COMBINED MANAGEMENT OF CUSTOM MADE TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT REPLACEMENT AND ORTHOGNATIC SURGERY FOR ANTECEDENT OF FIBROUS ANKYLOSIS

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INTRODUCTION

Ankylosis of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) is a disorder that leads to a restriction of the mouth opening with partial or total reduction of mandibular movements (1, 2). This condition is disabling and interferes with function. It can affect speech, chewing, oral hygiene and craniofacial growth (3). The most common cause of ankylosis is hemarthrosis, which is defined as the existence of blood within the TMJ, secondary to a jaw trauma, especially in the chin area (4). In addition, other origins are attributed to it such as postoperative complications, local infections, infections of the middle ear or of the mastoid process; and systemic diseases such as ankylosing spondylitis, rheumatoid arthritis, myositis ossificans, among others (5). TMJ ankylosis can be: fibrous, fibro-osseous or osseous (6) The fibrous ankylosis found in the present case and can be explained by a progression of joint adhesions that gradually creates a significant limitation of the joint movement. Inflammation aggravates the disorder since it leads to the appearance of more fibrous tissue creating a vicious circle, further impeding mobility (7).

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OBJECTIVE

To describe a clinical case of bilateral ankylosis release with immediate rehabilitation of a bilateral joint prosthesis simultaneous to bimaxillary orthognathic surgery.

CASE REPORT

39-year-old female patient, who presents with mandibular ankylosis referred since childhood, on facial clinical examination presents class II dentofacial anomalie characterized micrognathia accompanied by severe microgenia, mental deviation of 4mm to the right, the oral opening of 10mm with associated pain 6/10, maxillary deviation 2 mm to the right.

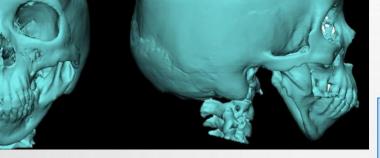
On tomographic examination, she presented bilateral Wilkes V, osteoarthritic joint changes, and ankylosing mass on both sides presented inclusion of the middle meningeal artery.

INITIAL CONDITION

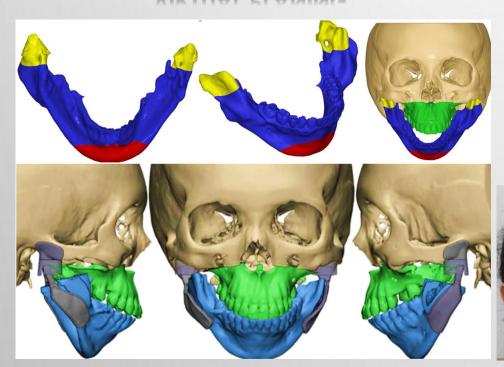








VIRTUAL PLANING



Under general anesthesia with previous virtual planning, the release of the ankylosis is performed first through resection of the ankylosis mass bilaterally, followed by total bilateral joint replacement made to measure, which generates advancement of 10 mm of pogonion. Later, a Le Fort I osteotomy was performed with a 6 mm posterior plus maxillary advancement and descent midline correction.



CONCLUSION

Customized bilateral temporomandibular joint replacement in conjunction with orthognathic surgery provides patients with a greater magnitude of aesthetic and functional changes, giving the possibility of having a facial balance of the lower third, as well as an improvement in function at airway, an increased range of oral opening, greater efficiency of swallowing and speaking.

In the present case, an improvement in the oral opening range from 10mm to 40mm was achieved with a positive effect at a functional, level in its chewing, swallowing, phonation, more permeable airway and sleep efficiency. In addition, a favorable impact on their aesthetics and facial harmony, last but not least, an improvement in their self-esteem and interpersonal relationships is achieved on a psychological level.

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