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I want to thank reviewer’s constructive and useful work again. I have revise the manuscript according to your advice and all changes have been highlighted in red. Here is the point-to-point response:

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Please check the sample size mentioned on page 6, it may be outdated for this revised version.

Response: The outdated sample size has been corrected.

2. I suggest considering the success and survival data separately. In summary, you can define survival as in the current version, but present a separate number for those implants that fulfill criteria for success as described in some classical literature in oral implantology.

Response: Implant success are defined according to Cochran & Buser 2002. Both survival and success rates will be reported.

Text change: Page10
3. You could expand the statistical analysis section by explaining tests for the secondary outcomes.

Response: The tests of secondary outcomes have been supplemented in statistical section.

Text change: page11