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Dear Lawrence Friedman,

We have addressed all comments of our referee. These are our point-by-point responses:

a) Respective information has been added (pages 8, 15, 16, 17).

b) A reference to Fig. 4 was added (page 15) and the discussion was expanded (page 17) explaining the reasons for reduced case numbers and the problems regarding patient recruitment.

c) Data on the success rates of bridges and RDPs were added (page 6). They delivered the foundation for the sample size estimation. Respective references were included in the sample size section (page 13).

d) The sentence “The study can be considered one of the most comprehensive randomized trials in prosthetic dentistry.” was deleted.

- The acronyms were spelled in full, when used for the first time.
- The reference to the CONSORT statement was included.
- The sentence on the significance of subjective variables has been omitted.
- “expensive” was removed.

Best regards,

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