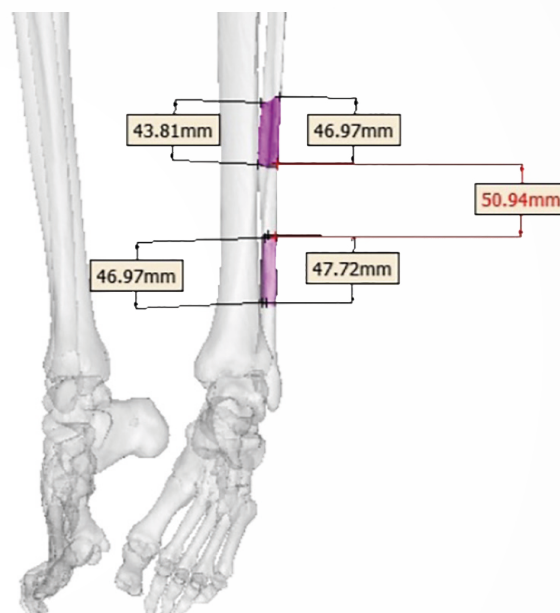
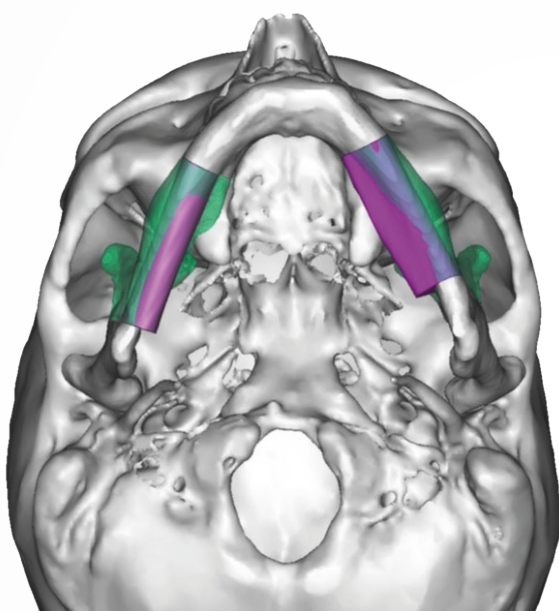


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active substance: **benzydamine hydrochloride;**

100 mL of solution contain benzydamine hydrochloride 0.15 g;

excipients: ethanol 96%, glycerol, methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E 218), flavor (menthol), saccharin, sodium hydrocarbonate, Polysorbate 20, Quinoline Yellow (E 104), Patent Blue V (E 131), purified water.

Dosage form. Oromucosal solution.

Basic physical and chemical properties: a clear green liquid with a typical mint flavor.

Pharmacotherapeutic group. Dental preparations. Other agents for local oral treatment.

ATC code: A01A D02.

Pharmacological properties.

Pharmacodynamics.

Benzydamine is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) with analgesic and antiexudative properties.

Clinical studies have shown that benzydamine is effective in the relief of symptoms accompanying localized irritation conditions of the oral cavity and pharynx. Moreover, benzydamine has anti-inflammatory and local analgesic properties, and also exerts a local anesthetic effect on the oral mucosa.

Pharmacokinetics.

Absorption through the oral and pharyngeal mucosa has been proven by the presence of measurable quantities of benzydamine in human plasma. However, they are insufficient to produce any systemic pharmacological effect. The excretion occurs mainly in urine, mostly as inactive metabolites or conjugated compounds.

When applied locally, benzydamine has been shown to

accumulate in inflamed tissues in an effective concentration due to its ability to permeate through the mucous membrane.

Clinical particulars.

Indications.

Symptomatic treatment of oropharyngeal irritation and inflammation; to relieve pain caused by gingivitis, stomatitis, pharyngitis; in dentistry after tooth extraction or as a preventive measure.

Contraindications.

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any other ingredients of the product.

Interaction with other medicinal products and other types of interaction.

No drug interaction studies have been performed.

Warnings and precautions.

If sensitivity develops with long-term use, the treatment should be discontinued and a doctor should be consulted to get appropriate treatment.

In some patients, buccal/pharyngeal ulceration may be caused by severe pathological processes. Therefore, the patients, whose symptoms worsen or do not improve within 3 days or who appear feverish or develop other symptoms, should seek advice of a physician or a dentist, as appropriate.

Benzydamine is not recommended for use in patients hypersensitive to acetylsalicylic acid or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

The product can trigger bronchospasm in patients suffering from or with a history of asthma. Such patients should be warned of this.

For athletes: the use of medicinal products containing ethyl alcohol might result in positive antidoping tests

considering the limits established by some sports federations.

Use during pregnancy or breast-feeding

No adequate data are currently available on the use of benzydamine in pregnant and breastfeeding women. Excretion of the product into breast milk has not been studied. The findings of animal studies are insufficient to make any conclusions about the effects of this product during pregnancy and lactation.

The potential risk for humans is unknown.

TANTUM VERDE should not be used during pregnancy or breast-feeding.

Effects on reaction time when driving or using machines

When used in recommended doses, the product does not produce any effect on the ability to drive and operate machinery.

Method of administration and doses.

Pour 15 mL of TANTUM VERDE solution from the bottle into the measuring cup and gargle with undiluted or diluted product (15 mL of the measured solution can be diluted with 15 mL of water). Gargle 2 or 3 times daily. Do not exceed the recommended dose.

Children.

The product should not be used in children under 12 years due to a possibility of ingestion of the solution when gargling.

Overdosage.

No overdose has been reported with benzydamine when used locally. However, it is known that benzydamine, when ingested in high doses (hundreds times higher than those possible with this dosage form), especially in children, can cause agitation, convulsions, tremor, nausea, increased sweating, ataxia, and vomiting. Such acute overdose requires immediate gastric lavage, treatment of fluid/salt imbalance, symptomatic treatment, and adequate hydration.

Adverse reactions.

Within each frequency group, the undesirable effects are presented in order of their decreasing seriousness.

Adverse reactions are classified according to their frequency: very common ($\geq 1/10$); common ($\geq 1/100$ to $<1/10$); uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $<1/100$); rare ($\geq 1/10,000$

to $<1/1,000$); very rare ($<1/10,000$); frequency unknown (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Gastrointestinal disorders: rare – burning mouth, dry mouth; *unknown* – oral hypesthesia, nausea, vomiting, tongue edema and discoloration, dysgeusia.

Immune system disorders: rare – hypersensitivity reaction, *unknown* – anaphylactic reaction.

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders: very rare – laryngospasm; *unknown* – bronchospasm.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: uncommon – photosensitivity; very rare – angioedema; *unknown* – rash, pruritus, urticaria.

Nervous system disorders: *unknown* – dizziness, headache.

TANTUM VERDE contains methyl parahydroxybenzoate, which can cause allergic reactions (including delayed-type reactions).

Shelf life. 4 years.

Storage conditions.

Do not store above 25°C. Keep out of reach of children.

Packaging.

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Dispensing category.

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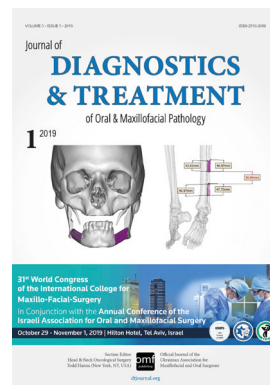
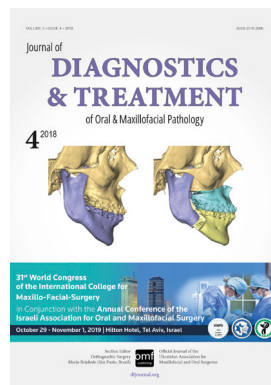
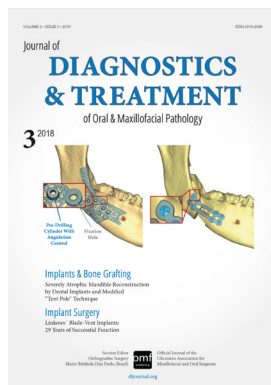
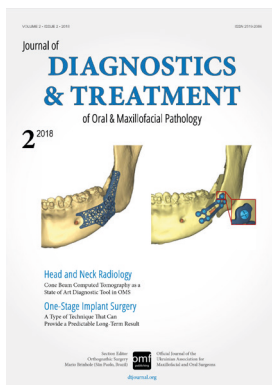
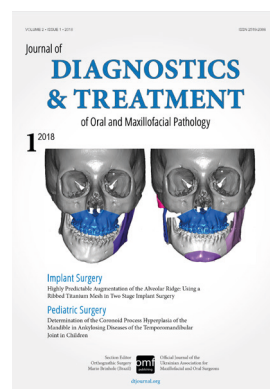
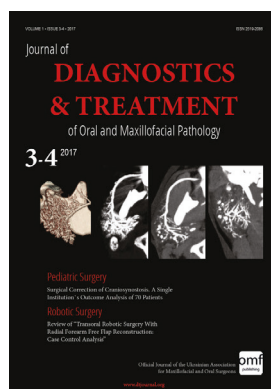
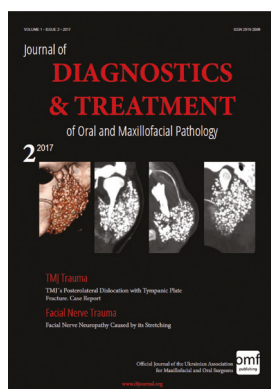
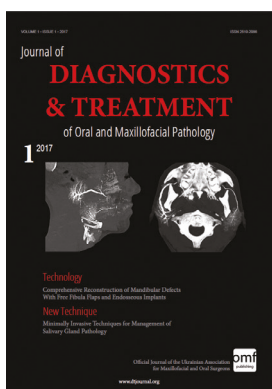
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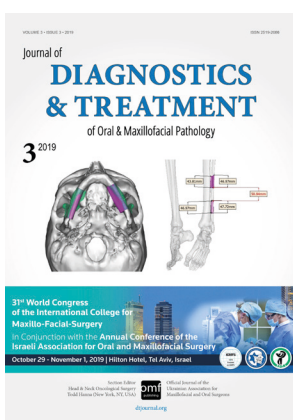
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Dear Colleagues,

Tradition and progress coming together.

Maxillofacial surgery is one of the most diverse and challenging professions. We operate while influencing on a person's facial appearance, some of the times unintentionally while at other times in order to improve appearance. We treat bony tissue and soft tissue, functional structures and aesthetic structures, healthy people and sick ones, children and adults. Our field includes numerous procedures; from minor oral surgery and implantology up to major head & neck surgery and reconstruction.

Due to the diversity of our field, an increased number of technological developments are introduced constantly, starting from minimal invasive endoscopic instrumentation up to virtual 3D pre planning of operations and personalized surgical guides and implants.

Research is an important part of our field and completes the clinical activity.

All of the above require us to exchange experiences and developments in our field in order to allow the best possible care for our patients.

In light of the importance of these scientific meetings it is my pleasure to invite you to the 31st World Congress of the International College for Maxillo-Facial-Surgery (ICMFS), which will be held in Tel Aviv, Israel between the 29th of October and the 1st of November 2019 (www.icmfs2019.com).

This congress will include keynote lectures from some of the most experienced and well known surgeons of our field.

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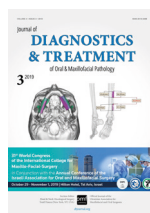
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We are looking forward to meet you all in the congress and have a wonderful time together in Israel.

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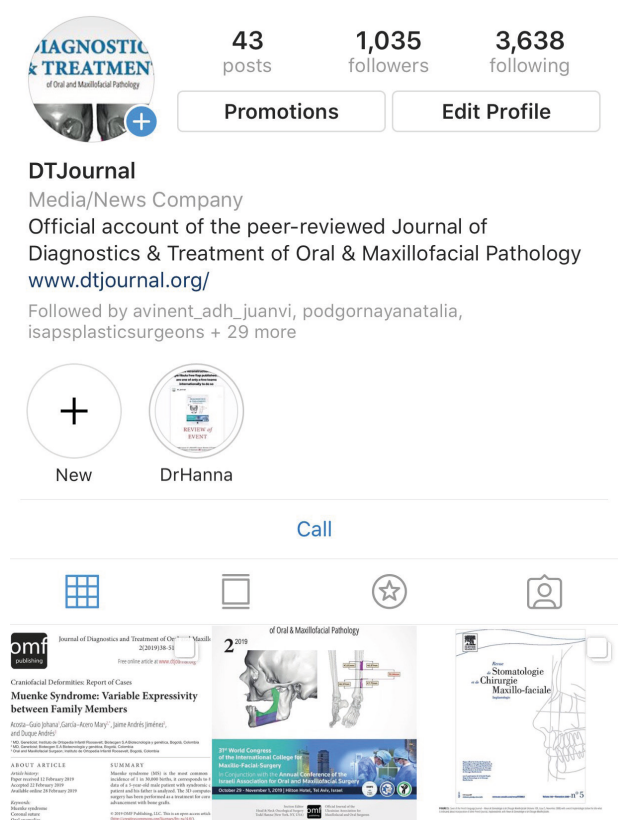


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*I never thought that social media would have changed my life at all.*¹

—Rod J. Rohrich, 2017 (USA)

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Microvascular Surgery: Case Report + Video

State of the Art Simultaneous Bilateral Segmental Mandibular Reconstruction using a Single Fibula Transplant: Discussion of the Surgical Steps

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SUMMARY

During last 22 years the different reports have shown successful using of vascularized single fibular transplant for a simultaneous bilateral segmental mandibular reconstruction.⁵⁻⁹ The surgeries were performed in cases of bilateral mandibular defects of different origin: 1) bilateral infected pseudoarthrosis,⁵ 2) bilateral squamous cell carcinoma of the mandible,⁶ 3) bilateral ossifying fibroma,⁷ 4) osteoradionecrosis that caused mandibular defects,^{8,9} and 5) traumatic mandibular defects.¹⁰ We present a case of a 60-year-old patient who was referred to our clinic with osteoradionecrosis of bilateral mandible, which was reconstructed using a single fibula flap. A 6-month follow-up images are presented.

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This is the first report of a bilateral mandibular angle functional reconstruction with a single fibula free vascularized flap. Its particular vascularization allows not only osteotomies but also ostectomy of a middle shaft.⁵

—Hervé Reyhler et al, 1997
Belgium

Using of the free fibula flaps in mandibular reconstruction was popularized by Hidalgo in 1989.¹⁻⁴ Reyhler et al⁵ in 1997 reported a first result of a bilateral mandibular angle functional reconstruction with a single fibula free vascularized flap. For almost twenty-two years, from 1997 to 2019, the different authors reconstructed bilateral defects on the mandible according to next etiologies:

1. Reyhler et al, 1997 – for a bilateral infected pseudoarthrosis.⁵
2. Bianchi et al, 2008 – because of a rare bilateral squamous cell carcinoma of the mandible.⁶
3. Mello-Filho et al, 2008 – according to bilateral ossifying fibroma.⁷
4. Jacobson et al, 2010⁸ and Chen et al, 2018⁹ – because of an osteoradionecrosis that caused mandibular defects.
5. Ekanayake et al, 2013 – for a traumatic origin (shrapnel injury: a patient had 2 segmental defects with intact mandibular rami with condyles and intact mandibular symphyses).¹⁰

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The goal of that report is to highlight and discuss the consecutive stages of using vascularized single fibular transplant for a simultaneous bilateral segmental mandibular reconstruction (BSMR) in a 60-year-old patient who presented with osteoradionecrosis of the bilateral mandible due to radiation injury.

CASE AND DISCUSSION

A 60-year-old white male patient referred to our Clinic with a diagnosis–osteoradionecrosis of the bilateral mandible due to radiation injury (which was done for nonsurgical cancer treatment). A perfect staging classification of osteoradionecrosis^{11,12} is described by **Chronopoulos** et al (2018).¹³ In our case two isolated bilateral mandibular defects (according to **Schrag** et al systematization – **Table 1**) were expected.¹⁴

A bilateral mandibular segmental reconstruction (**Fig 1**) with a single fibular transplant for our patient was indicated. It's that we did so while preserving the chin. Traditionally the chin would be removed along

with the other segments and muscular attachments of the tongue and lower lip, and remaining teeth, would be lost. This would severely affect speech, swallowing and esthetics. By preserving the chin we greatly preserve form function and quality of life with near base-line esthetics.

ARGUMENTS FOR VASCULARIZED BONE GRAFTS

Bae and **Waters** the perfectly structured arguments for different types of grafts (**Table 2**) made understanding of its' benefits as easy as possible.¹⁵

FIBULA FLAP ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Shetawi and **Buchbinder** based on the literature and their own experience data made a clear classification of the fibula flap advantages (**Table 3**) and disadvantages (**Table 4**) in the textbook *Contemporary Oral Oncology: Oral and Maxillofacial Reconstructive Surgery* under editorship of **Moni Kuriakose**.¹⁶

TABLE 1. Mandibular Defects Classification Related with Components of the Defect (Schrag et al).¹⁴

Defect's Type	Defect's Components
Isolated	Bone only
Compound	Bone + intraoral mucosa/facial skin
Composite	Bone + intraoral mucosa + facial skin
Extensive composite	Bone + intraoral mucosa + facial skin + adjacent intraoral structure (tongue, maxilla, pharynx). Cheek volume deficit is noted

TABLE 2. Bae and Waters Systematization of the Bone Grafts Properties.¹⁵

Graft's Type	Osteoconduction	Osteoinduction	Osteogenesis	Mechanical Strength	Vascularity
Bone marrow	+/-	+	++	-	-
Cancellous autograft	++	+	++	+	-
Cortical autograft	+	+/-	+	++	-
Vascularized	++	+	++	++	++

TABLE 3. Shetawi and Buchbinder`s Proved Fibula Flap Advantages.¹⁶

Fibula Flap Advantages
Long bone
Thick cortex
Long vascular pedicle with good caliper
Dual blood supply to the bone
Possibility of 2-team approach
Possibility of harvesting with fascia, muscle, and/or skin

TABLE 4. Shetawi and Buchbinder`s Proved Fibula Flap Disadvantages.¹⁶

Fibula Flap Disadvantages
Insufficient bone segment high
Long scar at the lower extremity
Need to graft long soft tissue defect
Weakness in toe dorsiflexion
Ankle discomfort and gait disturbance

VIRTUAL SURGICAL PLANNING

We uploaded the patient`s multislice computed tomography (CT) scans and lower limb CT angiograms to 3D Systems (Rock Hill, South Carolina, USA). The patient was planned for a bilateral mandibular osteotomy (Fig 1) – Jewer Class L bilateral defect.^{4, 17}

Virtual surgical planning calculated a need for total 145.63-mm left fibula bone segment (divided into 3 segments), using enough pedicle for anastomosis in the left mandibular defect. The length of fibular segments (Fig 2) was: 1) 46.97 to 47.72 mm – the lower fibula bone segment; 2) 50.94 mm – the middle segment, 3) and 43.81 to 46.97 mm – the upper fibula bone segment.

PREOPERATIVE TRACHEOTOMY: PRO AND CONTRA

Lapis et al (2015) in the study “Factors in successful elimination of elective tracheotomy in mandibular reconstruction with microvascular tissue” (Table 5) reported that mandibular resection and reconstruction can be performed safely without

elective tracheotomy but only in a selected group of patients.¹⁸

Statopoulus and Stassen emphasize that secure airway is critically important in the intraoperative and early postoperative period for patients undergoing head and neck cancer surgery.²⁸ A volume of the surgery upon bilateral mandibular reconstruction is similar with head–neck cancer surgery. So, it’s extremely important to secure the airway before initiated the reconstruction`s surgical steps.

Shetawi and Buchbinder are recommending having temporary tracheostomy during 5-7 days of postoperative period with a purpose to avoid airway compromise.¹⁶

Radiation therapy in the medical history of our patient counted this factor as unfavorable according to Lapis et al classification (Table 6) of potential factors influencing the decision to eliminate elective tracheotomy in head neck reconstruction.¹⁸ So, the reasoned decision to perform preoperative tracheotomy was done.

The fibula harvesting and segmental mandibular reconstruction using reconstruction plate (Fig 3) were preceded by conventional open tracheotomy, intubation, and feeding tube insertion.

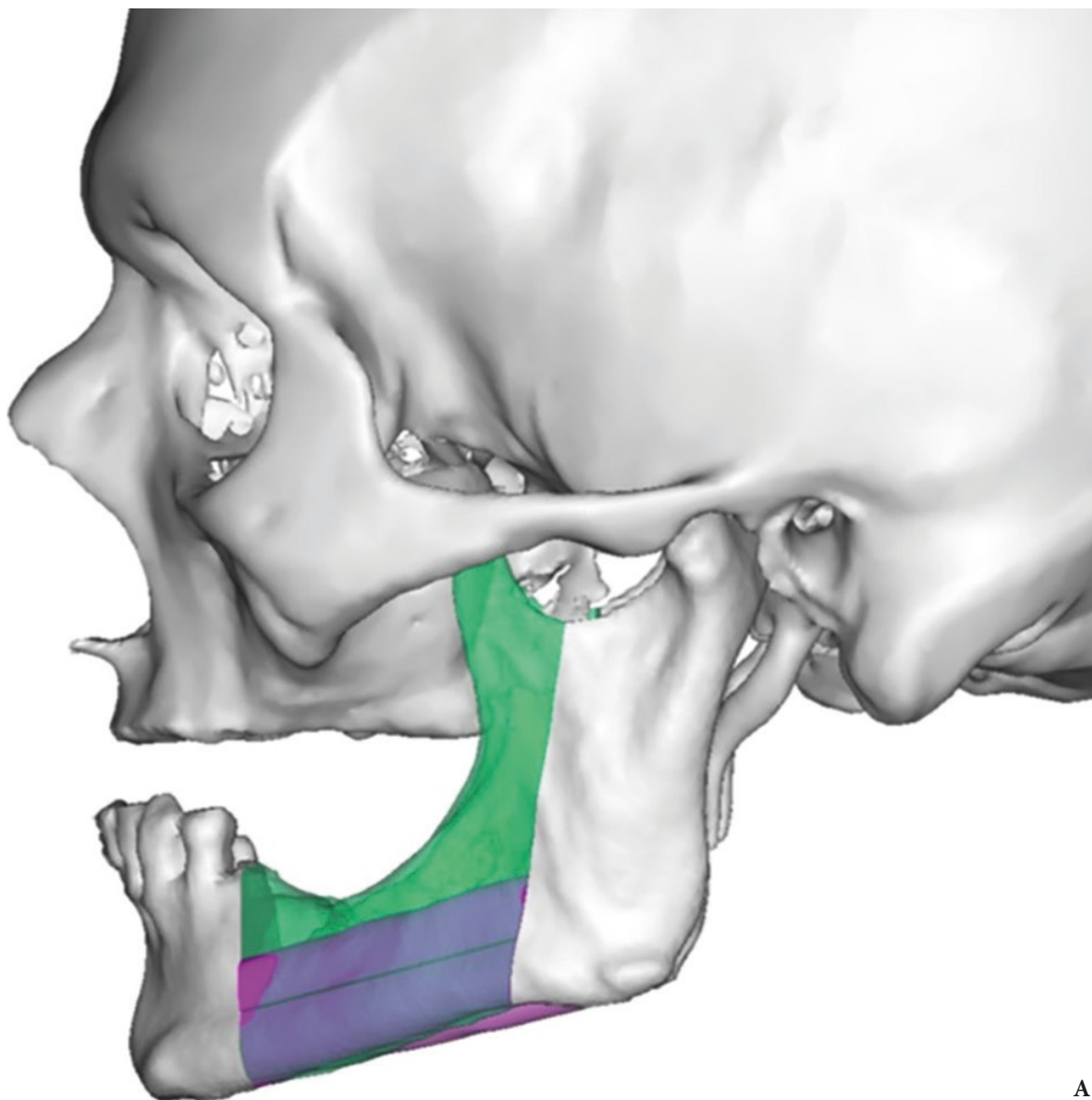


FIGURE 1. Three dimensional planning of resection site (marked with *green*) and free fibula graft (marked with *blue* and *pink*) on the left mandibular body (**A**). (**Fig 1 continued on next page.**)

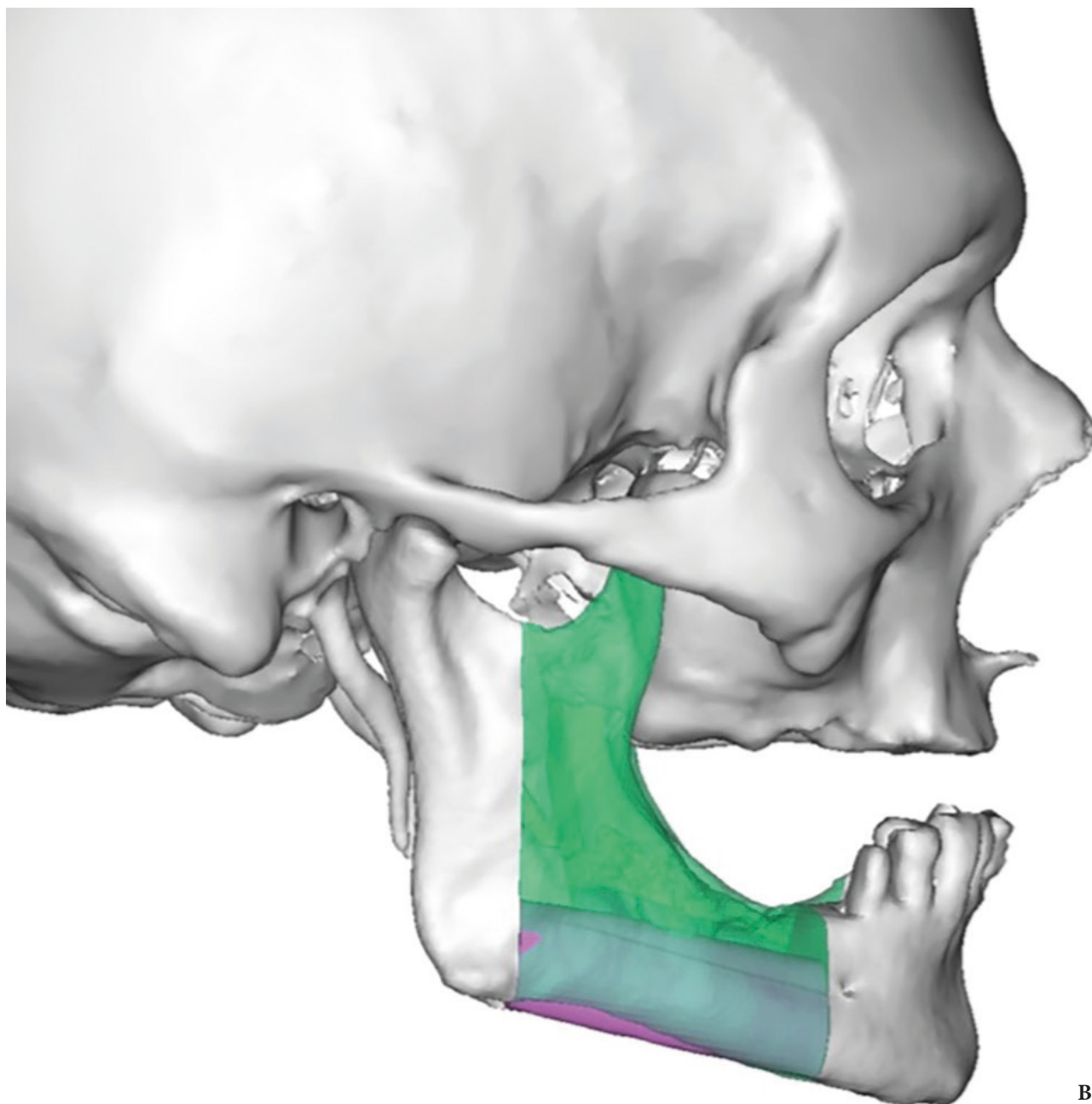


FIGURE 1 (cont'd). Three dimensional planning of resection site (marked with *green*) and free fibula graft (marked with *blue* and *pink*) on the right mandibular body (**B**). (Fig 1 continued on next page.)

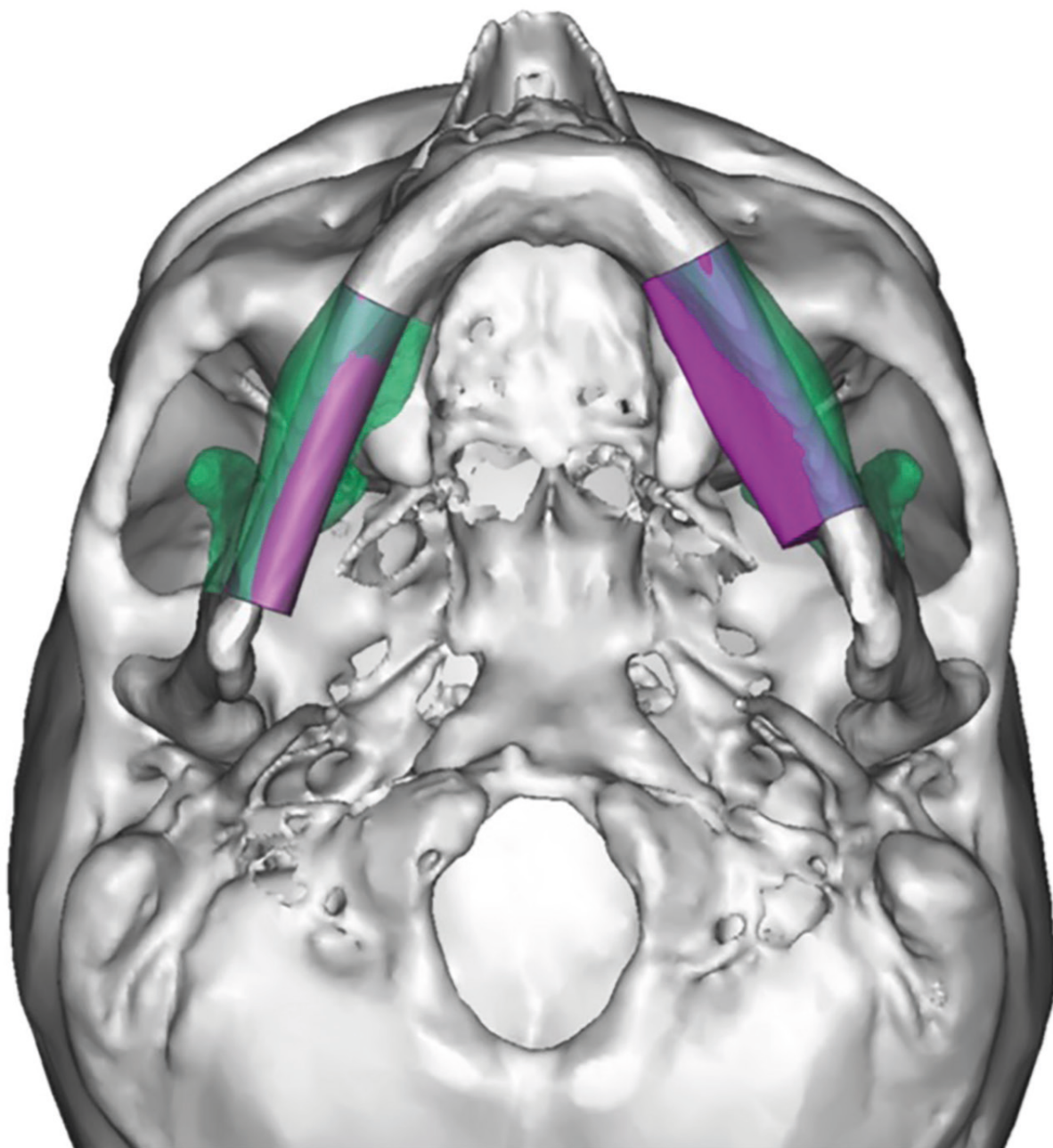


FIGURE 1 (cont'd). Axial view (C) upon three dimensional planning of resection sites (marked with *green*) and free fibula grafts (marked with *blue* and *pink*) on the bilateral mandibular sites. (Fig 1 continued on next page.)

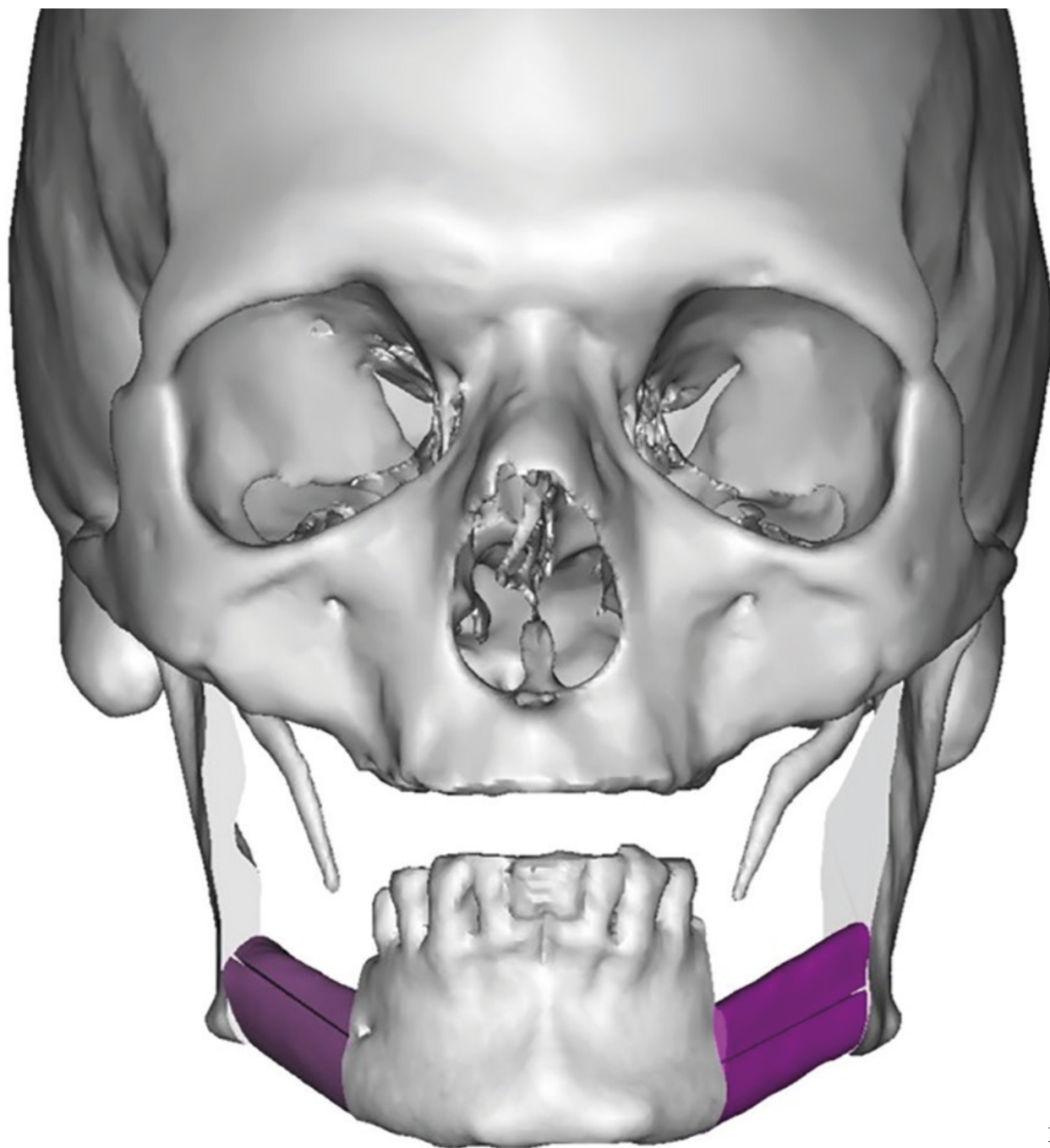


FIGURE 1 (cont'd). Anterior view (**D**) upon three dimensional planning for reconstruction with free fibula grafts (marked with *pink*) of the bilateral mandibular bodies.

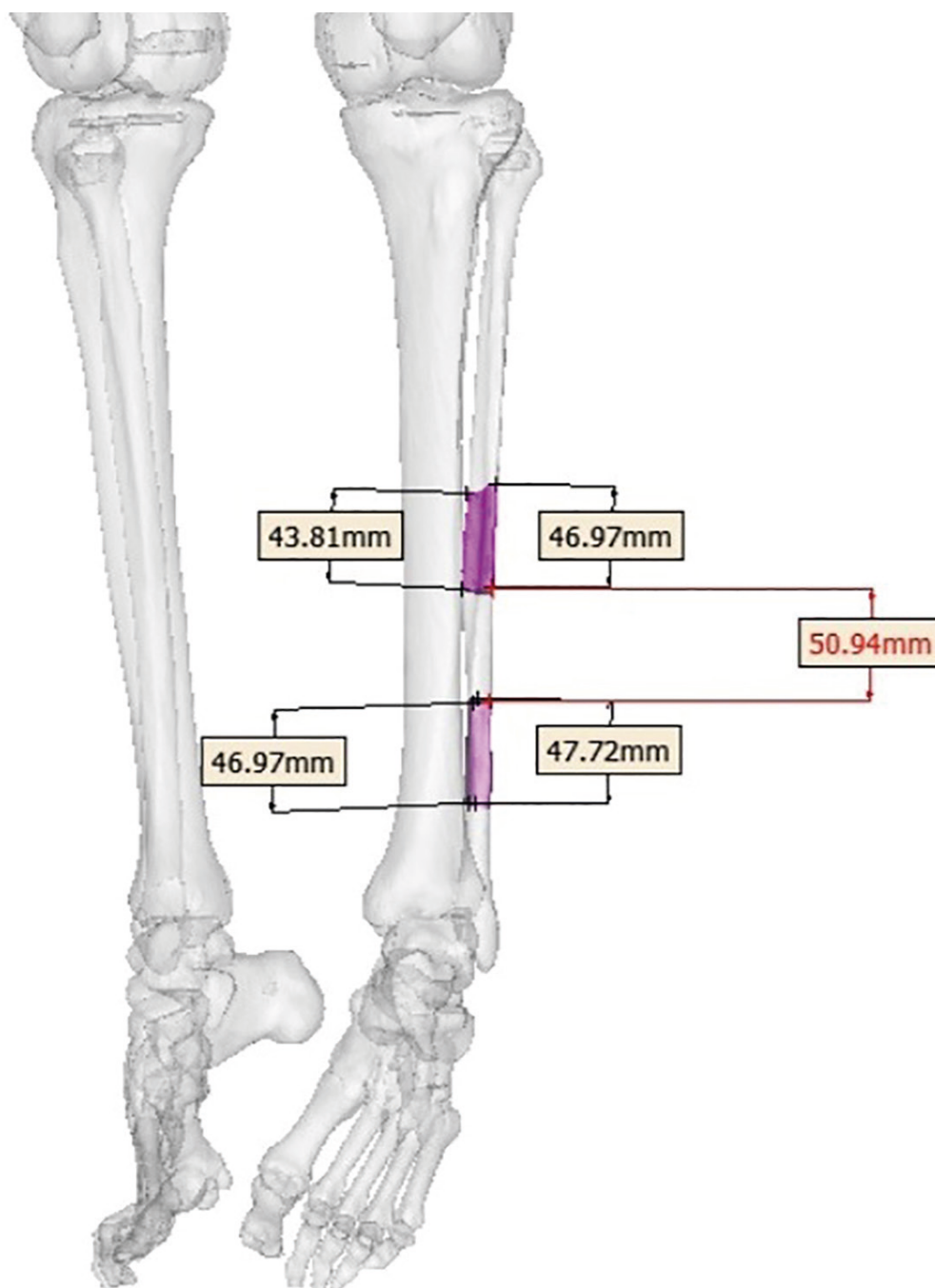


FIGURE 2. Three dimensional (3D) planning of free fibula grafts on a left fibula. The length of fibular segments: 1) 46.97 to 47.72 mm – the lower fibula bone segment (marked with *pink*); 2) 50.94 mm – the middle portion, and 3) 43.81 to 46.97 mm – the upper fibula bone segment (marked with *pink*).



FIGURE 3. The anterior (A) and the left side view (B) of a custom titanium reconstructive plate on a stereolithographic model.

TABLE 5. Summary of Studies Investigating Omission of Elective Tracheotomy Placement for Major Oncologic Oral Cavity Resections and Reconstructions According to Lapis et al (2015).¹⁸

Source	Patients, No	Sites (%)	Free Flap Reconstructions	Patient Without Tracheotomy, No	Airway Complications (%)	Suggested Factors
Crosner et al, 1997 ¹⁹	51	Unspecified	Unknown	48	Pneumonia (2%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: none identified
Lin et al, 2003 ²⁰	121	Mandible (1.7%) Maxilla (98.3%)	8	111	Pneumonia (0.9%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: mandibulectomy, bulky flap reconstruction
Kruse-Losler et al, 2005 ²¹	152	Oropharynx (100%)	152	152 (preoperation) 114 (postoperation)	Not specified	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: tumor size, posterior tumor location, pathologic chest x-ray, alcohol consumption, multimorbidity
Cameron et al, 2009 ²²	148	Mandible (31.4%) Oropharynx (14.3%) Other oral orcutaneous site (54.3%)	46+ ^a	103	Aspiration pneumonia (1.4%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: preoperative radiotherapy
Coyle et al, 2012 ²³	55	Mandible (47.3%) Other oral site (52.7%)	55	55	Pneumonia (9.1%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: none identified
Brickman et al, 2013 ²⁴	143	Maxilla (100%)	143	79	Pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome (4.2%) Aspiration (0.7%) Pneumothorax (0.7%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: Pulmonary disease
Coyle et al, 2013 ²⁵	100	Mandible (45%) Other oral site (55%)	100	50	Pneumonia (24%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: none identified
Meerwein et al, 2014 ²⁶	40	Oral cavity (47.5%) Other (52.5%)	40	23	None (0%)	Favorable: none identified Unfavorable: none identified
Moubayed et al, 2014 ²⁷	66	Mandible (100%)	66	66	Airway obstruction (1.5%) Aspiration pneumonia (3.0%)	Favorable: benign pathologic findings Unfavorable: tongue/pharynx soft-tissue defects, bilateral parasympyseal defects, concurrent neck dissection
Lapis et al, 2015 ¹⁸	15	Mandible (100%)	15	15	None (0%)	Favorable: lateral defect, limited soft-tissue involvement, younger patients. Unfavorable: history of treatments (surgery, radiation)

^a46 radial forearm free flaps are identified; but, the co-authors list an additional undifferentiated combination of forty-nine pedicle and free flaps.²²

TABLE 6. Lapis et al Classification of Potential Factors Influencing the Decision to Eliminate Elective Tracheotomy in Head Neck Reconstructions.¹⁸

Favorable/ Unfavorable/Unknown	Potential Factors
Favorable	Normal upper airway anatomy
	Lateral defects
	Primary osseous pathologies with limited soft-tissue involvement
	Length of mandibular defect is not a limitation
Unfavorable	Difficult airway, trismus
	Extensive soft-tissue defects
	Oropharyngeal and posterior oral cavity defects
	History of radiotherapy
	Active pulmonary disease
Unknown	Bilateral central mandibular defects
	Age

The surgery was done under general anesthesia. First, a bilateral segmental mandibular osteotomy was performed removing radiation injured bone tissue. Then, we used the fibula approach well described in the Wolff and Hölzle masterpiece *Raising of Microvascular Flaps: A Systematic Approach*.²⁹ The harvesting of the fibula grafts were performed by implementing classic technique for harvesting fibula osteocutaneous transplant using CAD-CAM generated osteotomy guides (Fig 4). Video (Supplemental Video Content) demonstrates surgical stages: cutting of the fibula grafts, harvesting of the segmented grafts from left fibula. Video is available in the page of the full-text article on dtjournal.org and in the YouTube channel, available at https://youtu.be/_Tv8Cbt-HCA. Total video's duration: 1 min 13 sec. Video includes remarks of a surgeon (Todd Hanna).

RECONSTRUCTION PLATE VERSUS MINI-PLATES

Among many surgeons by 2018 there was the great number of discussions in recommendation what type of the titanium plates is better to use in cases of mandibular reconstructions. Voices from different continents and institutions argued about superior role: 1) some of the reconstruction plate^{30, 31} and 2) some of the mini-plates^{32, 33} upon different types of defects` (Jewer et al¹⁷) mandibular reconstruction.

Findings of Park et al, 2018³⁴ putted a reasoned

end to this question. As their precise study (8 reconstruction models with biomechanical stability analysis) support the use of a reconstruction plate for stable fixation upon mandibular reconstructions.³⁴ The mini-plates generate substantially greater levels of stress in majority scenarios and are a less preferable option that has more percentage to fail in the long-term follow-up period.³⁴

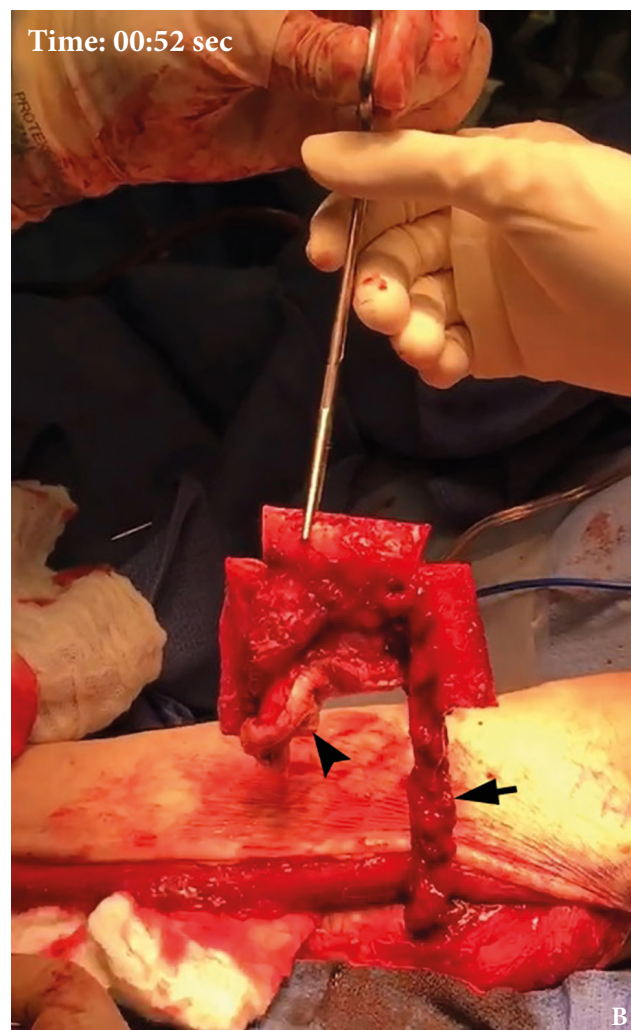
So, in our case we were guided by recommendations of the Korean authors.³⁴

IMPROVING MEAN ISCHEMIA TIME

Reducing operative time is always the crucial goal upon surgical procedures. It's become especially important in cases of using transplants. Berggren et al, 1982 in their study "The effect of prolonged ischemia time on osteocyte and osteoblast survival in composite bone grafts revascularized by microvascular anastomoses" stated that osteocytes, and the osteoblasts could completely survive up to 25 hours of ischemia.³⁵ Despite of that fact, reducing operating time is always one of the main objectives. And reducing mean ischemia time is significantly better (up to 99 min) when using CAD/CAM comparing with conventional techniques (up to 120-180 min) (Kääriäinen et al, 2016).³⁶

SURGICAL PROCEDURE

After resection of the radiation injured mandibular



VIDEO. Supplemental Video Content demonstrates surgical stages: (A) cutting of the fibula grafts, (B) harvesting of the segmented grafts from left fibula. Vascular pedicle is indicated by *arrow*, skin paddle – by *arrowhead*. Video is available in the page of the full-text article on dtjournal.org and in the YouTube channel, available at https://youtu.be/_Tv8Cbt-HCA

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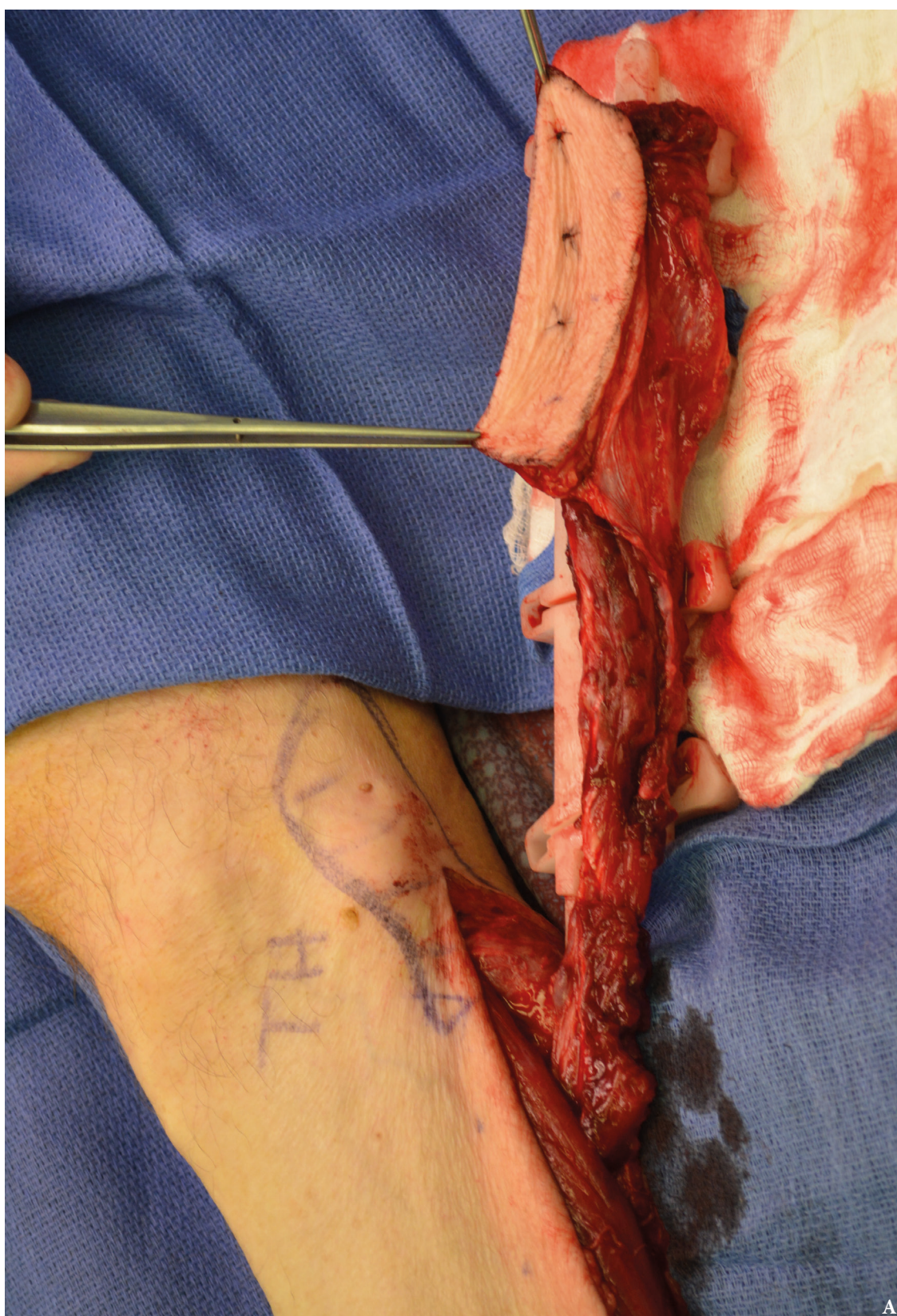


FIGURE 4. Intraoperative fibula view shows: (A) the CAD-CAM generated osteotomy guides and a whole length of harvested fibula osteocutaneous transplant. (Fig 4 continued on next page.)

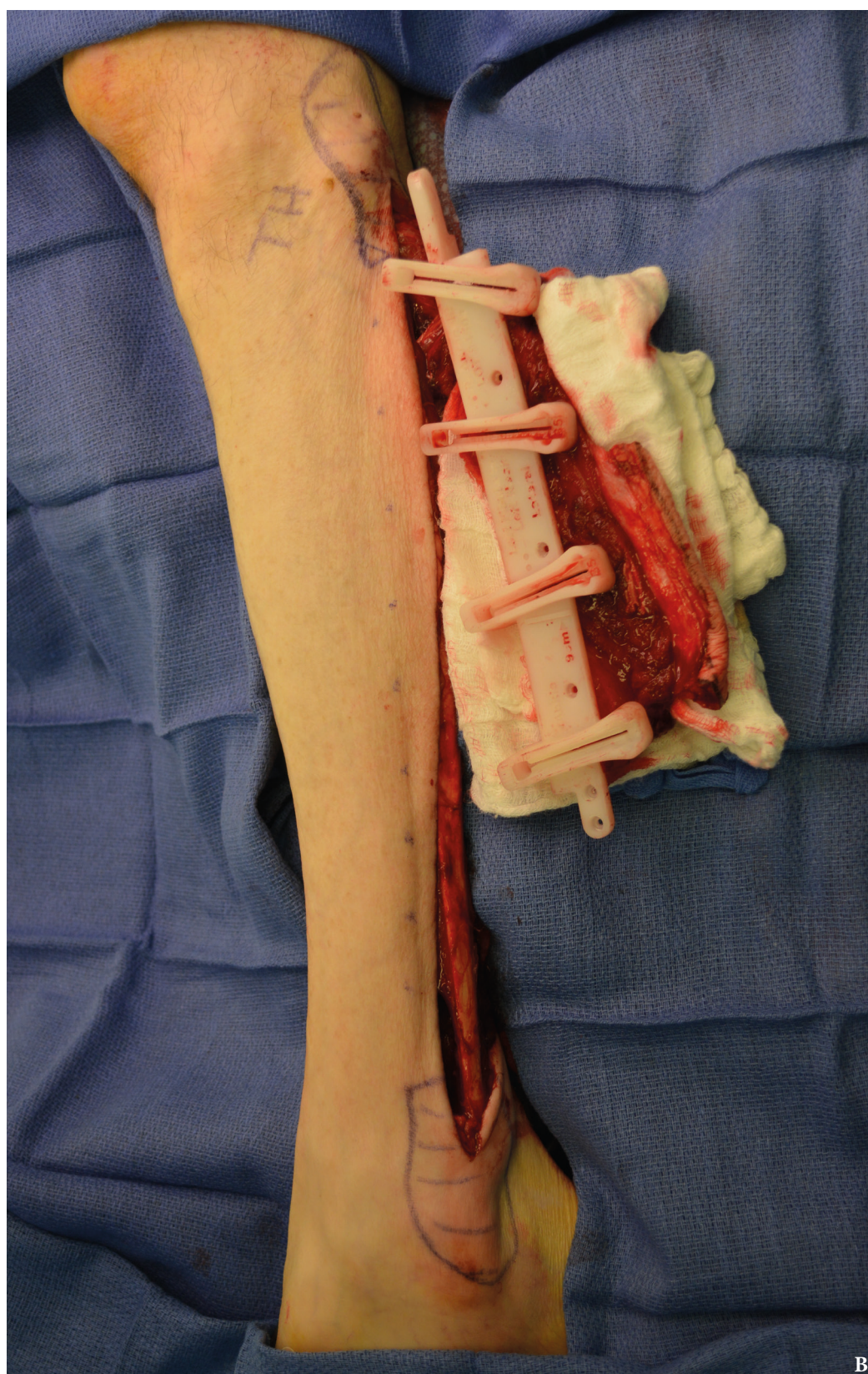


FIGURE 4 (cont'd). Intraoperative fibula view shows: **(B)** precise result of using the CAD-CAM generated osteotomy guides on the left fibula.

bone segments, the lateral segmental mandibular bony defects with a limited soft tissue defect were achieved. Reestablishing vascular supply to the preserved anterior mandibular segment was done by leaving the mucosal and muscular attachments (mylohyoid muscle and genioglossus muscle).

TAILORING OF THE FLAP & OSTEOTOMIES

We used a CAD-CAM generated osteotomy guides to perform a precise guided fibular wedge osteotomies. Each fibula segment should not be cut smaller than 3 cm (Schrag et al, 2006).¹⁴

SEGMENTS INSETTING

Inferior fibular bone segment was inlayed to the right-side mandibular defect (Fig 5A) and superior fibular bone segment was inlayed to the opposite-side defect (Fig 5B). The reconstruction plate was placed at the defects, along the inferior border of the both mandibular rami and symphysis (Fig 5C). Three bicortical screws were used on the right rami, 3 screws – on the left rami, and 4 screws – on the symphyseal bone fragment. But the fibula grafts were fixed to the plate using only monocortical screws to avoid vascular pedicle injury.¹⁶

RECIPIENT & DONOR VESSELS PREPARING

Shetawi and Buchbinder in the chapter *Mandibular Reconstruction*¹⁶ emphasize, that importance of the recipient vessel exploration cannot be ignored according to the next requirements:

1. To plan the type of free flap.
2. To plan the orientation of the flap during inset.
3. To plan the need for interpositional vein grafts.

ARTERIAL & VENOUS ANASTOMOSIS

After completing the step of inseting we start to perform next steps, making: 1) arterial anastomosis and 2) venous anastomosis. Both are performed using circumferential 9-0 or 10-0 nylon sutures. A brisk pulsatile bleeding is a right sign of a correctly performed arterial anastomosis.¹⁶ Tension or kinking is contraindicated upon laying the pedicle.

Shetawi and Buchbinder insist that it is possible to avoid hematoma formation or infections by making a proper drainage of the neck. According to the recommendation of the authors¹⁶ two different drainage systems can be used:

1. Open (Penrose) – is a soft, flexible rubber tube.
2. Closed (Pratt; *synonym*: Jackson-Pratt) – is an internal vacuum drain connected to a grenade-shaped bulb via plastic tubing.

In our case in the postoperative period we used Penrose drainage in submental region and the Pratt bilateral suction drains (Fig 6).

BASAL & ALVEOLAR BONE RECONSTRUCTION

The fact that the fibula segments' height is not enough to reconstruct simultaneously the basal and alveolar bone dictate us to choose one of the next techniques, which allows to restore alveolar bone height:

1. To inset fibula segment 1 cm above the mandibular inferior border.¹⁶
2. Symphyseal reconstruction is a perfect area to use double-barrel method.¹⁶
3. Vertical distraction is also an option to build an alveolar height.¹⁶ But the study of Lizio et al reported that cumulative success rate of the implants inserted into distracted fibula segment at the end of follow-up was only 52%.³⁷
4. Onlay grafting.³⁷

POSTOPERATIVE CARE FEATURES

The feeding tube is strongly recommended in the postoperative period with next purposes:¹⁶

1. To ensure healing.
2. To minimize breakdown of the wound and salivary leak.

PREVENTING COMPLICATIONS

Among possible complications in elderly patients the attention should be paid to delirium. This was the most common postoperative medical complication in 18 percent of cases in the report of Yang et al³⁸ and 35.3 percent of cases in the study of Sugiura et



FIGURE 5. Intraoperative right lateral view (**A**) after fixation of harvested fibula grafts on the bilateral mandibular defects using titanium reconstructive plate. (**Fig 5 continued on next page.**)

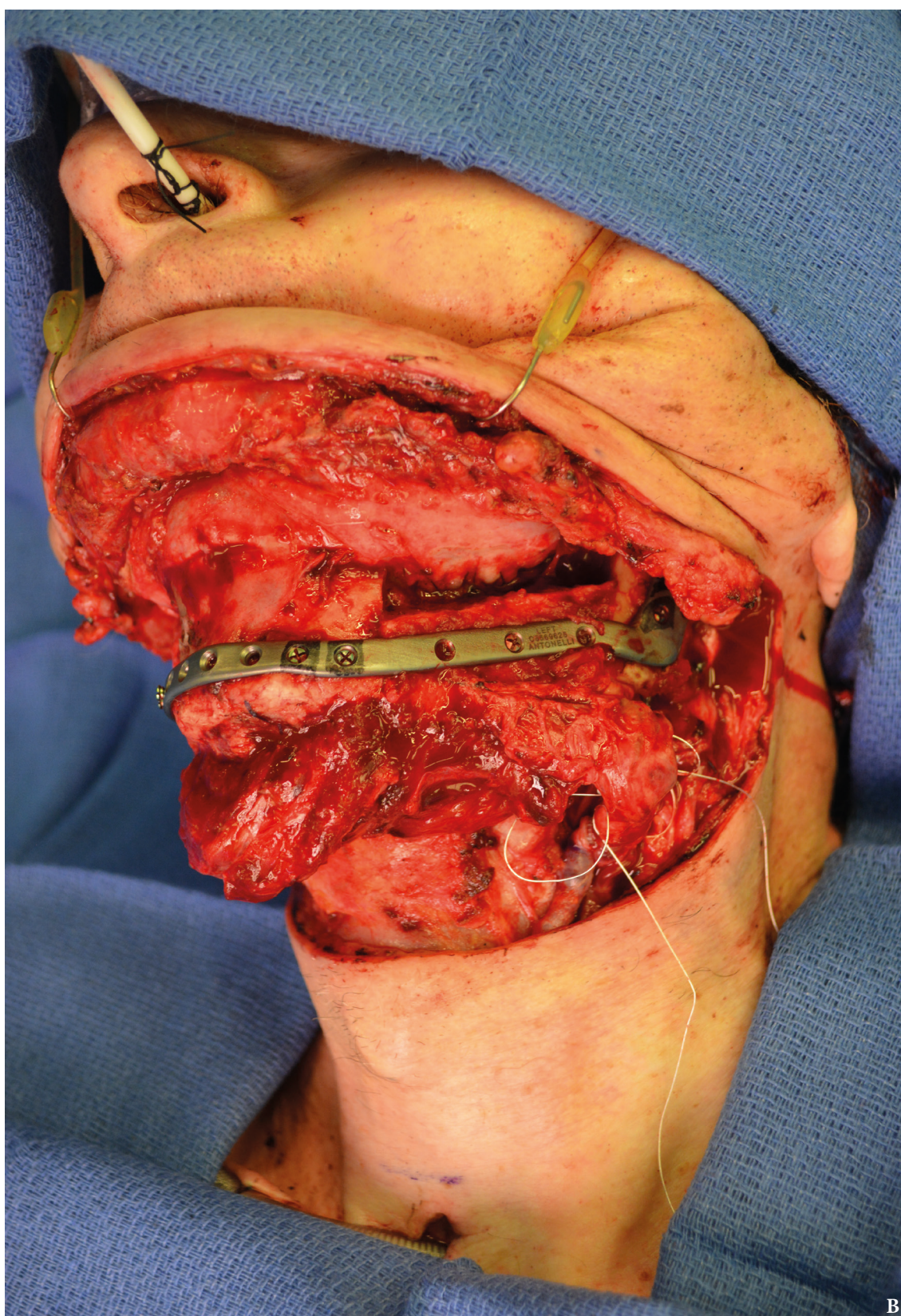


FIGURE 5 (cont'd). Intraoperative left lateral view (**B**) after fixation of harvested fibula grafts on the bilateral mandibular defects using titanium reconstruction plate. (**Fig 5 continued on next page.**)



FIGURE 5 (cont'd). Intraoperative anterior view (C) after fixation of harvested fibula grafts on the bilateral mandibular defects using titanium reconstruction plate.



FIGURE 6. Postoperative view immediately after suturing and fixation of a Penrose rubber tubular drain (*arrowhead*) in submental region, and the Pratt vacuum suction drains (*arrows*). Feeding tube is indicated by *curved arrow*.

al.³⁹ Our successful case of BSMR proved the results (in seventy-three ≥ 80 -year-old patients) of Sugiura et al³⁹ who suggested that elderly patients tolerate free fibula flap reconstruction. Despite of that, the authors stated that recovery of masticatory function looks difficult, even after performing free fibula flap reconstructive surgeries.³⁹

OUTCOME EVALUATION

The present surgical report is comparable to state of the art cases in the literature (Hsu et al, 2011; Chen et al, 2018; Weitz et al, 2018).^{40, 9, 41} Postoperative control of reconstruction with 3D-CT showed a perfect position of the transplanted segments (Fig 7). A patient showed success, with excellent flap vitality, nice donor site healing and simple postoperative period despite of the age. 6-month follow-up (Fig 8)

shows no signs of complications.

Thus, making the simultaneous bilateral segmental mandibular reconstruction a state of the art procedure is possible only in case of making its' every step (Fig 9) as perfect as possible according to the latest research data.

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FIGURE 7. Postoperative control of reconstruction with 3D-CT: Anterior view (A). (Fig 7 continued on next page.)

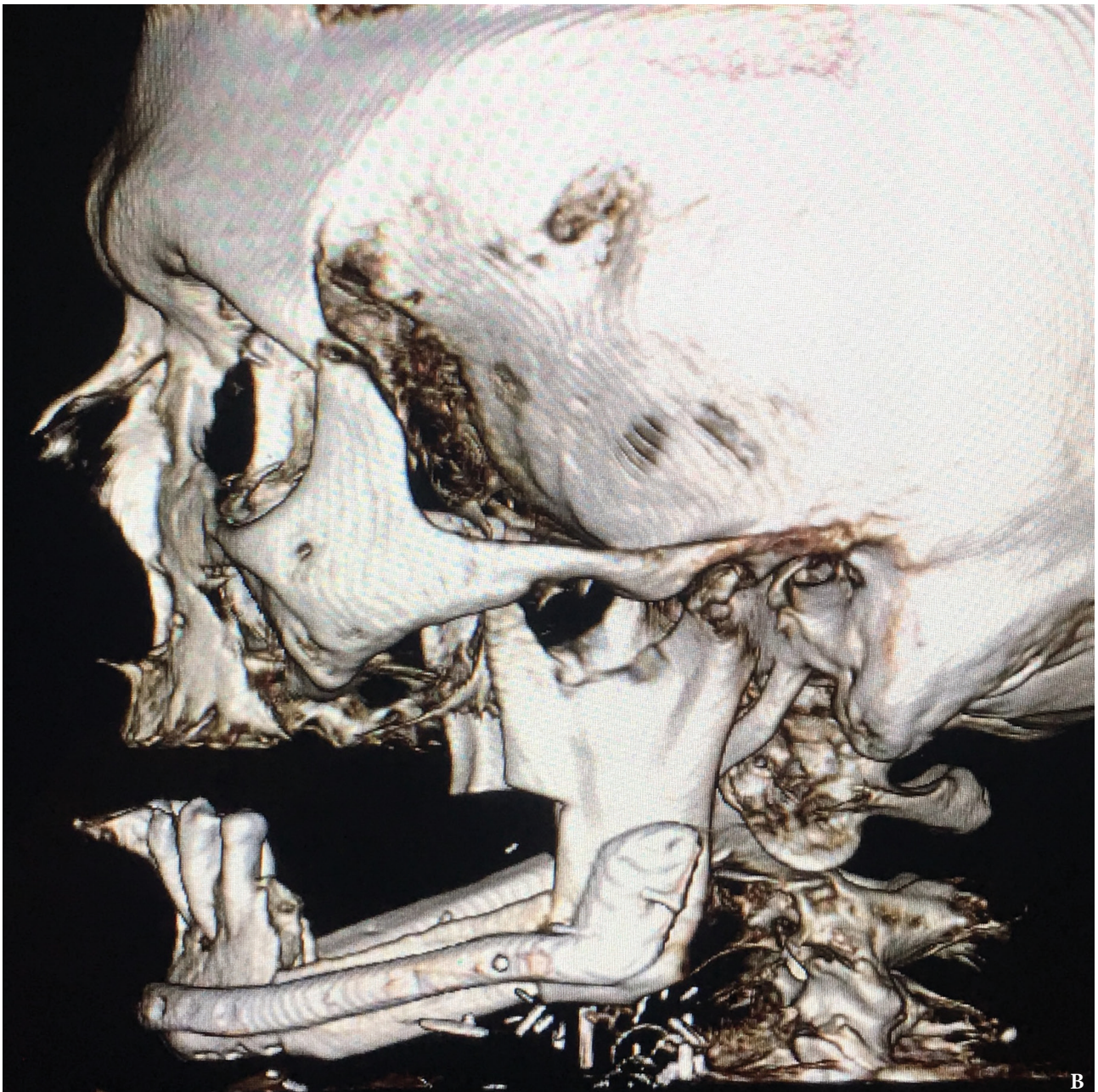


FIGURE 7 (cont'd). Postoperative control of reconstruction with 3D-CT: Left lateral view (**B**). (**Fig 7 continued on next page.**)

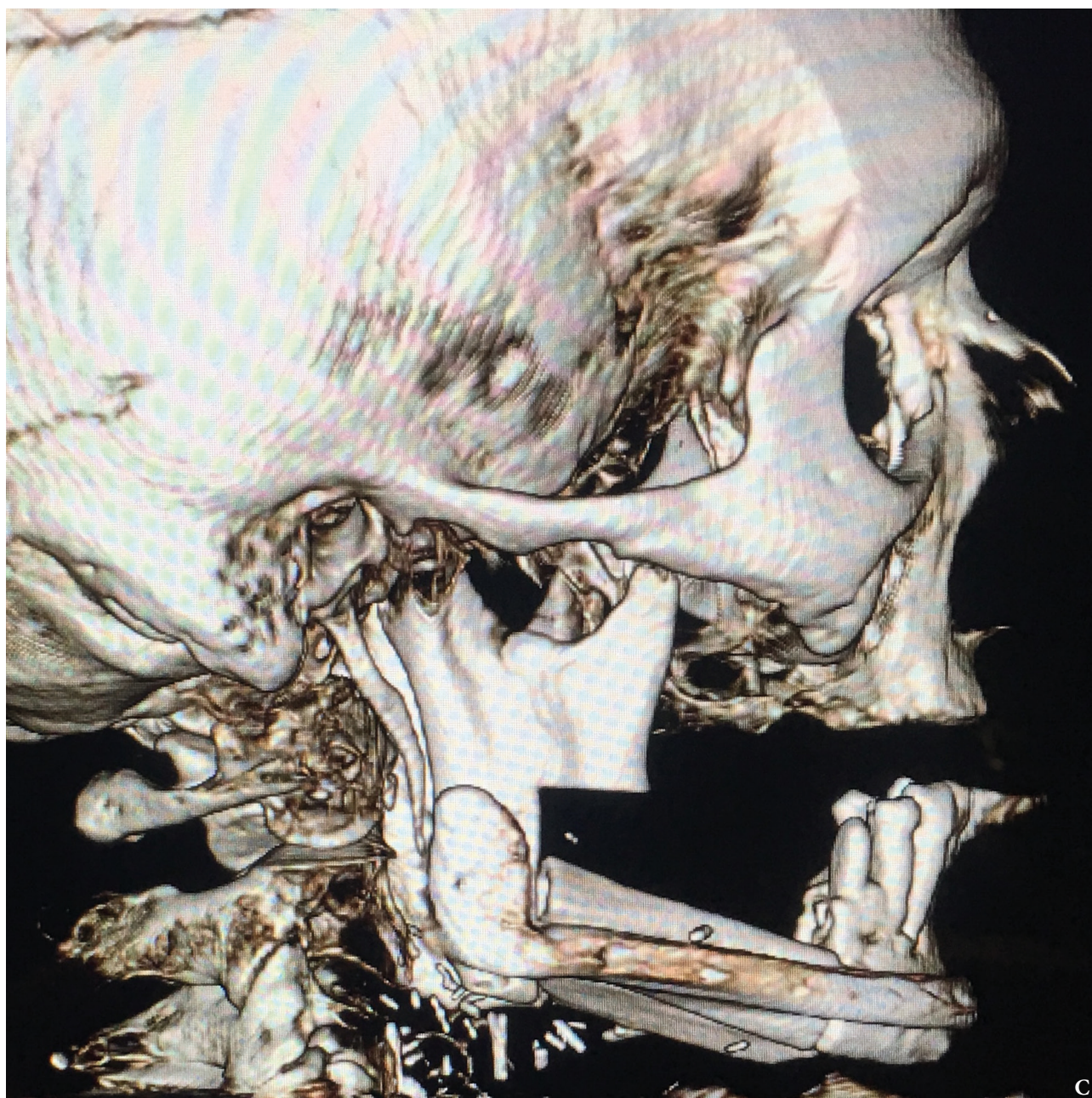


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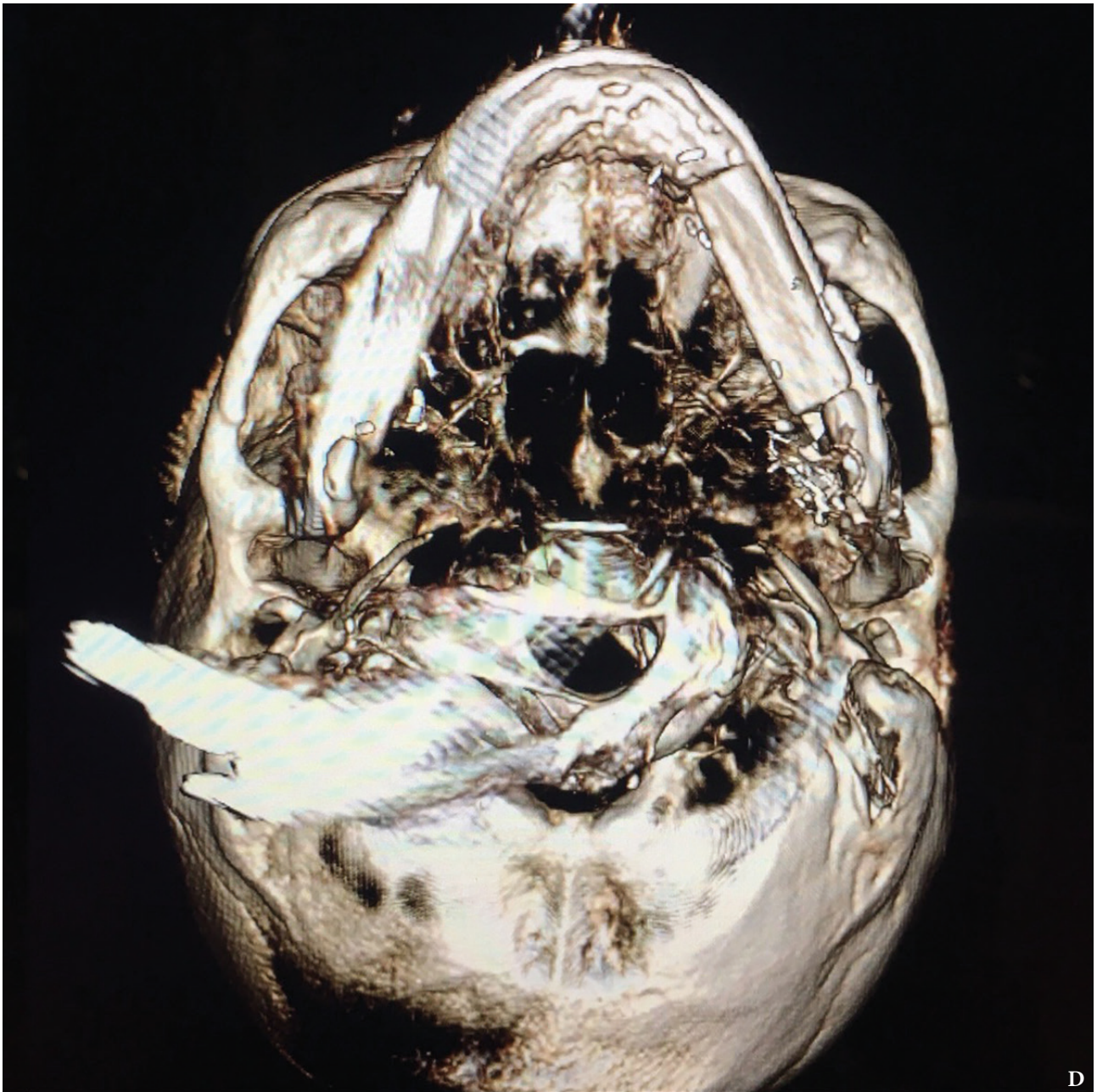


FIGURE 7 (cont'd). Postoperative control of reconstruction with 3D-CT: Axial view (**D**).



FIGURE 8. 6-month follow-up: Anterior view (**A**). A gentle scar (*arrow*) is hidden in the natural folds of the neck. (**Fig 8 continued on next page.**)



FIGURE 8 (cont'd). 6-month follow-up: Left lateral view (**B**). A gentle scar (*arrow*) is hidden in the natural folds of the neck.

BILATERAL SEGMENTAL MANDIBULAR RECONSTRUCTION

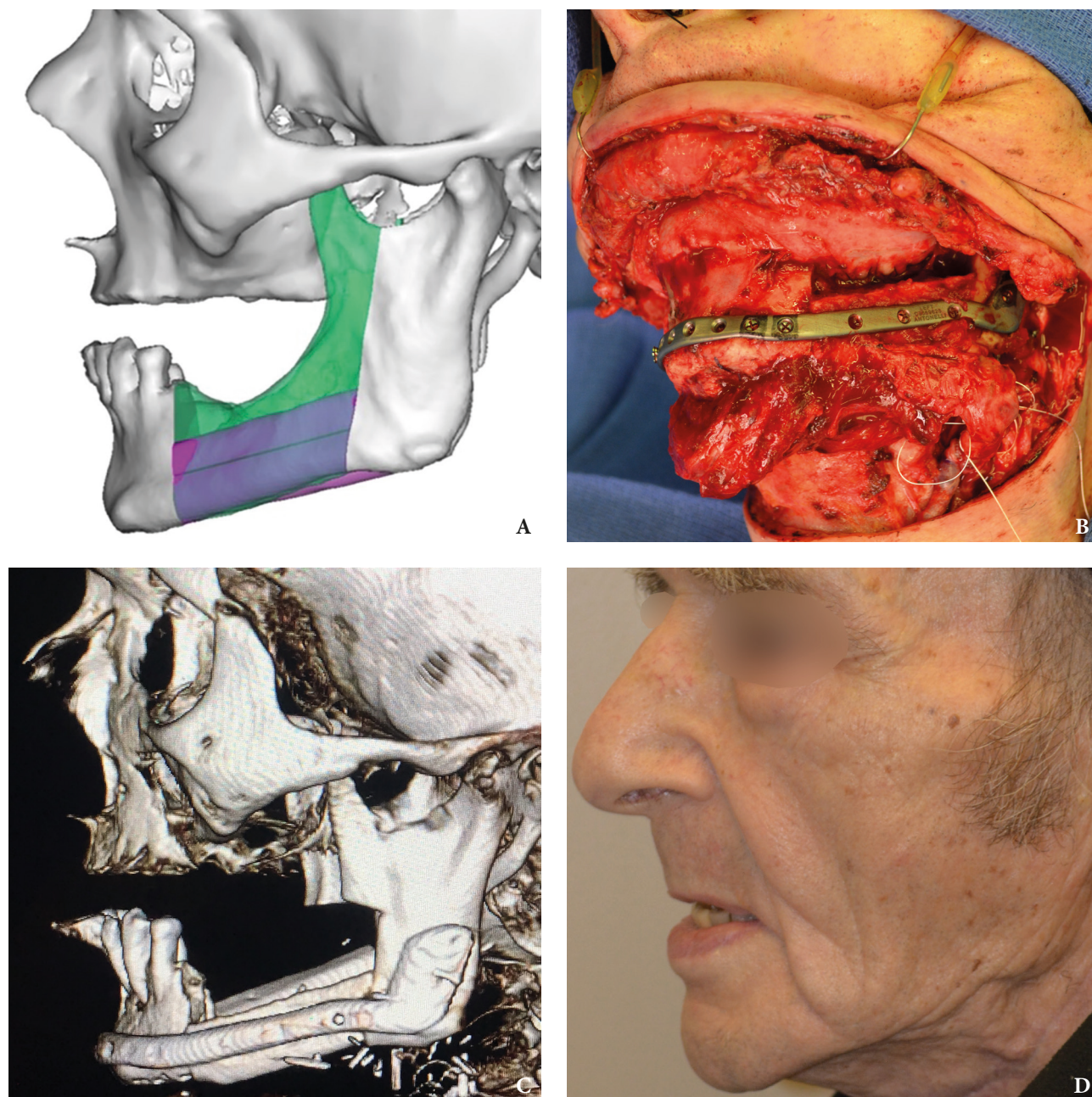


FIGURE 9. Consecutive images are illustrating the stages of the bilateral segmental mandibular reconstruction: Preoperative 3D planning (A), intraoperative view after fibular graft inlay and reconstructive plate fixation (B), postoperative CT view (C), and 6-month follow-up photography (D).

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Dental Implants & Bone Augmentation Techniques: Case Report

Avoiding Risks at the Maxilla upon Titanium Mesh Fixation for the Guided Bone Regeneration

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The mesh protected space is then colonized by osteogenic cell populations resulting in new bone formation.¹

—Marco **Rasia dal Polo** et al, 2014
Italy

INTRODUCTION/SUMMARY

Titanium mesh¹ (TiMe) is one of the popular tools in the guided bone regeneration (GBR). According to **Zita Gomes** et al (2016)² the surgical principle of GBR involves the placement of a mechanical barrier for the protection of the blood clot and the isolation of the bone defect from the surrounding connective tissues. Those measures will facilitate the selective recruitment of the mesenchymal cells responsible for the formation of a new bone tissue.²⁻⁶ And in some cases the mesh fixation method can be challenging

to some conditions. So, the goals of our report are 1) to show the brief case of dental implants placement with simultaneous titanium mesh by non-osseous fixation in a 45-year-old lady and 2) to discuss the paths how to avoid the risks at the maxilla upon that type of surgery.

CASE

A 45-year-old white female referred to our clinic with a diagnosis radicular cyst of a tooth #24 and absence of the teeth #25 and #27. After delivery of local anesthesia (3.4 ml Ultracain D-S forte, Frankfurt, Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH) we performed an incision; the full-thickness palatal and labial flaps were reflected. After atraumatic removal of tooth #24, we removed a cyst (**Fig 1A**). The complete buccal plate perforation was noted (**Fig 1B**). Three implants (U-Impl, Biel, Switzerland; 15 × 3.5 mm, 13 × 3.5 mm and 8.5 × 4 mm) were placed in the position of the teeth #24, 25 and 27 (**Fig 1C**). Each implant was placed bicortically. A TiMe (small mesh plate 25- × 35-mm in size and 0.1-mm in thickness, BioMaterials, Seoul, Republic of Korea) was trimmed and contoured to the ridge shape with a purpose to guarantee the guided bone regeneration in the area of buccal plate perforation. The mesh was fixed (**Fig 1D**) with one cover screw (U-Impl, Biel, Switzerland) to the implant in area with absent tooth #25. The flap was sutured (VICRYL, Ethicon, USA; 5-0 coated) without tension. Postoperative panoramic x-ray (**Fig 2**) is clearly demonstrating the implants position. In the postoperative period no mesh exposure was noted.

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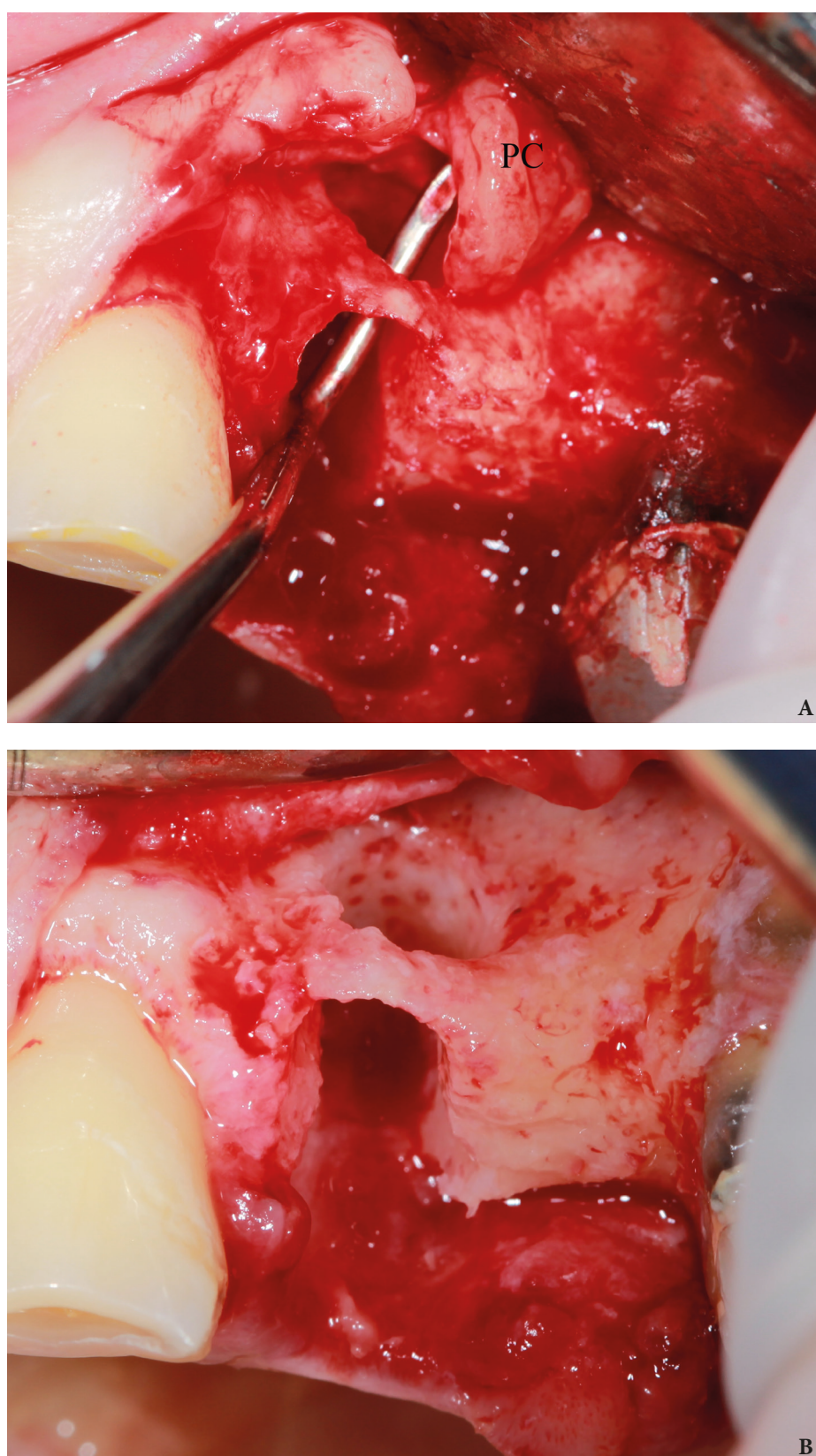


FIGURE 1. Intraoperative view: **A** – immediately after tooth #24 extraction and during periapical cyst (PC) removal, **B** – alveolar ridge is prepared for implants placement. (Fig 1 continued on next page.)

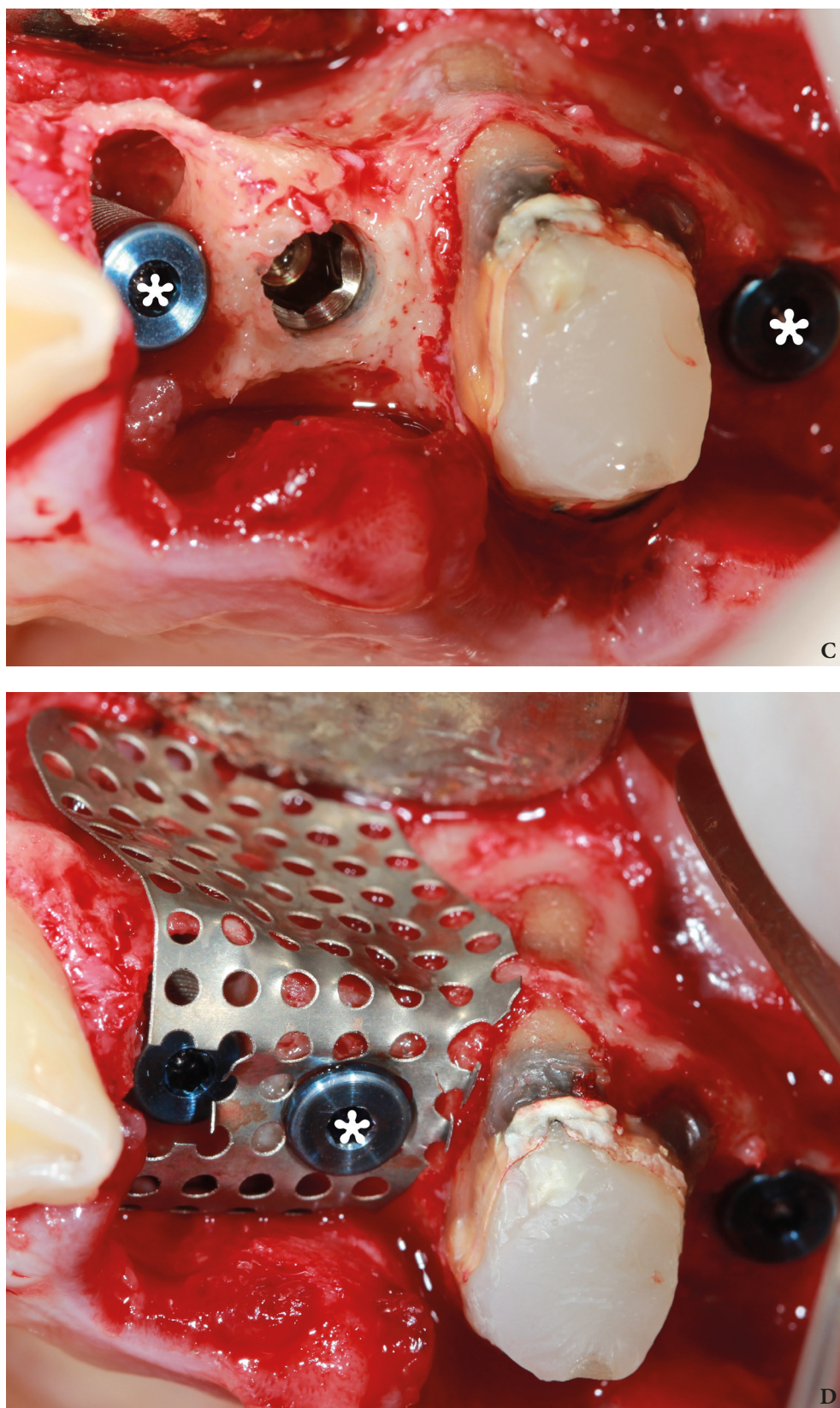


FIGURE 1 (cont'd). Intraoperative view: **C** – three implants and two cover screws (*asterisks*) were placed, **D** – titanium mesh is banded and fixed with one cover screw (*asterisk*) to implant #25.

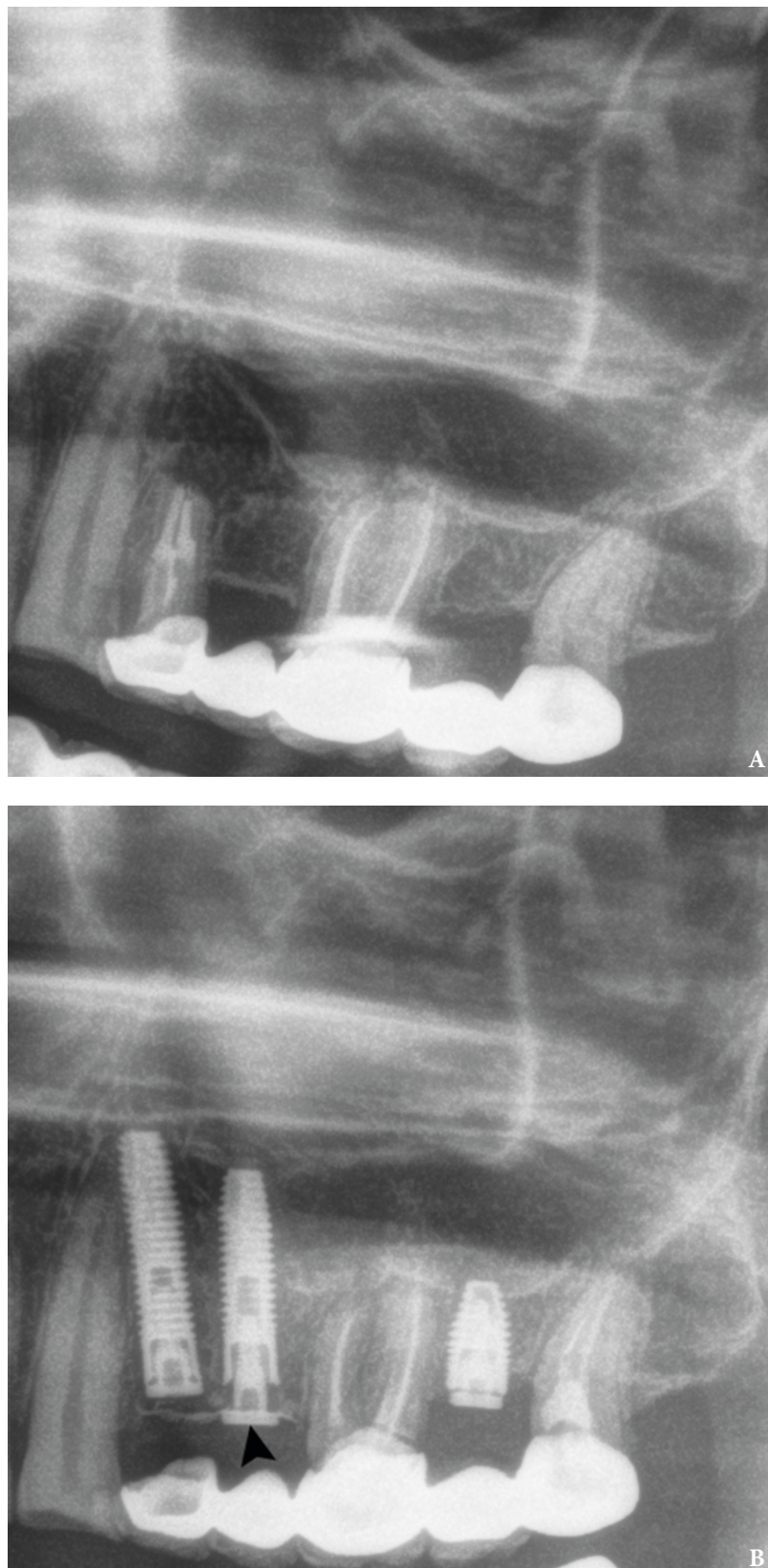


FIGURE 2. Preoperative (**A**) and postoperative (**B**) panoramic radiography. Cover screw that fixes titanium mesh is indicated by *arrowhead*.

DISCUSSION

Sometimes, the TiMe is fixated by absorbable sutures (Zhang et al, 2018).⁷ But usually, the TiMe is securing with screws which are placed vertically – at the top of the ridge and horizontally as well (Her et al, 2012).⁸ Nevertheless, there are some limitations for the bone fixation screws in the case of simultaneous implants placement in that particular maxillary area. They are:

1. Close intraosseous localization of the implants.
2. Neighboring teeth roots localization.
3. Close proximity of the maxillary sinus.

Thus, in those cases another option is possible – to fixate the mesh directly to implant with cover screw (connecting screw is used in a ribbed one-tooth-mesh, but plays similar role as cover screw) (Mastakov et al, 2018).⁹ And in that case two different types of titanium meshes are available: 1) ribbed meshes, which are manufactured with special ribs, simplifies mesh's adaption to the site (ribbed meshes are produced for 1 tooth edentulism), 2) paper-thick titanium meshes which can be trimmed and adopted in different manner to 1-3 teeth edentulism.

Upon mesh fixation, its' micromovements can be noted. Al-Ardah et al¹⁰ accentuate their attention on the research of Proussaefs et al¹¹ in which it is suggested that the micromovement of the titanium mesh could induce the formation of pseudoperiosteal layer consisting of connective and granulation tissue. The term 'pseudoperiosteum' was popularized in the study of Boyne et al.¹² So, a surgeon should decide pre-/intraoperatively what amount of fixation screws is enough to achieve mesh stability.

How to manage the most common postoperative complication, an exposure of the titanium mesh is perfectly described in the study of Al-Ardah et al (2017).¹⁰ The main conclusion of their preliminary results – removing the exposed portion of the mesh may result in augmentation similar to clinical cases in which the titanium barrier had not been exposed.¹⁰

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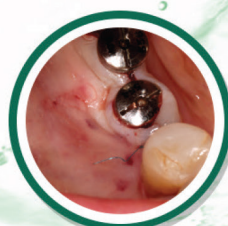
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