Posterior horizontal augmentation in a knife edge ridge utilizing the "sausage" technique. Case report

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Objective

Horizontally augmentation of a deficient lower posterior ridge (knife edge) using a combination of anorganic bovine bone matrix (DBBM) with autogenous bone and native collagen membrane in order to prepare the site for future implant placement.







Preoperative view

Materials and Methods

60 years old male missing teeth 35,36 and 37 for more than 20 years. CBCT scan showed good height but only 3 mms width contraindicating implant placement. Procedure included full thickness flap, isolation of mental foramen, cortical perforation for angiogenesis, autogenous bone scraped from external oblique ridge combined with DBBM (Bio-Oss®) 1:1 ratio. Stabilization of bone graft was performed using a porcine natural collagen membrane (Bio-Gide®) with bone tacks and flaps released and closed with Cytoplast® suture. Sutures were removed after 12 days. Patient was pre-medicated with amoxicilin 2 g one hour before surgery and 500 gms penicillin three times a day for one week following the surgery and anti inflammatories for 5 days combined with clorhexidine mouth wash for two weeks. No appliance was worn by the patient during treatment.



Occlusal view





Buccal and lingual flap release



Decortication for angiogenesis



Autogenous bone mixed with Bio-Oss® in 1:1 ratio



Bio-Gide® membrane fixed with bone tacks



Non tension flap closure with 4:0 Cytoplast® suture using mattress and single interrupted sutures

Results

Nine months after bone regeneration, a new CBCT scan showed a horizontal bone gain of 6 mms for a total of 9 mms width. Three Biohorizons® taper implants were placed with no complication on a vascularized and hard bone tissue replacing teeth 35,36 and 37.



Clinical view of new bone formation



Preoperative view



Post operative view after 9 months



Occlusal view of new bone ridge





One 3.8 x 10.5 mms Biohorizons® implant and two 4.6 x 10.5 mms Biohorizons® implants in position. Clinical and radiographic views.





Conclusions

The treatment of horizontally deficient alveolar ridges with the GBR technique using autogenous bone mixed with ABBM and a natural collagen resorbable barrier membrane can be regarded as succesful. The osteogenics properties of the autogenous bone, the low resorption rate and osteoconductive properties of the ABBM and the physical properties of a native porcine collagen membrane contribute in the survival of the bone graft.





CBCT showing amount of bone surrounding each implant after 14 months of bone regeneration

Final crowns

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