Full-mouth rehabilitation by immediate implantation combined with orthognathic surgery: a clinical report

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Clinical therapy that combines full-mouth rehabilitation with immediate implantation and orthognathic surgery poses a challenge to prosthodontists. This clinical report describes a multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis and treatment of a patient presenting with skeletal discrepancy and rampant caries. The results thus achieved indicate that full-mouth rehabilitation by fixed immediate and early loading implantation accompanied by orthognathic surgery can be a predictable and effective treatment procedure. (J Korean Acad Prosthodont 2016;54:57-64)

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Introduction

Full-mouth rehabilitation with fixed partial dentures has been a common treatment option for replacement of multiple missing teeth and improvement of patients’ quality of life.¹ Multiple missing teeth that result of decay, periodontal disease or trauma, usually lead to problems concerning esthetics, phonetics, and mastication. Moreover, total treatment period also lead to problems concerning to full mouth rehabilitation patients.

Similarly, patients with skeletal class III malocclusion can encounter complex dentoalveolar problems, including mandibular prognathism and maxillary retrognathism. Patients with intermaxillary skeletal discrepancy might require multidisciplinary treatment entailing prosthodontics, orthodontics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery for both precise diagnosis and comprehensive treatment.² If an ideal occlusal relationship cannot be achieved by prosthetic treatment alone, orthodontic treatment is recommended; and if there is severe skeletal discrepancy, orthognathic surgery should be accompanied.³

Immediate implantation has become a commonly utilized treatment option in implant dentistry for reducing treatment period and prevents the alveolar bone-volume loss that otherwise results from extraction. Immediate dental implantation has several advantages: enhanced opportunity for ideal axial positioning of an implant, reduction of total treatment duration, fewer surgeries, and a positive psychological effect on the patient.⁴ Most researchers

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insist that immediate and delayed implantations have similar osseointegration success rates\(^5-^8\) but, combined implant surgery that full mouth immediate implantation with socket elevation and orthognathic surgery are rarely reported.

The objectives of this case report are to evaluate short term success of a patient presenting with skeletal discrepancy and multiple caries that treated with full-mouth rehabilitation by immediate implantation combined with socket elevation and orthognathic surgery. The patient’s diagnosis, treatment planning, total treatment period and the achieved 1-year stability are described herein.

Case report

A 40-year-old male visited the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dong-A University Medical Center, Busan, South Korea, in 2012. His chief complaint was multiple dental caries with anterior crossbite. He was subsequently referred to the Department of Prosthodontics for full-mouth rehabilitation. The patient had no medical history to contraindicate dental treatment.

Most of the remaining teeth, having been ravaged by severe dental caries, were residual roots (Fig. 1). The missing teeth were #15, 35 and 45. Secondary caries were found under the existing amalgam filling in the case of #27. Incomplete canal filling and poor fitting prosthetics were observed #11, 21, and 37, and apical lesion for #47 (Fig. 2). The anterior horizontal overlap was 3.8 mm. Mandibular incisors were exposed only in the cervical 1/3, and compensatory alveolar ridge eruption was observed in some of the molar areas. The patient also had 4 mm of interocclusal distance. All of this meant that the patient had a loss of occlusal vertical dimension. The patient was diagnosed as skeletal dental class III with rampant caries (Fig. 3).

As the remaining teeth were in very poor condition, total extraction was planned for all of the teeth. For improved intermaxillary relation and facial profile, full-arch dental implantation supplemented by orthognathic surgery was needed. However, because there was no midfacial deficiency or facial asymmetry, and given that the patient expressed a desire for less invasive treatment, bilateral sagittal split ramus osteotomy (BSSRO) of the mandible was planned as the

![Fig. 1. Intraoral photographs of patient before treatment. (A) Maxillary occlusal view, (B) Right side, (C) Frontal view, (D) Left side, (E) Mandibular occlusal view.](image-url)
sole treatment. For reducing total treatment period and guide for mandibular setback, initiation of treatment was full arch extraction of the maxillary teeth and immediate implantation with socket elevation. Immediate implantation of the mandibular teeth was planned after BSSRO because of considering post operative relapse after BSSRO.

Prior to the orthognathic surgery, all of the remaining teeth in the maxilla were extracted, and 10 dental implants (s-clean Tapered II; Dentis, Seoul, Korea) were immediately inserted. At the #16, 17, 26, and 27 extraction sites simultaneously socket elevation were performed.

The ideal implant positioning for a maxillary edentulous arch includes at least one central incisor position, bilateral canine positions, bilateral first premolar sites, and bilateral sites in the distal half of the first molars according to guidelines for key implant positions. One week later, provisional fixed prosthodontic restorations were fabricated. The final surgical treatment objective (STO) for the BSSRO was planned on the basis of these provisional restorations, and BSSRO was performed under general anesthesia. The class I relationship was achieved by setback positioning of the mandible.

At one month after orthognathic surgery, all of the mandibular teeth were extracted and 7 dental implants (s-clean Tapered II; Dentis, Seoul, Korea) were immediately inserted into the #34, 35, 37, 41, 44, 45 and 46 extraction sockets. At the #33 and 43 extraction sites, because primary stability had not been achieved, socket preservation was performed as a preparation to the planned delayed implant placement. Additionally, implantation at the #41 site was performed to accommodate a provisional prosthetic restoration.

One week after implantation in the mandible, both maxillary and mandibular impressions for the provisional restoration were formed in polyvinyl siloxane material (Imprint™ II Garant™; 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) using a custom impression tray. The occlusal rim was fabricated on a working cast. The increment of the vertical dimension was determined to be 2 mm using a Leaf gauge. The assembly was mounted on a semi-adjustable articulator (Hanau™ Modular Articulator; Whip Mix Corp., Louisville, KY, USA) using the face-bow and centric record (CR) at the predetermined vertical dimension. A wax-up was done in the ideal form, and the occlusion was given canine guidance (Fig. 4). The wax-up was scanned for fabrication of a CAD/CAM titanium customized abutment (Myplant™; Raphabio Co., Seoul, Korea). Using the putty index of the wax-up, provisional restorations also were made. The customized abutment was installed and tightened to 25 Ncm, the provisional restorations were cemented (TempBond; Kerr, Romulus, MI, USA), and occlusal adjustment was performed (Fig. 5).

Five months after socket preservation, dental implants (s-clean Tapered II; Dentis, Seoul, Korea) were inserted at the #33 and 43 sites. The patient, with his delivered provisional restorations at the corrected vertical dimension, had no temporomandibular disorder (TMD), pronunciation or deglutition problems for 2 months. Therefore, provisional prostheses were used to facilitate fabrication of the definitive restorations, to which end, mandibular final impressions were formed in polyvinyl siloxane material, and a customized anterior guidance table was established. The CR record was made between the anterior customized abutment using polyvinyl siloxane (O-Bite™; DMG, Hamburg, Germany), while the posterior provisional restorations were kept in place to maintain the occlusal vertical dimension. Another CR record was made, in a similar manner, between the posterior abutments. This assembly was then remounted, and the definitive restorations were fabricated, according
to the custom incisal guide table, as the cemented type for the anterior area and the screw-cemented-retained prostheses (SCRP) type for the posterior area. The definitive prostheses were cemented with resin (Premier™ Implant Cement™; Premier Co., Plymouth Meeting, PA, USA) (Fig. 6, Fig. 7).

After final prosthesis cementation, the patient, who had been provided with thorough instruction in proper oral hygiene, was recalled for follow-up appointments. As needed, occlusal re-adjustment of the restoration was performed. Subsequently, it was determined that the patient’s facial profile and masticatory ability had been considerably improved (Fig. 8). Six months after the definitive-prostheses cementation, the patient demonstrated a favorable prognosis. Finally, total treatment period took about 14 months in this case (Fig. 9).

Fig. 4. Diagnostic wax-up. The diagnostic wax-up was done in the ideal form. The occlusion was given canine guidance. (A) Right side, (B) Frontal view, (C) Left side.

Fig. 5. Intraoral photographs at provisional prostheses delivery. (A) Maxillary occlusal view, (B) Right side, (C) Frontal view, (D) Left side, (E) Mandibular occlusal view.
Fig. 6. Intraoral photographs at definitive prostheses delivery. (A) Maxillary occlusal view, (B) Right side, (C) Frontal view, (D) Left side, (E) Mandibular occlusal view.

Fig. 7. Panoramic radiograph at definitive prostheses insertion.

Fig. 8. (A) Final lateral view of face, (B) Final lateral cephalometric radiograph.
Discussion

For the patient’s esthetics and rapid recovery to full functionality, the total treatment period needed to be shortened. To achieve this, the following two steps were designed. First, the dental implant was inserted immediately after tooth extraction with socket elevation in maxillary molar position, without allowing for any healing time. Second, early loading was applied as temporary prostheses were installed. Most researchers in fact have asserted that immediate and delayed implantations have similar success rates found that immediate implantation relative to delayed implantation decreases bone resorption. In terms of early loading, whereas some studies have claimed that it has a lower implant success rate compared with conventional loading, a more recent investigation found no failure, marginal bone loss or postoperative infection rate differences between immediately loaded non-submerged dental implants and delayed loaded submerged implants. In the present case, the insertion torque was over 35 Ncm, and was sufficient to obtain primary stability. Also, the dental implants, in both of the maxilla and the mandible, were splinted as 3 segments to decrease the loading on a single implant.

In the biomechanical aspect, implant splinting allows for a more equal distribution of the occlusal forces and, thus, reduction of both micro motion and stresses at the bone-implant interface and post extraction osteotomy sinus elevation technique was viable treatment option and significantly reduce treatment period without complication if suitable initial stability was achieved.

In performing immediate implantation, both the vertical and the horizontal position of the implant must be considered, in that healing of the extraction socket alters the peri-implant’s hard tissue. In the present case, the rough portion of each of the fixtures in the patient’s premolar area was exposed. Calvo-Guirado et al. showed that during an 8-week healing period after tooth extraction, there was remarkable hard-tissue remodeling that altered both the buccal and the lingual bone. Caneva et al. concluded that in order to reduce exposure above the alveolar crest of the rough portion of the fixture, implants should be positioned approximately 1 mm below the alveolar crest and in a lingual position in relation to the middle of the alveolar ridge. Certainly, determination of implant position preparatory to immediate implantation requires consideration of the phenomenon of bone alteration.

Despite efforts, the overall treatment period was 14 months, from December 2012 to February 2014. There were two reasons for this. First, immediate implantation following tooth extraction was not possible for the mandibular canines. For minimal primary stability of those implants, at least 3 - 5 mm of bone generally is required at the implant apex (or, an implant wider than the extraction socket has to be used). In the present case, the root length of the mandibular canine was about 15 mm, and the root width was about 6.2 mm at the crest bone. Therefore, the types of dental implants that can obtain sufficient primary stability in the mandibular canine area are limited. Thus, implant placement on the mandibular canine was delayed for 5 months. The second reason was the fact that orthognathic surgery was performed prior to the mandibular implantation, not simultaneously in the maxilla and mandible. This sequential procedure allows minimizing the influence of early horizontal relapse after BSSRO which ranges widely from 0.2 to 4.2 mm. That is, when performing implantation after horizontal relapse has completed, the relapse extent can be compensated for by adjusting the axial position of implant.

Alternatively, if a surgical template for implantation and ball stent for orthognathic surgery were made using the diagnostic wax-up already utilized for the provisional prosthesis, simultaneous implant placement in the maxilla and mandible would be possible which would shorten the total treatment period and secure postoperative stability. However, simultaneous implant placement remains controversial.
Full-mouth rehabilitation aims to achieve ideal functionality and esthetics for the patient. Given the extensiveness of such treatment, adaptation of the neuromuscular system can be also required in order to accommodate the sometimes-necessary alteration of the occlusal vertical dimension. A newly established occlusal vertical dimension must be evaluated for 1 - 3 months to determine whether the patient is adapting or exceeding the adaptability of the neuromuscular system.20 In the present case, the patient had no problems (e.g. TMD, pronunciation or deglutition) for 2 months. Therefore, provisional prostheses were used to facilitate the fabrication of the definitive restorations.

Upon completion of the current patient’s final treatment, not only the facial profile but also the functional occlusal relation was improved. And although the patient needed periodic maintenance and re-evaluation due to poor oral hygiene, he has maintained a favorable prognosis for 1 year without encountering any complications. However, we could not reduce the overall treatment period to less than 14 months because a limitation of the procedure at #33, 43 extraction site implants insertion. It would be possible reducing total treatment period to 4 months if changing the key position of implant in the mandible but, it is still questionable (Fig. 9).

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악교정 수술을 동반한 임플란트 보철물을 이용한 완전구강회복 증례

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악교정 수술과 임플란트 보철을 통한 전악재건술의 임상적 치료는 보철과 의사에게 도전적인 과제이다. 본 증례는 분격적 부조화를 가진 다발성 우식증 환자의 진단과 치료에 있어서 치의학의 여러 분야의 협진을 보여주었다. 그 결과로 악교정 수술을 동반한 발치 후 즉시 임플란트 식립 및 조기 하중을 가하는 임플란트 보철물에 의해 전악 재건이 예견가능하고 효과적인 치료 방법이었기에 이를 보고하고자 한다. (대한치과보철학회지 2016;54:57-64)

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