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Hi there. My name's Andrea Derosier, and I'm a Sloan fellow, as I mentioned earlier. And my pitch idea is actually having to do with something that I actually know something a little bit about, that many high school or middle schoolers also struggle with, and that is, having braces.

I just recently got my braces off, and I also worked for a orthodontics company before I came here to MIT. So it's something that's both near and dear to my heart, and also I think I've seen a lot of high schoolers and middle schoolers struggle with this whole process. I know I didn't know a lot about it.

So basically, that would be my pitch, is to teach kids about what's happening with their teeth, as they're having braces on. How the teeth move; how osteoblasts and osteoclasts work, to deposit and dissolve some of their bone, which is actually one of the reasons why it hurts so much; and also why your mouth gets dry. All those kinds of scientific aspects is something that these kids really deal with on a daily basis during a very awkward time of their lives.

So that's my mini-pitch.