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Dear Sir

Re Patini R, Bonetti AA, Camodeca A, Staderini E, Gallenzi P. Haematemesis related to orthodontic treatment with Nance palatal arch: a case report. *Journal of Orthodontics* 2018; 45: 125 – 128; <https://doi.org/10.1080/14653125.2018.1445505>

I read with interest this case report by Patini and colleagues. I have also encountered several patients with inflammation and necrosis associated with a Nance acrylic button on a transpalatal arch. I have found that removal of the Nance button has been followed by reasonably rapid healing and resolution of the infection, without the need to prescribe systemic antibiotics. In these days of bacterial resistance to antibiotics, I believe that removal of the Nance and use of an anti-microbial mouthrinse is the most appropriate first course of action.

Yours sincerely

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