticatory muscles, temporomandibular joint and associated structures. The prevalence of TMD in children and adolescents ranges from 9.8 - 80%<sup>9</sup>.

The remarkable variation in both TMD and bruxism prevalence can be attributed to different research methodologies, clinical criteria for diagnosis, population samples<sup>10, 11</sup> and examination procedures<sup>12, 13</sup>. In addition, studies with children are even less enlightening about the extent to which bruxism may be related to TMD.

Therefore, the objective of this study was to identify, through a systematic literature review, whether or not bruxism in children may be related to TMD, clarifying this relationship with scientific evidence and guide clinical behavior.

## **Material and methods**

The present systematic review was registered in PROSPERO (#CRD42017071281). The authors also followed the recommendations of the PRISMA statement<sup>14</sup>.

The PECO methodology was utilized to formulate the research question. The research question was as follows: “Is there an association between bruxism and temporomandibular disorders in children?”.

### *Eligibility criteria*

Eligibility criteria included: observational studies, children less than or equal to 12 years of age, a bruxism group, a control group (without bruxism) and the condition "with TMD".

We excluded from the review studies (narrative or systematic) letters to the editor, case reports, laboratory studies in animals, studies that did not discriminate the age of the patients, samples with special patients and/or specific group, and studies in which they did not correlate bruxism and TMD in the age group in question.

### *Search strategy*

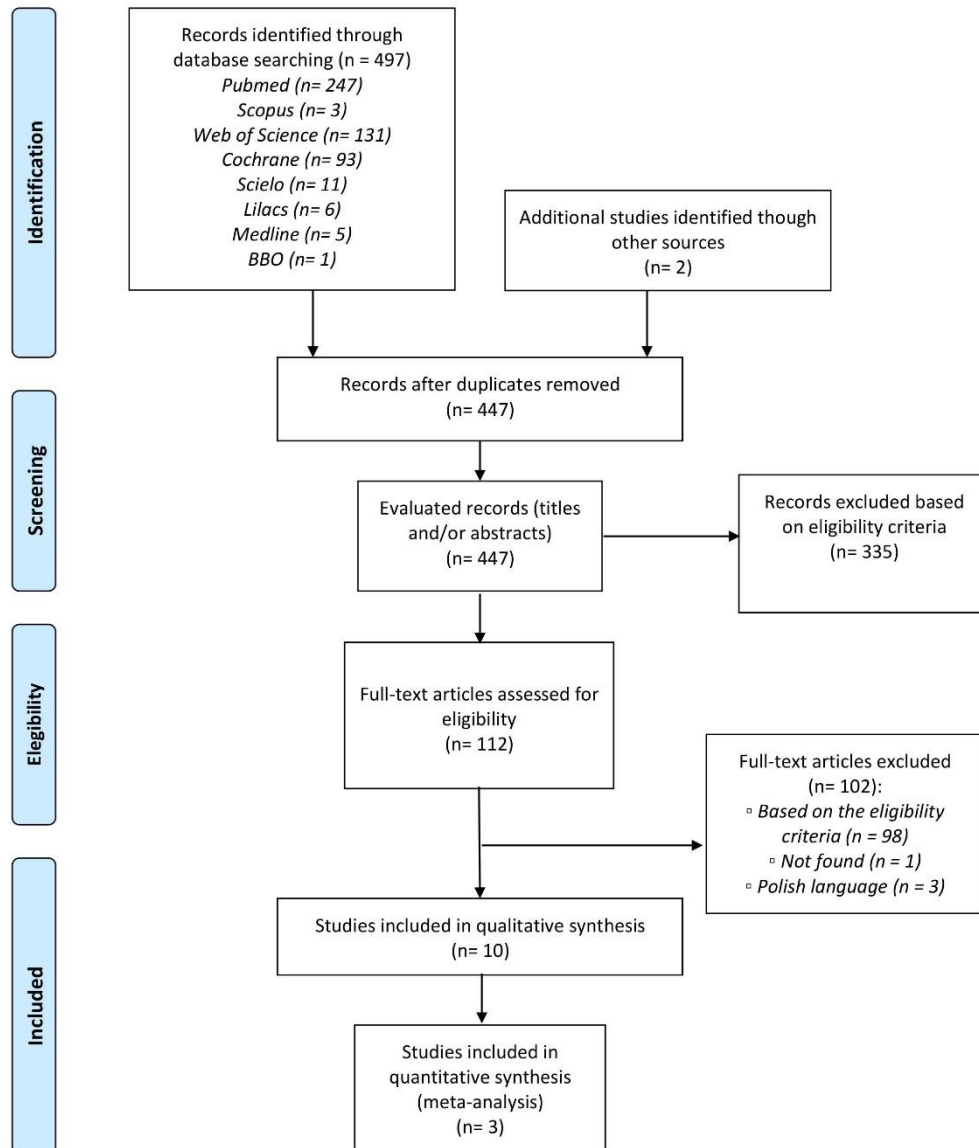
The databases consulted were Cochrane, Medline via PubMed and BVS, Web of Science, SciELO, Lilacs, Scopus and BBO. Sources of gray literature – Google Scholar – were also included. A manual search of the reference list of the included studies was carried out for publications that were not electronically identified. The search period was up to September 2017, identifying the studies on bruxism and TMD in children. No restrictions were imposed regarding date of publication.

Studies were uploaded into Endnote Basic ([www.myendnoteweb.com](http://www.myendnoteweb.com)) to delete duplicates and to build a virtual library. Then, the title and abstract of identified studies were assessed by two independent reviewers (KLD and LOR) and evaluated for eligibility criteria. Studies that met the inclusion criteria were selected for full-text reading. Articles were compared between the two reviewers, and in cases of disagreement, the articles were discussed to obtain consensus.

The following search strategy was used: ((child [Mesh] OR infant [Mesh] OR mixed dentition [Mesh] OR preschool child [Mesh] OR deciduous tooth [Mesh] OR children [No Mesh] OR preschool [No Mesh] OR preschool children [No Mesh] deciduous teeth [No Mesh]) AND (bruxism [Mesh] OR sleep bruxism [Mesh] OR sleep hygiene [Mesh] OR parasomnias [Mesh] OR habits [Mesh] OR habit [No Mesh] OR grinding [No Mesh] OR teeth grinding [No Mesh] OR clenching [No Mesh] OR teeth clenching [No Mesh] OR tooth grinding [No Mesh] OR tooth clenching [No Mesh] OR parafunctional habits [No Mesh] OR parafunctional habit [No Mesh] OR oral habits [No Mesh] OR oral habit [No Mesh] OR parafunctional oral [No Mesh] OR habits [No Mesh] OR parafunctional oral habit [No Mesh]) AND (facial pain [Mesh] OR temporomandibular joint disorders [Mesh] OR temporomandibular joint dysfunction syndrome [Mesh] OR myofascial pain [Mesh] OR syndromes [Mesh] OR myalgia [Mesh] OR osteoarthritis [Mesh] OR arthralgia [Mesh] OR orofacial pain [No Mesh] OR TMD [No Mesh] OR temporomandibular disorder [No Mesh] OR myofascial pain [No Mesh] OR disc displacement [No Mesh] OR disk displacement [No Mesh] OR osteoarthrosis [No Mesh])).

A total of 499 potentially relevant records were found: 247 references from Medline via PubMed, 3 references from Scopus, 131 references from Web of Science, 93 references from the Cochrane Library, 11 references from SciELO, 6

references from Lilacs, 5 references from Medline via BVS, 1 reference from BBO and 2 references from gray literature. After the duplicate references were removed, a total of 447 studies were selected based on titles/abstracts. Two reviewers were calibrated on the application of the inclusion and exclusion criteria. As a calibration exercise, the reviewers thoroughly discussed the criteria and applied them to a sample of 10% of the retrieved studies to determine inter-examiner agreement. After adequate agreement was achieved (kappa 0.85), all the studies were independently read by the reviewers (KLD and LOR). A total of 335 studies were excluded after selection based on titles/abstracts, and 112 studies were selected for the full text analysis. Among the 112 studies, 10 were selected, and the rest were excluded. Figure 1 describes the search process.



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Fig. 1. PRISMA flowchart summarising the systematic review process in identification of the included studies.

### Data extraction

The following items were extracted: author names, year of publication, total sample size, sample sex, sample age, diagnosis of bruxism, classification of

bruxism according to the period that occurred and the pattern, diagnosis of TMD, statistical treatment used to relate bruxism to TMD and results found by the authors.

### *Quality assessment*

An adapted version of the Newcastle-Ottawa scale for cross-sectional studies was used<sup>15</sup>. Studies' quality was rated on a scale from 0 (high risk of bias) to 10 (low risk of bias).

The following criteria were used: sample representativity, sample size, non-respondent rate, exposure determination, control of exposure confounding factors, outcome assessment and statistical test used. Each item could mark up to one point, except for the determination of the exposure (mark two points if using a validated tool, which was considered when there was a distinction between sleep or waking bruxism and validated protocols were used for the diagnosis of bruxism) and the evaluation of the outcome (would mark two points, if it was an independent blind evaluation).

Disagreements between the reviewers in relation to quality assessment were resolved by consensus.

### *Statistical methods and data synthesis*

The STATA Statistical Software (version 15, College Station, TX: Stata Press) program was used to perform meta-analysis. Data were abstracted using absolute numbers related to the number of individuals with and without bruxism and the number of individual with TMD and without TMD. Data were abstracted according to what was reported in papers, and only those papers in which data could be extracted were included in meta-analysis.

Statistical heterogeneity was calculated by  $I^2$  statistics<sup>16</sup>. The fixed effect model from the Mantel-Haenszel was used when statistical heterogeneity was non-significant ( $p > 0.05$ )<sup>16</sup>. The effect estimated the occurrence of TMD in individuals with exposure (bruxism) versus individuals without exposure (absence of bruxism) (OR). Comparison data were available in only three studies<sup>22</sup>.

## **Results**

### *Search and selection results*

Ten studies were included in the present systematic review, all cross-sectionals.

### *General studies characteristics*

Detailed information regarding population characteristics, age, sex, diagnosis of bruxism and diagnosis of TMD is summarized in the data extraction table (Table 1).

The studies enrolled populations from age groups between 3 and 12 years old and samples of 52 - 600 individuals.

### *Bruxism diagnosis*

Several diagnostic criteria were used (data extraction table). The diagnosis of bruxism was made by parents or guardians in 70% of the studies<sup>18-24</sup>, and in the others, it was made by the children themselves<sup>25-27</sup>. Despite the wide variety of diagnostic forms for bruxism, 30% used the American Academy of Sleep Medicine criteria<sup>19, 21, 22</sup>, and the other questionnaires were prepared by the authors themselves<sup>18, 20, 23-27</sup>.



### *TMD diagnosis*

The method for diagnosis of TMD was also quite varied: 20% of the articles used the Research Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders (RDC/TMD) with different approaches<sup>19, 22</sup>, 20%<sup>18, 20</sup> used clinical examination of signs and symptoms based at Bonjardim *et al.*<sup>28</sup>, and the others used questionnaires and/or examinations prepared by the authors<sup>21, 23-27</sup>.

### *Quality assessment*

Most of the studies had a high risk of bias: seven out of ten included articles presented a high risk of bias<sup>18, 20, 23-27</sup> (Table 2).

Only the study sample by Restrepo *et al.*<sup>22</sup> was particularly representative and justified in the article. In addition, it was the only study that controlled the confounding factors of bruxism (three or more parafunctional habits).

### *Data synthesis*

Eight of the selected studies had a positive and statistically significant association between bruxism in children and TMD, according to the variables they analyzed ( $p < 0.05$ )<sup>18, 19, 22-27</sup>.

Table 1. Data extraction

Author and year	Sample size	Sex	Age (years)	Bruxism diagnosis	Bruxism classification	TMD diagnosis	Statistical treatment of bruxism and TMD	Results of the association between bruxism and TMD
Alencar <i>et al.</i> (2016) <sup>19</sup>	66	It does not determine.	3 – 7	Parents reported the occurrence of audible bruxism at night (according to criteria of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine).	Sleep bruxism Grinding	Parents/caregivers were interviewed with RDC/TMD axis II modified: issues concerning child applicable pain.	Multiple logistic regression	Children with bruxism have more headaches and orofacial pain (p<0,05).
Castelo <i>et al.</i> (2005) <sup>20</sup>	99	58 boys and 41 girls	3 – 5	Parents/guardians were interviewed to determine the presence and frequency of bruxism. Clinical examination to confirm the facets of wear.	It does not determine. It does not determine.	Clinical examination to assess TMD signs (Bonjardim <i>et al.</i> <sup>32</sup> ) Parents/guardians were interviewed about TMD symptoms.	Fisher test	There was no significant relationship between bruxism and TMD (p>0,05).
Emodi-Perlman <i>et al.</i> (2012) <sup>21</sup>	244	61 boys and 183 girls	5 -12	Parents reported the occurrence of audible bruxism at night (according to criteria of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine). Clinical examination to confirm wear facets (Johansson <i>et al.</i> <sup>33</sup> ).	Sleep bruxism Grinding and clenching	Questionnaire adapted from an existing one for adolescents, completed by parents in collaboration with children and clinical examination, assessing signs and symptoms.	Fisher exact test and t test for independent samples	Sleep bruxism was not associated with any anamnestic symptom or clinical findings of TMD (p>0,05).

Author	Sample size	Sex	Age (years)	Bruxism diagnosis	Bruxism classification	TMD diagnosis	Statistical treatment of bruxism and TMD	Results of the association between bruxism and TMD
Pereira <i>et al.</i> (2009) <sup>18</sup>	106	It does not determine.	4 - 12	Questionnaire answered by parents.	It does not determine. Grinding and clenching	Questionnaire answered by parents and clinical examination with presence of at least one sign or symptom (Bonjardim <i>et al.</i> <sup>32</sup> ).	Logistic regression and Odds Ratio.	Bruxism was considered an indicator of risk for the presence of TMD signs and symptoms (p<0,05).
Restrepo <i>et al.</i> (2008) <sup>22</sup>	52	It does not determine.	8 – 11	Parents reported the occurrence of bruxism (according to criteria of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine). Clinical examination of facets of dental wear.	Sleep bruxism Grinding and clenching	Axis I RDC/TMD adapted.	Multivariate logistic regression and Odds Ratio	The bruxist child has more signs and symptoms of TMD (p <0.05). A strong correlation between bruxism and TMD was found.
Seraj, <i>et al.</i> (2010) <sup>23</sup>	600	314 boys and 286 girls	4 - 12	Questionnaire completed by parents.	Sleep and awake bruxism It does not determine.	Questionnaire completed by parents.	Fisher's Test, t-Test, Chi-Square Test, Mann-Whitney	Children with bruxism have a significant correlation with TMD (p<0,05).
Vanderas (1995) <sup>24</sup>	386	It does not determine.	6 – 10	Parents responded to an interview.	It does not determine. Grinding and clenching	Parents answered a TMD symptom interview and clinical signs examination.	Chi-Square Test	TMD symptoms showed significant correlations between clenching (p=0,015) and grinding (p=0,0007).

Author	Sample size	Sex	Age (years)	Bruxism diagnosis	Bruxism classification	TMD diagnosis	Statistical treatment of bruxism and TMD	Results of the association between bruxism and TMD
Vanderas e Papagiannoulis (2002) <sup>25</sup>	314	161 boys and 153 girls	6 – 8	The children were interviewed and clinical facet evaluation was performed.	It does not determine. Grinding and clenching	Clinical signs and TMD symptoms interview. One or more signs/symptoms: the child has TMD.	Multivariate logistic regression	Clenching bruxism has a significant correlation with muscle sensitivity (p<0,05).
Wildmalm, Christiansen, Gunn (1995) <sup>26</sup>	525	282 boys and 243 girls	4 – 6	The children were interviewed.	It does not determine. It does not determine.	Children were interviewed and clinical examination was done for signs and symptoms.	Chi-square of Pearson and Cramer. Logistic regression.	Bruxism was significantly associated with most (8 of 10) of the pain variables. (p<0,05).
Widmalm <i>et al.</i> (1995) <sup>27</sup>	203	113 boys and 90 girls	4 – 6	The children were interviewed.	It does not determine. It does not determine.	The children were interviewed and clinical examination of the signs and symptoms.	Chi-square of Pearson and Cramer.	Bruxism was significantly associated with most TMD variables (11 de 15) (p<0,05).



described.* c) No description of the measurement tool.											
Comparability 1) The subjects in different outcome groups are comparable, based on the study design or analysis. Confounding factors are controlled. a) The study controls for the most important factor (select one). * b) The study control for any additional factor. *	-	-	-	-	a*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outcome 1) Assessment of the outcome: a) Independent blind assessment. ** b) Record linkage. ** c) Self report. * d) No description.	b**	c*	c*	c*	b**	c*	c*	c*	c*	c*	c*
2) Statistical test: a) The statistical test used to analyze the data is clearly described and appropriate, and the measurement of the association is presented, including confidence intervals and the probability level (p value). * b) The statistical test is not appropriate, not described or incomplete.	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*	a*
	6/10	3/10	5/10	3/10	9/10	2/10	2/10	3/10	3/10	3/10	3/10

\* awarded 1 point.

## Meta-analysis

Figure 2 shows the OR of TMD for individuals with bruxism compared to individuals without bruxism in the three studies included<sup>18, 20, 23</sup>. The overall estimate showed that individuals with bruxism had an OR of 2.97 (1.72-5.15;  $I^2$ : 54.8%,  $p=0.109$ ) for the probability of having TMD.

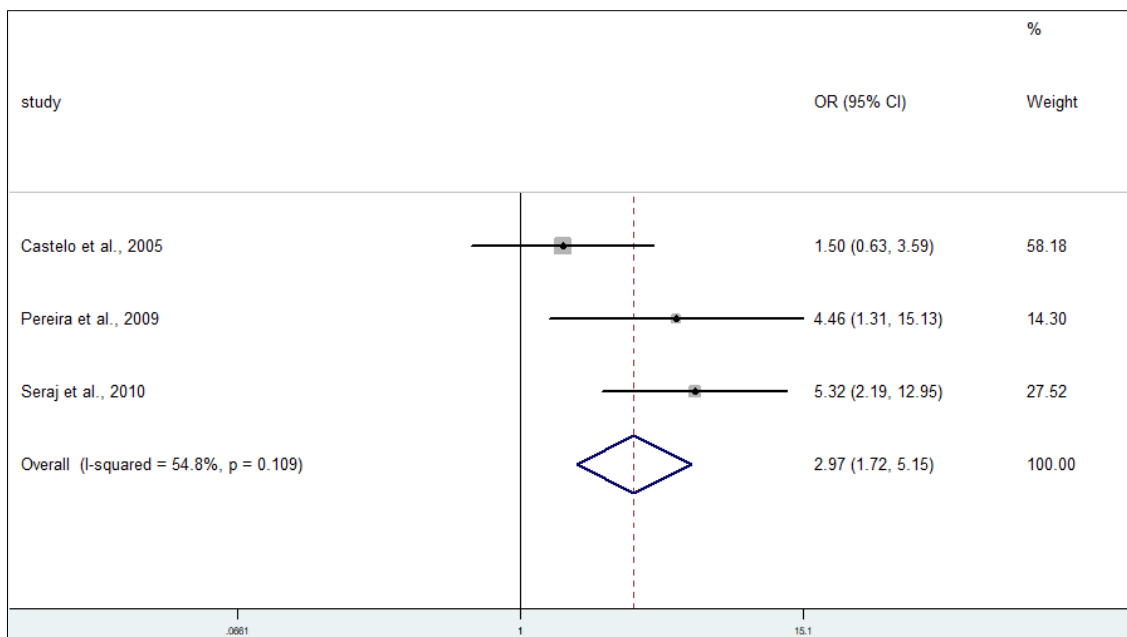


Figure 2. Meta-analysis of 3 cross-sectional studies for occurrence of DTM in individuals with bruxism compared to individuals without bruxism. OR is related to the outcome (DTM).  $OR > 1$  means increased chance of occurrence of DMT in individuals with bruxism. Fixed effect model used.

## GRADE

The certainty of evidence was evaluated by GRADE (Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation) through GRADEpro platform<sup>29</sup>. The certainty of evidence of the association between bruxism and DMT was very low (Table 3).

Table 3. GRADE table.

No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Certainty assessment				Other considerations	No of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
			Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision			Children with bruxism	children without bruxism	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
3	observational studies	very serious <sup>a</sup>	serious <sup>b</sup>	serious <sup>c</sup>	serious <sup>d</sup>	strong association	33/805 (4.1%)	36/805 (4.5%)	<b>OR 2.97</b> (1.72 to 5.15)	<b>77 more per 1.000</b> (from 30 more to 150 more)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL	

CI: Confidence interval; OR: Odds ratio.

*Explanations:*

- a. The risk of bias was based on the score of the Newcastle Ottawa quality scale.*
- b. The inconsistency was defined by the value of I<sup>2</sup>.*
- c. The evaluation of indirectness was based on the PICO question.*
- d. The imprecision assessment was based on the confidence interval.*



## Discussion

Considering the need for research based on scientific evidence, a systematic review about bruxism and infant TMD becomes quite important to clarify concepts and demystify clinical approaches.

Bruxism has two distinct circadian manifestations: it can occur during sleep (indicated as sleep bruxism) or during wakefulness (indicated as awake bruxism)<sup>1</sup>. Only four articles included in this systematic review discern sleep bruxism from awake bruxism<sup>19, 21-23</sup>; only one approaches both classifications<sup>23</sup>, while the other three reported about sleep bruxism only<sup>19, 21, 22</sup>. The others (six articles) do not distinguish between the two manifestations<sup>18, 20, 24-27</sup>. Lavigne, Rompre and Montplaisir<sup>30</sup> argue that scientific knowledge about the characteristics and effects of bruxism is mainly based on the study findings on sleep bruxism. Sleep bruxism can be part of a sleep disorder, and it is more influenced by behavioral factors, such as the use of caffeine<sup>31, 32</sup>, while awake bruxism is more likely to be associated with psychosocial factors, such as stress<sup>33</sup>. Both are mediated by the central nervous system, but they have different etiologies, clinical consequences, and therapeutic approaches, and therefore, their distinction is essential.

According Lobbizzo *et al.*<sup>2</sup> sleep and awake bruxism are considered as different behaviours and must have two different definitions: "Sleep bruxism is a masticatory muscle activity during sleep that is characterised as rhythmic (phasic) or non-rhythmic (tonic) and is not a movement disorder or a sleep disorder in otherwise healthy individuals". "Awake bruxism is a masticatory muscle activity during wakefulness that is characterised by repetitive or sustained tooth contact and/or by bracing or thrusting of the mandible and is not a movement disorder in otherwise healthy individuals".

The bruxism diagnosis is complex and should be performed with validated tools. In this study the measurement tool was considered validated when there was a distinction between sleep and waking bruxism and used for the diagnosis of bruxism guidelines from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM)<sup>34</sup>. Only three studies followed these requirements<sup>19, 21, 22</sup>.

In regard to sleep/awake bruxism, Lobbezoo *et al.*<sup>2</sup> proposed the following diagnostic grading: "possible", when is based only in a positive self-report; "probable", when is based on a positive clinical inspection (findings in physical examination that justify the habit), with or without a positive self-report; or "definite", is based on a positive instrumental assessment (electromyography for awake bruxism and polysomnography for sleep bruxism), with or without a positive self-report and/or a positive clinical inspection. However, Restrepo, Gomez and Manrique<sup>35</sup> reported that polysomnography is not a representative exam in children, and it is costly and time-consuming.

In 1990, Marbach *et al.*<sup>36</sup> had already suggested that basing the diagnosis of bruxism on patient self-report is potentially tendentious, depending on what the dentist may have asked the patient. Regarding children, the report from parents or guardians can also limit the diagnosis. The study by Accinelli *et al.*<sup>37</sup> reported alterations on sleeping in 77 children aged 9 - 15 years old, in which 48.1% had nocturnal awakenings; 46.8%, repetitive limb movements; 46.8%, non-repairing sleep; and 33.8%, snoring. Only 10.4% of the parents had noticed sleep disorders in their children. Moreover, Cheifetz *et al.* (2005)<sup>38</sup> stated that keeping the room doors open increased the parents' reporting of bruxism by 1.7 times.

With respect to dental wear being used as a clinical finding to justify the diagnosis, Tantbirojn *et al.*<sup>39</sup> and El Aidi *et al.*<sup>40</sup> signaled that other causes may be

present, such as a diet rich in citrus foods; endogenous factors, such as gastroesophageal reflux; and physiological wear itself. In addition, El Aidi *et al.*<sup>40</sup> reported that soft drinks and teeth grinding are positively associated with wear on molar and incisors teeth, and wear must be analyzed with caution. According to Kiliaridis and Carlsson<sup>41</sup>, this finding in children by itself may indicate an abandoned parafunctional habit, but according to Huynh, Desplats and Bellerive<sup>42</sup>, it should not be neglected, requiring attention from their parents.

Some factors may predispose the development of TMD, the most relevant being trauma, direct or macrotrauma, indirect or microtrauma; psychosocial factors, such as anxiety and depression; and pathophysiological factors, such as systemic (degenerative, neurological and rheumatological diseases, for example) and local. Both sleep and awake bruxism are masticatory muscular activities<sup>2</sup>. The muscle overloading due to tooth clenching could be associated with local blood flow and microcirculation disorders, and pain derived from an ischemia<sup>5</sup>, the latter related to substances that sensitize muscles nociceptors<sup>43</sup>.

Raphael *et al.*<sup>6</sup> pointed out that if higher levels of masticatory muscle activity increase the risk of negative oral health consequences (e.g., severe masticatory muscle pain or temporomandibular joint pain), bruxism should be considered a risk factor rather than a disorder in otherwise healthy individuals. A risk factor increases the chance of developing the disease but it is not certain that it will happen. Even though it is known that bruxism can be a motor behavior of multifactorial etiology in cases of healthy individuals, or even a protective factor when associated with positive outcomes for other diseases<sup>44</sup>. According to Lobbezoo *et al.*<sup>2</sup> in terms of clinical consequences, bruxism may thus be classified as any of the following: not a risk or protective factor: bruxism is a harmless behavior; a risk factor:

bruxism is associated with one or more negative health outcomes; a protective factor: bruxism is associated with one or more positive health outcomes.

In this way, bruxism should be carefully evaluated, so the other factors, also called confounding factors, could determine the same outcome of exposure and therefore prevent correct association with the outcome of developing TMD. Nine of the evaluated articles did not control any confounding factor<sup>18-21, 23-27</sup>, and only one limited three or more habits different from bruxism<sup>22</sup>. None of the articles controlled all the factors.

Regarding the diagnosis of TMD in children, the study by Wahlund, List and Dworkin<sup>45</sup> applied the RDC/TMD (Research Diagnostic Criteria for TMD) to children and adolescents from 12 - 18 years old, suppressing several axes II issues that were difficult to understand or inappropriate for children. Moyaho-Bernal *et al.*<sup>46</sup> used the same adapted RDC/TMD but in children aged 8 to 12 years without evaluating the emotional aspect, which is inappropriate for children under 12 years old. Other studies, such as Al-Khotani *et al.*<sup>47</sup>, Paulsson *et al.*<sup>48</sup> and Pizolato, Fernandes and Gavião<sup>49</sup>, also used the RDC/TMD in diagnoses for children at ages 10 - 18, 8 - 10 and 8 - 12 years, respectively. However, most studies in children are not based on the diagnosis of TMD but rather on the presence of signs and symptoms of dysfunction<sup>9, 50</sup>. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry<sup>51</sup> recommends that a diagnosis be based on a combination of historical, clinical examination and/or craniocervical and TMJ images and that the findings be classified as symptoms and signs. As there are several signs and symptoms that can be analyzed, the diagnostic evaluation of this form for research becomes conflicting. In addition, it is known that the use of diagnostic images of TMD in children should be indicated in specific situations.

Thereby, Casanova-Rosado *et al.*<sup>52</sup>, Manfredini *et al.*<sup>53</sup>, and Wieckiewicz *et al.*<sup>54</sup> recommend the use of validated tools such as the RDC/TMD in order to increase the level of reliability among studies in children and adolescents. This tool has been used as a method of diagnosis for both children and adults. However, one of its limitations is the lack of children's cognition, especially for the youngest children, to answer the questionnaire and receive the physical examination, which may compromise the veracity of the results. Nevertheless, this is the only existing validated diagnostic method. The DC/TMD (Diagnostic Criteria for TMD) recently published an RDC/TMD adaptation, but it has not been validated for children yet. Eight of the articles included in this systematic review use the self-report of children, reports from the parents or the presence of TMD signs and symptoms for the diagnosis of TMD<sup>18, 20, 21, 23-27</sup>, while the other two adapted the RDC/TMD with their own alterations<sup>19, 22</sup>.

Regarding the methodological criteria, the studies should use them in a way that qualifies the evidence, including randomization and calculation of sample size, calibration, blindness and control of the involved factors. Moreover, with respect to the diagnosis, using standardized and validated criteria is necessary<sup>55</sup>. In this systematic review, seven of the ten articles included presented high risk of bias, regarding methodological criteria<sup>18, 20, 23-27</sup>. In addition, nine articles were based on non-representative samples, recruiting populations of individuals in their places of study or in centers for dental care, or still did not present a description of the sampling strategy or even a sample calculation<sup>18-21, 23-27</sup>. Eight papers do not determine the response rate or characteristics of respondents and non-respondents<sup>18-20, 23-27</sup>. Such failures affect the validity and consistency of the findings.

Regarding the association of bruxism in children and TMD, eight articles presented positive results related to what each one proposed to evaluate<sup>18, 19, 22-27</sup>. However, only three articles allowed the extraction of data to be included in the meta-analysis<sup>18, 19, 23</sup>. In this study, it was possible to conclude that children with bruxism have a 2.97 times greater chance of developing TMD. Nevertheless, the included articles had some of the lowest scores in the quality evaluation.

Some investigations, not limited to children, based on self-report or clinical bruxism diagnosis showed a positive association with TMD pain, but they are characterized by some potential bias and confounders at the diagnostic level. Studies based on more quantitative and specific methods to diagnose bruxism showed much lower association with TMD symptoms<sup>56, 57</sup>.

In this study, the GRADE evaluation showed the very low level certainty of the overall evidence. Therefore, these results should be interpreted with caution. The majority of the included studies have presented a high risk of bias since the subjectivity of the diagnostic criteria and methodological limitations of the clinical studies contribute to its heterogeneity. Studies with higher quality, in which the samples are representative, with standardized diagnostic methods for the two conditions and in which the confounding factors are controlled, are necessary.

### **Bullet Points**

- This review offers paediatric dentists further clarification on the parafunctional bruxism habit and its relationship to TMD.
- Although the studies showed high risk of bias, the meta-analysis showed that children with bruxism have greater chance of developing TMD.

- Future studies with better methodological criteria and validated diagnostic tools are needed.

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## **5 CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS**

Embora a maioria dos estudos incluídos na revisão sistemática possua associação positiva entre bruxismo e DTM em crianças, a avaliação da qualidade revelou o alto risco de viés dos estudos. Da mesma forma, ainda que a meta-análise dos artigos incluídos tenha apontado que crianças com bruxismo possuem maior chance de desenvolver DTM, o GRADE mostrou o quanto esses estudos possuem muito baixa certeza de evidência. Assim, percebe-se a necessidade de estudos com maior controle metodológico, tanto no que diz respeito ao diagnóstico das duas condições, como na condução do trabalho.



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## APÊNDICE A – REGISTRO NA PROSPERO

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### Review question

Is there an association between bruxism and temporomandibular disorders in children?

### Searches

A detailed search was conducted in the following databases: MEDLINE via PubMed, Cochrane Library, Scopus, Web of Science. Additional literature was included in Google Scholar. There was no restriction on language or date of publication.

### Types of study to be included

Observational studies: case-control, cohorts, cross-sectional. Neither review studies nor case reports were included.

### Condition or domain being studied

Bruxism is characterized by grinding and/or clenching of the teeth. Temporomandibular disorders includes a range of conditions associated with pain and dysfunction of the head and neck region.

### Participants/population

Children.

### Intervention(s), exposure(s)

Bruxism.

### Comparator(s)/control

Children without bruxism.

### Context

### Primary outcome(s)

Temporomandibular disorders.

### Secondary outcome(s)

None.

### Data extraction (selection and coding)

### Risk of bias (quality) assessment

Two review authors will independently assess the risk of bias in included studies by Newcastle-Ottawa scale.

### Strategy for data synthesis

The data synthesis will be mainly quantitative.

### Analysis of subgroups or subsets

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None planned.

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 Paineiras  
 ZIP CODE:36016-011  
 City: Juiz de Fora - Minas Gerais - Brazil

**9. Named contact phone number.**

Give the telephone number for the named contact, including international dialling code.  
 55 32 32119627

**10. \* Organisational affiliation of the review.**

Full title of the organisational affiliations for this review and website address if available. This field may be completed as 'None' if the review is not affiliated to any organisation.  
 Federal University of Juiz de Fora

Organisation web address:  
 www.ufff.br

**11. Review team members and their organisational affiliations.**

Give the title, first name, last name and the organisational affiliations of each member of the review team. Affiliation refers to groups or organisations to which review team members belong.  
 Miss Larissa Reis. UFJF  
 Professor Carolina Martins. UFMG  
 Professor Karina Devito. UFJF

**12. \* Funding sources/sponsors.**

Give details of the individuals, organizations, groups or other legal entities who take responsibility for initiating, managing, sponsoring and/or financing the review. Include any unique identification numbers assigned to the review by the individuals or bodies listed.  
 This study has no funding sources

**13. \* Conflicts of interest.**

List any conditions that could lead to actual or perceived undue influence on judgements concerning the main topic investigated in the review.  
 None

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**14. Collaborators.**

Give the name and affiliation of any individuals or organisations who are working on the review but who are not listed as review team members.

**15. \* Review question.**

State the question(s) to be addressed by the review, clearly and precisely. Review questions may be specific or broad. It may be appropriate to break very broad questions down into a series of related more specific questions. Questions may be framed or refined using P(IE)COS where relevant.

**Is there an association between bruxism and temporomandibular disorders in children?**

**16. \* Searches.**

Give details of the sources to be searched, search dates (from and to), and any restrictions (e.g. language or publication period). The full search strategy is not required, but may be supplied as a link or attachment.

**A detailed search was conducted in the following databases: MEDLINE via PubMed, Cochrane Library, Scopus, Web of Science. Additional literature was included in Google Scholar.**

**There was no restriction on language or date of publication.**

**17. URL to search strategy.**

Give a link to the search strategy or an example of a search strategy for a specific database if available (including the keywords that will be used in the search strategies).

Alternatively, upload your search strategy to CRD in pdf format. Please note that by doing so you are consenting to the file being made publicly accessible.

**Yes I give permission for this file to be made publicly available**

**18. \* Condition or domain being studied.**

Give a short description of the disease, condition or healthcare domain being studied. This could include health and wellbeing outcomes.

**Bruxism is characterized by grinding and/or clenching of the teeth. Temporomandibular disorders includes a range of conditions associated with pain and dysfunction of the head and neck region.**

**19. \* Participants/population.**

Give summary criteria for the participants or populations being studied by the review. The preferred format includes details of both inclusion and exclusion criteria.

**Children.**

**20. \* Intervention(s), exposure(s).**

Give full and clear descriptions or definitions of the nature of the interventions or the exposures to be reviewed.

**Bruxism.**

**21. \* Comparator(s)/control.**

Where relevant, give details of the alternatives against which the main subject/topic of the review will be compared (e.g. another intervention or a non-exposed control group). The preferred format includes details of both inclusion and exclusion criteria.

**Children without bruxism.**

**22. \* Types of study to be included.**

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Give details of the types of study (study designs) eligible for inclusion in the review. If there are no restrictions on the types of study design eligible for inclusion, or certain study types are excluded, this should be stated. The preferred format includes details of both inclusion and exclusion criteria.

**Observational studies: case-control, cohorts, cross-sectional. Neither review studies nor case reports were included.**

**23. Context.**

Give summary details of the setting and other relevant characteristics which help define the inclusion or exclusion criteria.

**24. \* Primary outcome(s).**

Give the pre-specified primary (most important) outcomes of the review, including details of how the outcome is defined and measured and when these measurement are made, if these are part of the review inclusion criteria.

**Temporomandibular disorders.**

**Timing and effect measures**

**25. \* Secondary outcome(s).**

List the pre-specified secondary (additional) outcomes of the review, with a similar level of detail to that required for primary outcomes. Where there are no secondary outcomes please state 'None' or 'Not applicable' as appropriate to the review

**None.**

**Timing and effect measures**

**26. Data extraction (selection and coding).**

Give the procedure for selecting studies for the review and extracting data, including the number of researchers involved and how discrepancies will be resolved. List the data to be extracted.

**27. \* Risk of bias (quality) assessment.**

State whether and how risk of bias will be assessed (including the number of researchers involved and how discrepancies will be resolved), how the quality of individual studies will be assessed, and whether and how this will influence the planned synthesis.

**Two review authors independently assessed the risk of bias in included studies by Newcastle-Ottawa scale.**

**28. \* Strategy for data synthesis.**

Give the planned general approach to synthesis, e.g. whether aggregate or individual participant data will be used and whether a quantitative or narrative (descriptive) synthesis is planned. It is acceptable to state that a quantitative synthesis will be used if the included studies are sufficiently homogenous.

**The data synthesis were mainly quantitative.**

**29. \* Analysis of subgroups or subsets.**

Give details of any plans for the separate presentation, exploration or analysis of different types of participants (e.g. by age, disease status, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, presence or absence or co-morbidities); different types of intervention (e.g. drug dose, presence or absence of particular components of intervention); different settings (e.g. country, acute or primary care sector, professional or family care); or different types of study (e.g. randomised or non-randomised).

**None planned.**

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**30. \* Type and method of review.**

Select the type of review and the review method from the lists below. Select the health area(s) of interest for your review.

**Type of review**

Cost effectiveness  
 No

Diagnostic  
 No

Epidemiologic  
 No

Individual patient data (IPD) meta-analysis  
 No

Intervention  
 No

Meta-analysis  
 No

Methodology  
 No

Network meta-analysis  
 No

Pre-clinical  
 No

Prevention  
 No

Prognostic  
 No

Prospective meta-analysis (PMA)  
 No

Qualitative synthesis  
 No

Review of reviews  
 No

Service delivery  
 No

Systematic review  
 Yes

Other  
 No

**Health area of the review**

Alcohol/substance misuse/abuse  
 No

Blood and immune system  
 No

Cancer  
 No

Cardiovascular  
 No

Care of the elderly

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No  
Child health  
No  
Complementary therapies  
No  
Crime and justice  
No  
Dental  
No  
Digestive system  
No  
Ear, nose and throat  
No  
Education  
No  
Endocrine and metabolic disorders  
No  
Eye disorders  
No  
General interest  
No  
Genetics  
No  
Health inequalities/health equity  
No  
Infections and infestations  
No  
International development  
No  
Mental health and behavioural conditions  
No  
Musculoskeletal  
No  
Neurological  
No  
Nursing  
No  
Obstetrics and gynaecology  
No  
Oral health  
No  
Palliative care  
No  
Perioperative care  
No  
Physiotherapy  
No  
Pregnancy and childbirth  
No  
Public health (including social determinants of health)  
No

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Rehabilitation  
 No

Respiratory disorders  
 No

Service delivery  
 No

Skin disorders  
 No

Social care  
 No

Surgery  
 No

Tropical Medicine  
 No

Urological  
 No

Wounds, injuries and accidents  
 No

Violence and abuse  
 No

### 31. Language.

Select each language individually to add it to the list below, use the bin icon to remove any added in error.

English

There is an English language summary.

### 32. Country.

Select the country in which the review is being carried out from the drop down list. For multi-national collaborations select all the countries involved.

Brazil

### 33. Other registration details.

Give the name of any organisation where the systematic review title or protocol is registered (such as with The Campbell Collaboration, or The Joanna Briggs Institute) together with any unique identification number assigned. (N.B. Registration details for Cochrane protocols will be automatically entered). If extracted data will be stored and made available through a repository such as the Systematic Review Data Repository (SRDR), details and a link should be included here. If none, leave blank.

### 34. Reference and/or URL for published protocol.

Give the citation and link for the published protocol, if there is one

Give the link to the published protocol.

Alternatively, upload your published protocol to CRD in pdf format. Please note that by doing so you are consenting to the file being made publicly accessible.

#### Yes I give permission for this file to be made publicly available

Please note that the information required in the PROSPERO registration form must be completed in full even if access to a protocol is given.

### 35. Dissemination plans.



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Give brief details of plans for communicating essential messages from the review to the appropriate audiences.

**Do you intend to publish the review on completion?**

**Yes**

**36. Keywords.**

Give words or phrases that best describe the review. Separate keywords with a semicolon or new line. Keywords will help users find the review in the Register (the words do not appear in the public record but are included in searches). Be as specific and precise as possible. Avoid acronyms and abbreviations unless these are in wide use.

**37. Details of any existing review of the same topic by the same authors.**

Give details of earlier versions of the systematic review if an update of an existing review is being registered, including full bibliographic reference if possible.

**38. \* Current review status.**

Review status should be updated when the review is completed and when it is published.

Please provide anticipated publication date

**Review\_Completed\_not\_published**

**39. Any additional information.**

Provide any other information the review team feel is relevant to the registration of the review.

**40. Details of final report/publication(s).**

This field should be left empty until details of the completed review are available.

Give the link to the published review.

## ANEXO A – ESCALA DE QUALIDADE NEWCASTLE-OTTAWA ADAPTADA PARA ESTUDOS TRANSVERSAIS

### Newcastle-Ottawa Scale adapted for cross-sectional studies

#### Selection: (Maximum 5 stars)

- 1) Representativeness of the sample:
  - a) Truly representative of the average in the target population. \* (all subjects or random sampling)
  - b) Somewhat representative of the average in the target population. \* (non-random sampling)
  - c) Selected group of users.
  - d) No description of the sampling strategy.
- 2) Sample size:
  - a) Justified and satisfactory. \*
  - b) Not justified.
- 3) Non-respondents:
  - a) Comparability between respondents and non-respondents characteristics is established, and the response rate is satisfactory. \*
  - b) The response rate is unsatisfactory, or the comparability between respondents and non-respondents is unsatisfactory.
  - c) No description of the response rate or the characteristics of the responders and the non-responders.
- 4) Ascertainment of the exposure (risk factor):
  - a) Validated measurement tool. \*\*
  - b) Non-validated measurement tool, but the tool is available or described.\*
  - c) No description of the measurement tool.

#### Comparability: (Maximum 2 stars)

- 1) The subjects in different outcome groups are comparable, based on the study design or analysis. Confounding factors are controlled.
  - a) The study controls for the most important factor (select one). \*
  - b) The study control for any additional factor. \*

#### Outcome: (Maximum 3 stars)

- 1) Assessment of the outcome:
  - a) Independent blind assessment. \*\*
  - b) Record linkage. \*\*
  - c) Self report. \*
  - d) No description.
- 2) Statistical test:
  - a) The statistical test used to analyze the data is clearly described and appropriate, and the measurement of the association is presented, including confidence intervals and the probability level (p value). \*
  - b) The statistical test is not appropriate, not described or incomplete.

This scale has been adapted from the Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale for cohort studies to perform a quality assessment of cross-sectional studies for the systematic review, "Are Healthcare Workers' Intentions to Vaccinate Related to their Knowledge, Beliefs and Attitudes? A Systematic Review".

We have not selected one factor that is the most important for comparability, because the variables are not the same in each study. Thus, the principal factor should be identified for each study.

In our scale, we have specifically assigned one star for self-reported outcomes, because our study measures the intention to vaccinate. Two stars are given to the studies that assess the outcome with independent blind observers or with vaccination records, because these methods measure the practice of vaccination, which is the result of true intention.

## ANEXO B - NORMAS PARA PUBLICAÇÃO DA REVISTA “INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY”

### The International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry

#### *Author Guidelines*

**Content of Author Guidelines:** 1. General, 2. Ethical Guidelines, 3. Manuscript Submission Procedure, 4. Manuscript Types Accepted, 5. Manuscript Format and Structure, 6. After Acceptance.

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In June 2007, the Editors gave a presentation on [How to write a successful paper](#) for the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry*.

#### **2. ETHICAL GUIDELINES**

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#### **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND SOURCE FUNDING**

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\*If you are registering as a new user.

- After clicking on 'Create Account', enter your name and e-mail information and click 'Next'. Your e-mail information is very important.

- Enter your institution and address information as appropriate, and then click 'Next.'

- Enter a user ID and password of your choice (we recommend using your e-mail address as your user ID), and then select your area of expertise. Click 'Finish'.

\*If you are already registered, but have forgotten your log in details, enter your e-mail address under 'Password Help'. The system will send you an automatic user ID and a new temporary password.

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After you have logged into your 'Author Center', submit your manuscript by clicking on the submission link under 'Author Resources'.

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**Please note** that a separate *Title Page* must be submitted as part of the submission process as 'Title Page' and should contain the following:

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- Authors' names, professional and academic qualifications, positions and places of work. They must all have actively contributed to the overall design and execution of the study/paper and should be listed in order of importance of their contribution
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\*Click the 'Next' button on each screen to save your work and advance to the next screen.

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**Review Articles:** may be invited by the Editor.

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- the **Case report** itself (a brief description of the patient/s, presenting condition, any special investigations and outcomes);
- a **Discussion** which should highlight specific aspects of the case(s), explain/interpret the main findings and provide a scientific appraisal of any previously reported work in the field.
- Please provide up to 3 bullet points for your manuscript under the heading: 1. Why this clinical report is important to paediatric dentists. Bullet points should be added to the end of your manuscript, before the references.

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Please include a statement of author contributions, e.g. Author contributions: A.S. and K.J. conceived the ideas; K.J. and R.L.M. collected the data; R.L.M. and P.A.K. analysed the data; and A.S. and K.J. led the writing.

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Paulsson L, Bondemark L, Söderfeldt B. A systematic review of the consequences of premature birth on palatal morphology, dental occlusion, tooth-crown dimensions, and tooth maturity and eruption. *Angle Orthodontist* 2004; 74: 269-279.

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