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USE OF 3D CUSTOM-MADE TITANIUM PROSTHESIS FOR MANDIBULAR RECONSTRUCTION IN PATIENTS WITH STAGE III MEDICATION-RELATED OSTEONECROSIS

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Background.

The purpose of this article is to present the outcomes of using customized mandibular prostheses without protective pedunculated flap in treating patients suffering from Stage III Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ).

Patients and methods.

The diagnosis of mandible's MRONJ was performed for each patient by clinical and anamnestic evaluation. Preoperative orthopantomography, CT and incisional biopsy of the exposed bone, if present, and of the surrounding mucosa were performed. The staging of the lesions was performed according to the SIPMO-SICMF classification of MRONJ. Using 3D virtual surgical planning the necrotic bone was removed. Surgical guides were manufactured using a 3D printing method after obtaining a proper design of the osteotomy lines. The positioning of the custom jaw prothesis was digitally performed. Drill holes had been prepared in each surgical guide to assist in affixing them and they would also be used for the fixation of the prostheses with osteosynthesis screws. Finally, custom mandible prothesis systems were designed and then obtained with the selective laser melting (SLM) technique. Data regarding the long-term complications/functions were evaluated at 3, 6, 12, and 24 months after surgery

Results.

5 patients underwent mandible computer-assisted resection and rehabilitation with custom prostheses. From the immediate post-operative period all the patients demonstrated good mandibular function. In only one case, the prosthesis also replaced a mandibular condyle. The minimum time of follow-up was 6 months, the longest 2 years. None of the patients showed oral exposure of the prosthesis.

Conclusions.

In advanced cases of Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (MRONJ), where the removal of necrotic bone could cause a mandibular fracture, custom prostheses replacement appears to be an effective treatment option. Even without a pedicle flap to shield the prosthesis, patients can achieve optimal mandibular function.

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