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Gingival Depigmentation: Esthetic Enhancement Made Simple and Efficient

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Letter to the Editor

With great interest I read the article titled “Gingival Depigmentation: Esthetic Enhancement Made Simple and Efficient” by Vivek K. Adlakha, Nikhil Srivastava, Preetika Chandna, Jyotika Grover. The work done was commendable (1). The gingival pigmentation becomes esthetic problem when the pigmentation is not similar to the skin pigmentation and when the pigmentation is revealed when the patient smiles (2). Hence it is necessary to record the smile of the patient. Gingival depigmentation ideally is done after appropriate esthetic treatment is completed (2).

When the smile of the patient is recorded and if the patient has excessive gingival display it would warrant a gingivectomy before undergoing any other esthetic enhancement procedures (3). Electrocautery is one of the many procedures for gingival depigmentation. The disadvantage of the procedure includes burning, excessive tissue removal if copious irrigation is used (4). Recently used cryo surgery and lasers appear to be better choice for depigmentation (5).

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