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**STUDY TO KNOW THE EARLY MANAGEMENT OF CLASS III  
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**Abstract:**

*Class III malocclusion presents a concave profile, dental mesococclusion, anterior crossbite and maxillary deficiency, skeletal imbalance, including mandibular excess or a combination. Instead of postponing treatment to older ages and treating the patient by camouflage or surgical procedures, the mild class III patients were chosen for early treatment with face mask, Frankel functional regulator, double-inverted block and mandibular inclined plane. The results were calm and encouraging.*

*Objective: The aim of the study was to treat mild early class III malocclusion cases and evaluate the results of treated cases.*

*Study Design: An analytical and observational Study.*

*Place and duration: In the Department of Orthodontics, Nishtar Hospital, Multan for one year duration from February 2018 to February 2019.*

*Method: A total of 55 cases, 38 males and 17 females were selected to treat class III occlusion problems. The age of the patients ranged from 6 to 9 years. Patients were treated with functional instruments, curved mandibular planes and face masks.*

*Results: The orthodontic treatment with orthopedic devices was mainly due to patient compliance, availability and cooperation, some patients could not complete the treatment. Therefore, we present the results of ten patients for each modality, which shows a significant improvement in tooth and skeletal problems.*

*Conclusion: When functional braces were provided, it was concluded that young children with mild Class III problems may have better opportunities for camouflage treatment at later ages and that the need for surgery can be eliminated.*

**Key words:** *Class III malocclusion, maxillary deficiency, mandibular excess, mandibular molar.*

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Class III malocclusion occurs as a concave profile and a prominent mandible, and it is determined that mandibular molars are placed too far in relation to the upper molars [1-3]. The meso-buccal summit of the maxillary first molar clogs the mandibular first molar with the distobuccal peak and the mandibular second molar with the mesiobuccal peak [4]. Maxillary incisors are mandible for mandibular cutter parts that appear as anterior crossbite. Skeletal imbalance consists of:

- Maxillary deficiency leading to antero-posterior, vertical and lateral directions, short facial height and narrow maxilla leading to a concave profile.

Mandibular redundancy, defined family and race tendencies are present in mandibular prognosis [5]. Class III malocclusion therapy requires appropriate treatment at specific times with mild to moderate III occlusion [6]. In class cases, it can solve the problem satisfactorily by early intervention with the use of flat sloping mandibular functional devices.

III. Class malocclusion therapy includes:

- With orthopedic strength
- The face mask applied to the mandible to stimulate the growth of the maxilla and to limit the growth of the rapidly growing mandible, the forces have effects on the growth zones.
- The chin cup is applied to the prognostic mandible to slow its rapid growth.
- Functional apparatus also works in the same way as the mandible container, which tends to rotate the chin down and back, this downward position of the mandible stimulates the bursting of the teeth and consequently increases the height of the face [7]. Functional orthopedic devices show a good response when establishing a normal relationship with the skeleton bases and ensuring a sufficient increase in face height [8]. The overall effect of the reverse gear was to produce a forward movement in the maxillary teeth with little or no real skeletal effect on the maxillary teeth. The reverse gear applies a reciprocal force to the down and back chin [9]. Repositioning the mandible in this direction is frequently observed and is mostly the main effect. 'Delaire and one of his colleagues in France, if the treatment began at an early age, forward positioning of maxilla with reverse headgear treatment is successful [10].

**MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

This analytical and observational Study was held in the Department of Orthodontics, Nishtar Hospital, Multan for one year duration from February 2018 to February 2019. Young patients with mild class III were selected for treatment and follow-up. The

selection criteria are as follows:

- Young children aged 6 to 9 years.
- Mild class III
- Short face height
- Normal or protruding lower incisors. Patients were treated with three different treatment modalities; FaceMask, inclined planes and functional tools. The mask was combined with a maxillary acrylic splint affixed to the maxillary tooth, the force was applied to the splint maxillary arch by fixing with the help of 5 x 16 heavy elastics for at least 20 hours per day. The duration of treatment was extended to 10 to 12 months plus an additional six months retention time with a bionator. Other patients with mild class III, maxillary or more normal, mild mandibular prognathism, anterior crossbite, and deep bite tendencies were selected for concave-profiled treatment. The plane was cemented into the lower front teeth. The devices were used for 3 to 4 weeks. Patients were selected with functional apparatus, FFR III and reverse twin block with mild grade III, retrognathic maxilla, prognostic mandible, deep bite, anterior crossbite, lower lip prominence and concave profile. Treatment was initiated with the labial pad FFR III device to stimulate maxillary growth The treatment was extended for 8 to 10 months, patients with good cooperation showed the results of cross bite transformation from edge to edge, and were also treated with inverted twin block for an additional 6-8 months. The clinical records before and after the treatments were evaluated for the profile, molar ratio and anterior crossbite. Also, the upper and lower teeth were evaluated for positions with their skeletal bases.

**RESULTS:**

Some of the 55 patients selected for treatment with different devices were unable to complete some of their treatments due to different reasons (residence transfer, lack of interest, lack of cooperation from patients and / or parents, etc.). 10 patients Modality is presented for each treatment. Patients who demonstrated their contribution to the class III malocclusion were selected for treatment with facemask. In these children <SNA values (77 ° -80 °) and prognostic mandible <SNB (80 ° 82 °), mandible incisions are straight or slightly inclined <IMPA (91 °) -94 °). The use of a face mask caused changes in the base and teeth of the skeleton. The effects of treatment on the maxilla are indicated by the forward movement of point A, resulting in <SNA increase ranging from (77.9 ° -80 °) to (80 ° -81 °); 2.1 °; The results show an improvement in maxillary growth. <The changes observed in SNB indicate the redirection of mandibular growth. <SNB (80 ° -81 °) to (79 ° -80 °), the average difference is 1.2 °, this

change is seen as the rotation of the mandible backwards. A 2 ° increase in <N-ML and a 3 ° increase in <NSL-ML confirm the downward rotation of the mandible as a result of treatment. In clinical

examination, patients showed a significant reduction in the clarity of mandible and incisors, concave profile in the flat profile, and a positive response between class III and class I obstruction (Table I).

**TABLE I: TREATMENT RESULTS WITH FACE MASK**

<b>Measurements</b>	<b>Pre treatment</b>	<b>Post treatment</b>
<b>SNA</b>	77.9	80.0
<b>SNB</b>	80.3	79.1
<b>ANB</b>	-1.3	0.33
<b>Y-AXIS</b>	67.7	68.6
<b>NL-ML</b>	32	32.3
<b>IMPA</b>	<b>92</b>	90.6
<b>UI-NL</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>112.3</b>

. A slight backward position of the mandible was also observed and confirmed by changes in <SNB (80.2 ° -79 °) (Table II).

**TABLE II: TREATMENT RESULTS WITH MANDIBULAR INCLINED PLANE**

<b>Measurements</b>	<b>Pre treatment</b>	<b>Post treatment</b>
<b>SNA</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>81.1</b>
<b>SNB</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>ANB</b>	<b>.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Y-AXES</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>NL-ML</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>22.7</b>
<b>NSL-ML</b>	<b>31.7</b>	33.8
<b>IMPA</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>91.6</b>
<b>UI-NL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>114</b>

The use of reverse twin block allowed the mandible to grow downwards and backwards. (Table III)

**TABLE III: RESULTS OF TREATMENT WITH FUNCTIONAL APPLIANCES**

Measurements	Pre treatment	Post treatment
<b>SNA</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>79.9</b>
<b>SNB</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79.4</b>
<b>ANB</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Y-AXIS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>NL-ML</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20.5</b>
<b>NSL-ML</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>31.9</b>
<b>IMPA</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>UI-NL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>125</b>

### DISCUSSION:

The aim of class III malocclusion therapy is to provide rapid resolution of this malocclusion in order to predict the response of the treatment at a very young age [11]. The selection, growth, tissue response and the patient's most important cooperation are as follows. Class III mutations in development are treated with different treatment methods and have effects on different tissues on the skeleton and teeth [12]. Mandibular repositioning, ie, downward and backward displacement, is a consequence of treatment often seen in all approaches [13]. The development of maxillary growth in the sagittal and vertical directions is a positive finding in patients treated with masks and functional instruments. A large number of case reports confirm that skeletal mismatches are reduced due to changes in size and position of the maxilla and mandible [14]. In almost all cases treated with different devices, ANB changes are observed. Changes in the ANB - + are related to the forward and downward movement of the mandible, which allows the point to move a larger forward and downward direction, as well as the down and return of the mandible [15]. Other studies also suggest early intervention to prevent deterioration of the current problem and to minimize or eliminate the need for comprehensive orthodontic treatment at later ages. "

### CONCLUSION:

This study is the result of early treatment of class III development by previous methods, resulting in the following results:

- Forwards and downwards movement in maxillary and maxillary teeth.

- Mandible rotation in downwards and backwards.
- Slight increase in height of lower face.

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