Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of mini-implant length on stability at the initial healing period: A controlled clinical study

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Major Compulsory Revisions: --

Minor Essential Revisions:
Spelling mistakes:
- Discussion, third passage, first line: imact --> impact
- Discussion, third passage, twelfth line: corraltion --> correlation
- Table 2: SST --> ST (?)

Discretionary Revisions: --

The written English is comprehensible and the quality is acceptable for a scientific publication.

The title of the manuscript is accurate. The abstract describes very well the intent of the study regarding the stability at the initial healing period of mini-implants in the midpalatal region, the material and methods being used, the obtained results and the conclusion.

Criteria of inclusion and exclusion of patients are stated. The insertion and the observation protocols are clearly specified as well as the differences between the experimental and the control group. All required tests for the statistical analysis are denoted. The results are explicitly explained so that the data outcome is well controlled. The conclusion is coherent to the results of the available study and gives recommendation about the length of mini-implants, when inserted in the midpalatal region. The valuable recommendation for the dentistry is to use long mini-implants for a high stability at the initial healing period.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests