

Pre-Diagnostics Using Cone Beam CT Prior To Sinus Floor Elevation - Case Report

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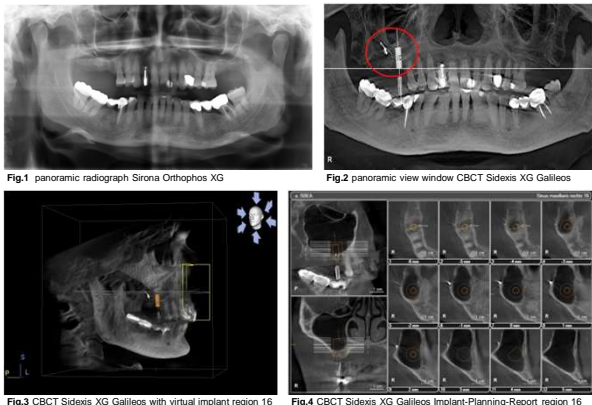
Introduction

The dental Cone Beam CT (CBCT) with a prefabricated surgical splint is nowadays established as one of the required diagnostic tools prior to sinus floor elevation and augmentation (SFEA) and implantation. This case report describes a metal-dense opacity as an incidental finding in CBCT, which was not detected and diagnosed in panoramic radiograph before.

Case Report

The patient underwent a staged SFEA utilizing deproteinised bovine bone mineral and a porcine collagen membrane before implantation of a Camlog routine implant. The CBCT revealed a metal-act dense opacity of 1 cm in length below the junction of the maxilla in the right posterior zygomatico-alveolar arch, and vertical and transversal bone volume in region 16-17 insufficient for a single-stage approach. Intraoperatively, a metallic *corpus alienum* was removed after elevating a vestibular mucosal-periosteal flap. Location and removal of the opacity, SFEA via lateral access window and implantation were successfully performed in maxillary right first molar region (16) after diagnostics and treatment planning with CBCT in combination with a radiographical / surgical template (Fig.1-7).

Radiological Diagnostics (Sirona GALILEOS DVT HC)



The CBCT was performed with the prefabricated radiological and surgical splint, to control the requested prosthodontic position of the implant in region 16. In region 17, the CBCT revealed a metal-act dense opacity in comparison to the panoramic radiograph, which exhibited not such a clear diagnostic finding (Fig. 1-5). Using the Sicat software, a virtual implant was placed according to the position of the splinted drill sleeve. Length (10mm) and diameter (2mm) of the drill sleeve fits to pilot drills of various implant-manufacturers (Fig.2-6). 5 months following SFEA and prior to implantation, a panoramic radiograph was performed with the splint to control the residual augmented height. A second panoramic radiograph showed the correct position of the implant postoperatively (Fig.6-8).

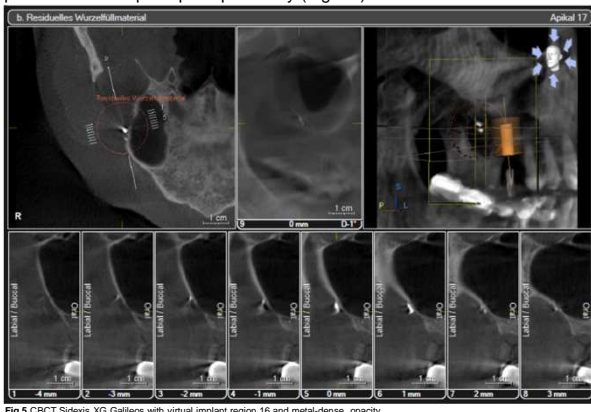


Fig.5 CBCT Sidexis XG Galileos with virtual implant region 16 and metal-dense opacity



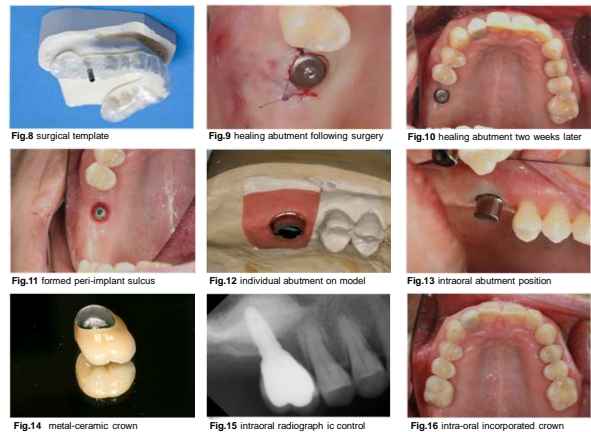
Fig.6 post SFEA panoramic radiograph with surgical splint



Fig.7 panoramic radiograph with Camlog Routine implant 16

Prosthodontic Procedures

4 month after implant placement, the second stage surgery and installation of a healing abutment was accomplished. Then the healing abutment was customized with a composite to enhance the diameter for the following 4 weeks before impressions were taken. The individualized abutment and the metal ceramic crown were cemented 10 months after SFEA. For control of abutment fitting and preventing peri-implantitis associated with residual cement in the peri-implant sulcus, finally a single-tooth radiograph in region 16 was made (Fig. 9-16).



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Discussion

In implantology, especially combined with SFEA, implants, abutments, augmentation, incisions, dental restorations can be simulated and evaluated based on CBCT and software as described and evaluated by the CBCT guideline, recommended by the German Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine. These guidelines and clinical experiences can be used for treatment planning and virtual exact positioning of the prosthodontically required implant positions based on best possible utilization of bone quantity. In addition, tissue deficiencies can be detected and identified. The exact location of the mandibular nerve in the mandible, the existence of *Underwood* septae or mucous cysts in the maxillary sinus, foreign materials, the patency of maxillary sinus ostium and an entitative artery anomya, which is an anastomosis of the superior alveolar artery with the infraorbital artery, located in the lateral maxillary bone. Therefore, a CBCT is always recommended to be performed prior to SFEA. The need for augmentation, distractions, type of implant site preparation are proactively planned. The transfer of spatial information from the planning system into the surgical reality can be produced by computer assistance, transmission by drilling template or by direct navigation tools.

Conclusion

The described diagnostic approach utilising a CBCT should be considered a standard for planning SFEA, supports the surgical procedure and the diagnosis of pathological findings.

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