Background and Aim

To overcome the disadvantages of staged implant surgery, immediate insertion concepts as well as flapless surgery approaches have been introduced in recent years. However, there are just a few studies that illustrate results of immediate insertion of implants into fresh extraction sockets of molars. With the introduction of ASTRA TECH Implant System™ EV, a dental implant with a wider implant diameter, OsseoSpeed™ EV 5.4S (DENTSPLY Implants, Möndal, Sweden), has been developed to improve primary stability even in larger extraction sites. This pilot study examined the clinical performance of OsseoSpeed™ EV 5.4S implants in a one-stage procedure with immediate insertion and peri-implant grafting in molar extraction sites with a follow-up period of up to 2.5 years.

Methods and materials

41 implants were inserted in 35 patients. All implants were placed immediately into the center of molar extraction sockets. Peri-implant bony defects resulting from the extraction of the multi-rooted teeth were reconstructed simultaneously with autogenous bone chips in a flapless approach. All implants received wide healing abutments. (HealDesign™ EV 6.5 mm diameter) for a one-stage treatment protocol. The primary outcome variables were marginal bone level change, and the secondary outcome variables were implant survival and soft tissue parameters.

Results

Mean insertion torque at the time of implant insertion was 29 Ncm. Two additional implants had to be removed at implant insertion and excluded from the study because of insufficient primary stability. Mean follow-up was 14 months (range, 4 to 30 months). There was no implant loss (cumulative survival rate 100%). The vertical marginal bone level was successfully reconstructed up to the level of the implant shoulder from the time of implant insertion to the final follow-up. However, the horizontal width of the alveolar crest was significantly reduced at a level 1 mm below the crest from 11.3 to 9.9 mm (12.4%), at 3 mm from 12.2 to 11.1 mm (9%) and at 6 mm from 12.7 to 11.9 mm (8.3%). The width of the keratinized mucosa remained stable; peri-implant probing depth ranged between 2 and 5 mm.

Conclusions

Stability of vertical marginal bone levels, limited horizontal crestal resorption, high cumulative survival rate and soft tissue stability indicate proof of principle for immediate insertion of OsseoSpeed™ EV 5.4S implants in molar extraction sites.

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