

## Departments

### Letter to the Editor:

Dear editor,

A colleague of mine sent me a copy of the recent paper in your journal by da Silva et al.<sup>1</sup> In the introduction of the paper it was stated that "... during the day ultraviolet radiation makes teeth appear whiter and shinier.". In support of that statement my work was quoted.<sup>2</sup> I understand that presently there is a discussion in the literature on the influence of sunlight UV on tooth appearance. Therefore I wish to state explicitly that in my earlier work<sup>2</sup> neither a reference was made to sunlight, nor to tooth appearance and that therefore the quotation is wrong.

Sincerely yours,

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1. da Silva TM, de Oliveira HPM, Severino D, Balducci I, Huhtala MFRL, & Gonçalves SEP (2014) Direct spectrometry: a new alternative for measuring the fluorescence of composite resins and dental tissues *Operative Dentistry* **39**(4) 407-415.
2. Spitzer D, & ten Bosch JJ (1976) The total luminescence of bovine and human dental enamel *Calcified Tissue Research* **20** 201-208.

### Author Response:

Dear Editor,

Thank you for notifying and giving us the opportunity to clarify the situation.

After reading what was stated in the paper we wrote related to Dr. Bosch's work, we realized that he is right as to the reference made to sunlight and tooth appearance. The quotation does not belong to his work.

His quotation is related to the first affirmation of the fourth paragraph: "*Dental fluorescence intensity is attributed to the organic components that ...*" So the reference number of his paper should be "8" and applied to the end of this affirmation above.

We are truly sorry for this and would like to send our apologies to Dr. Bosch.

Best regards,

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