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## Genetic, Epigenetic and Environmental Factors in Dental Development and Pathologies: Genes, Interactions and Dental Development

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Dear Colleagues,

The dentition, a key component of the stomatognathic complex, is the entry point of the digestive system. It is essential for mastication and aesthetics. Its development arises from interactions between genetic, epigenetic and environmental factors, which lead to an emerging phenotype with variations in the number, size, shape and mineralisation of teeth.

This research is being undertaken in many centres across the world and in many aspects of dental development. Dentition is an attractive, accessible and relevant paradigm for many biological disciplines. Therefore, current research is spread across many facets of the genetics of dental development, from identifying new mutations and their multiple effects, to chromosomal and hormonal factors and major environmental agents, all of which interact with the genes. In addition, the further modelling of these findings is important in advancing understanding.

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