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ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF SECONDARY DEFORMATIONS IN ADULT PATIENTS WITH DEFECTS OF DENTITION

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Abstract. Orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations in adult patients with defects of dentition. Mirchuk B.M., Maksymov Y.V. In the presence of dentition defects there is a complex of morphological, aesthetic and functional changes that significantly complicate the process of diagnosis and treatment of this pathology. Dentition defects, combined with various dental anomalies and deformations very often impede rational prosthetics and at times make it impossible at all. The aim is to increase the effectiveness of orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations in patients with dentition defects by using primary dental implants as an additional skeletal support. For clinical evaluation of the effectiveness of treatment of secondary deformations in 20 patients with partial dentition defects there was performed orthodontic treatment using a straight arch technique with metal braces of the Roth system and primary detailed one-component implants as an additional skeletal support. On the diagnostic models of the jaws, the meso-distal dimensions of the lost teeth and their possible position in the dentition were determined, the shape of the dentition by methods of Pon and Korkhaus, the position of the teeth in the area of dentition defects was analyzed and the jigs of occlusion according to Andrews were defined. The use of primary dental implants as an additional skeletal support in the area of dentition defects makes it possible to control the rotation of the teeth and at the same time to use orthodontic forces of different intensity during their distal or mesial movement. As a result of orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations, we managed to achieve positive changes in the normalization of angles of dental inclination that limit the defect in patients with dentition defects. Along with the normalization of the angles of dental inclination (torque and angulation) which limit dentition defects we have noticed an increase in the distance between these teeth, which allows to restore dentition defect with dentures, better corresponding to the size of the lost teeth. Important, in our opinion, is the possibility, when using a primary dental implant as an additional skeletal support, to use the technique of segmental braces. The use of primary dental implants in the area of the dentition defect as an additional skeletal support makes it possible to restore angulation and torque of the teeth, which limit the defect, using orthodontic forces of different intensity. As a result of orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations, the distance between teeth limiting dentition defects on the upper jaw increased on average by 2.39 mm (p<0.001) and on the lower jaw – by 2.57 mm (p<0.001).

Partial tooth loss is one of the most common forms of dento-mxilllar defects in adulthood. The number of patients with dentition defects in the total population of Ukraine ranges from 70% to 95%. [1, 3, 4, 8]. In young and middle-aged people bounded dentition defects are much more common as compared with the distally borderless defects, and by localization, bounded dentition defects prevail in the posterior triangle of neck in the absence of one or two teeth [7].

At the same time, many authors pay attention to the increase in the prevalence of secondary dento-maxillar deformations, the cause of which is a decrease in the height of the clinical crowns of masticatory teeth due to their destruction by the curious process and dentition defects which make up
from 4.8% to 54.5% [11]. As a result of dentition defects presence, a complex of morphological, aesthetic and functional changes arises, which significantly complicate the process of diagnosis and treatment of this pathology. Dentition defects combined with a variety of dento-maxillar anomalies very often impede rational prosthetics, and sometimes make it impossible at all.

The aim of the study is to increase the effectiveness of orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations in patients with dentition defects by using primary dental implants as an additional skeletal support.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS OF RESEARCH**

For clinical evaluation of the effectiveness of treatment of secondary deformations, 20 patients with partial dentition defects underwent orthodontic treatment by straight-wire technique with the use of metal braces of Roth system and primary detailed one-component VKtemp implants of the native producer VITAPLANT® (“Vitadent Ltd” Ukraine, Zaporizhzhia) as an additional skeletal support.

The primary one-component VKtemp implant has a root shape and angulation thread of 15 degrees. The diameter is 2.5 mm and the length is 10 mm, 12 mm, 14 mm or 16 mm. Depending on the type of bone, pilot twistdrills with a diameter of 2.0 mm and 1.5 mm are used, both classical and transgingival implantation is possible. Twistdrills are tapped in the area of the defect using a surgical template. For the fixing of braces on primary dental implants, plastic crowns with supporting orthodontic elements (rings or braces) are made [6].

All patients were diagnosed, treatment plan was made and prosthetic treatment of defects with fixed or non-fixed dentures, orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations was proposed.

In each patient, before treatment and after, C-silicone imprints of the maxilla and mandible were made, gypsum diagnostic models were casted. On the diagnostic models of the jaws the mesiodistal dimensions of the lost teeth and their possible position in the dentition were determined [12], the analysis of the shape of denture according to Pont [14] and Korkhaus [14], the position of the teeth in the area of dentition defects were analyzed, Andrews occlusion jigs were defined [14].

The results of the research were processed by modern statistical methods of analysis on a personal computer using the standard suite of programs Microsoft Office 2010 (Microsoft Excel [5]) and "STATISTICA® for Windows 6.0" [10] (StatSoft Inc., USA, license 46 # AXXR712D833214FAN5 ) based on the Windows 10 operating system, and by using the NumPy (BSD License), SciPy (BSD License), pandas (BSD License), pandas-profiling (MIT License) libraries, to visualize the processed data, the matplotlib library (BSD License) for Python programming language was used [9].

The hypothesis of the normality of the distribution of the studied indicators was tested using the Shapiro-Wilk criterion and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov consistency criterion. The Kolmogorov – Smirnov homogeneity criterion was used to test the hypothesis that two independent samples belong to one distribution law.

Arithmetic mean (M) and standard error (± m) were calculated. The statistical significance of the intergroup differences according to the data obtained was established using the parametric Student's t-test (*) and the non-parametric U-Whitney-Mann test (p ***) [2].

The results obtained were compared between the median and the quartile range of Me (Q1; Q3).

We used 3 levels of statistical significance of the differences in the study results – p<0.05; p<0.01; and p<0.001.

Studies have been conducted in compliance with ethical standards of scientific medical research involving human beings.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Dentition defects were diagnosed according to Kennedy classification [13]: on the maxilla – there were 5.0% of patients with class I, 65.0% – with class III and 5.0% – with class IV; on the mandible – 10.0% of patients with class I, 16.0% – with class II, 70.0% – with class III.

The position of the teeth in the area of defects by Andrews occlusion jigs was determined: angulation (II jig) and torque (III jig) disorder was diagnosed in all (100%) patients with dentition defects, 55.0% – without dental turn (IV jig) both on the maxilla and mandible, the absence of interdental space (V jig) on the maxilla was detected in 50.0% of patients and on the mandible – in 30.0%.

As a result of orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations in patients with dentition defects, positive changes regarding normalization of angulation of teeth that limit the defect have been achieved. Due to distalization of teeth (teeth that distally limit defect), the mesio-distal angulation decreased on average by 4.15±0.5° (p<0.05) on the maxilla and 12.89±0.5° (p<0.001) on the mandible) as compared to the measurements made before treatment. Mesialization of the teeth that mesially limit the defect caused the increase in the angulation angle on average by 4.66±0.5° (p<0.05) on the maxilla, by 7.56±0.5° (p<0.001) – on the mandible) as compared to the measurements made before treatment (Table 1).
A similar positive effect was noted on determining vestibulo-oral angle (torque) of the angulation, which limits dentition defect. Thus, at an excessive value of torque, reduction in the angulation of teeth was on average at 4.55±0.5° (p<0.01) on the maxilla and at 7.72±0.5° (p<0.001) on the mandible) and at a reduced value of the torque, increase was 4.69±0.5° (p<0.01) on the maxilla and 5.27±0.5° (p<0.001) on the mandible, as compared with values before the onset of orthodontic treatment (Table 2).

Along with the normalization of angulation (torque and angulation) of the teeth which limit dentition defects, we noticed an increase in the distance between these teeth, this allows to replace dentition defect with the dentures which correspond better to the size of the teeth lost (Table 3).
After orthodontic treatment, the distance between the teeth that limit the dentition defect on the maxilla increased on average by 2.39 mm (p<0.001) and on the mandible – by 2.57 mm (p<0.001).

The use of primary dental implants as an additional skeletal support in the area of dentition defects allows to control the rotation of the teeth and at the same time to use different values of orthodontic forces during their distal or mesial movement (Fig. 1). Thus, for mesialization of teeth (in most cases of premolars) smaller forces (light or medium opening springs) than for distalisation of molars (medium or strong opening springs) were used. In addition, it is known that tooth mesialization is faster than distalization, so when reaching the desired position of the mesially located tooth we could stabilize its position and continue the distalization of the tooth, where a primary dental implant served as a support. In no case, as with the simultaneous use of springs of different force for mesialization and distalization of the teeth, and for the migration of only one tooth (distally or mesially), we did not observe the change of position of the primary dental implant, which served as an additional skeletal support.

Fig. 1. Scheme of primary dental implant use. A - before treatment. B - after treatment

Conventional symbols on the scheme: 1 – the second right permanent molar tooth; 2 – osseous tissue of jaw; 3 – primary dental implant; 4 – the second right premolar tooth; 5 – orthodontic arch; 6 – supporting orthodontic element (brace); 7 – artificial plastic crown; 8 – opening spring; 9 – axis of crown portion of tooth.

In case of impaired angulation of the teeth that limit dentition defect, the use of a primary dental implant as an additional skeletal support together with bracket systems ensures the restoration of the correct position of the premolar teeth within 4-6 weeks, molar teeth – within for 8-9 weeks. Distalization of the molar teeth lasts 12.5 weeks on average, and mesialization of premolar teeth – 7.5 weeks.

It is of importance, in our opinion, is a possibility when using a temporary dental implant as an additional skeletal support, to use the technique of segmental bracket-systems (fixing braces on several teeth on the side of defect) in patients with defect of space in the area of defect by changing the position of the teeth (mainly disorders of torque and angulation), which limit dentition defect while retaining the signs of physiological occlusion (Fig. 2).

During the entire period of orthodontic treatment there were no cases of change of position or disintegration of the primary implant. We also did not observe inflammatory processes around implants (peri-implants).

After the completion of active orthodontic treatment and restoration of the dentition defect, various methods of retention were used: increasing the size of the plastic crown (by photopolymer directly in the oral cavity, or making a new primary plastic crown) until close contact with adjacent teeth; manufacture of removable retentive apparatus with artificial teeth in the area of the dentition defect.
Fig. 2. Segmental bracket-system, temporary dental implant with plastic crown and brace in place of the extracted 46th tooth

CONCLUSIONS
1. The use of primary dental implants in the area of the dentition defect as an additional skeletal support allows to restore the angulation and torque of the teeth, which limit the defect, using orthodontic forces of different intensity.
2. As a result of orthodontic treatment of secondary deformations, the distance between the teeth that limit dentition defects on the maxilla increased on average by 2.39 mm (p<0.001) and on the mandible – by 2.57 mm (p<0.001).

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