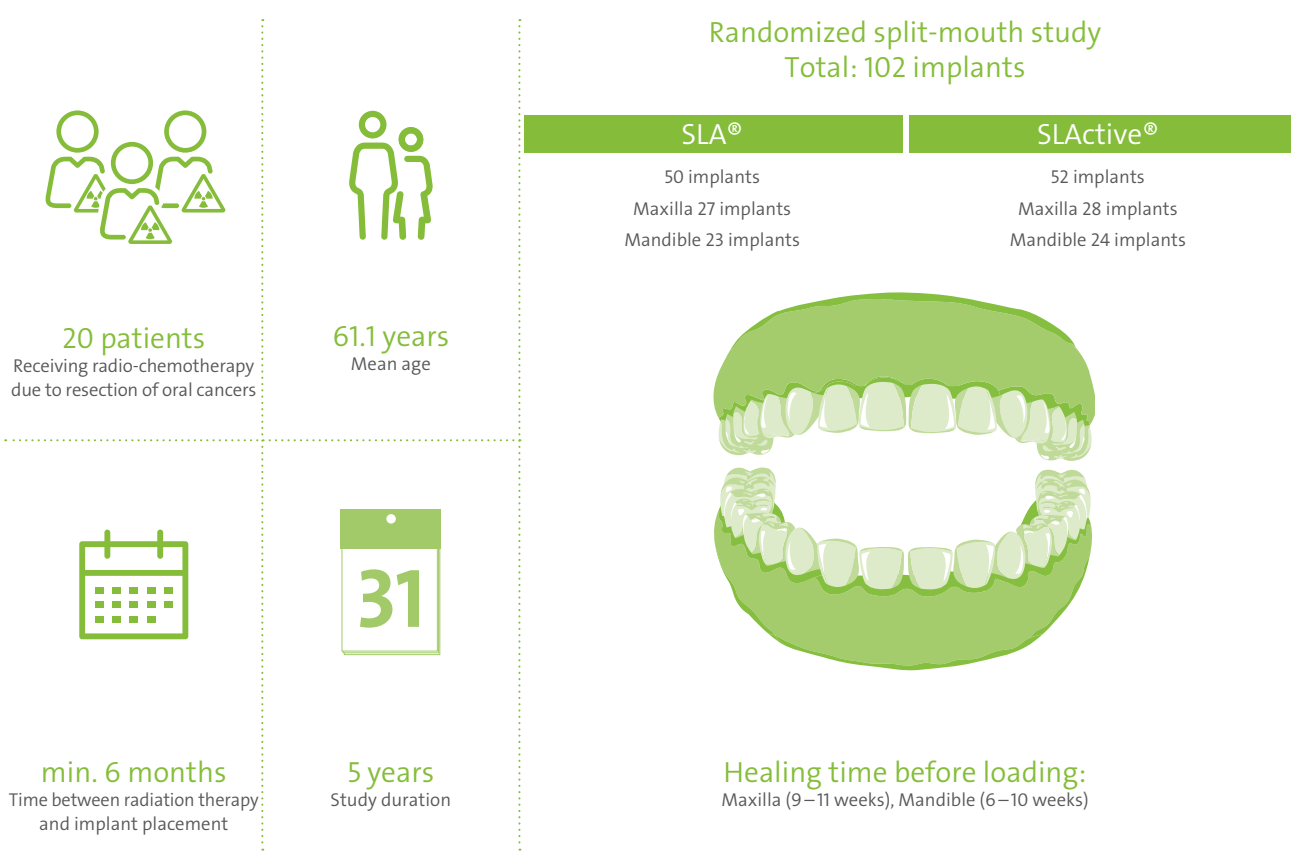


Rehabilitation of irradiated patients with Straumann® SLA® and SLActive® Implants: five-year follow-up

Study design¹



Aim

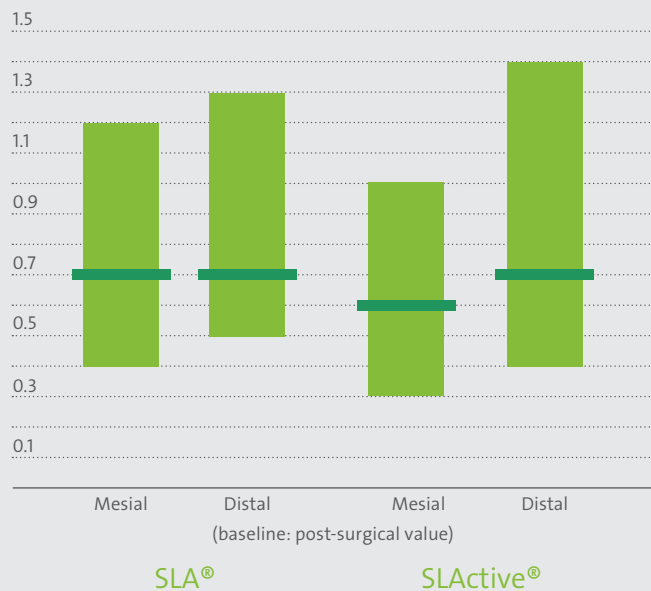
12 months

To evaluate the clinical and radiological parameters of SLA®/SLActive® surface implants in irradiated patients after the initial 12-month loading period up to 5 years.

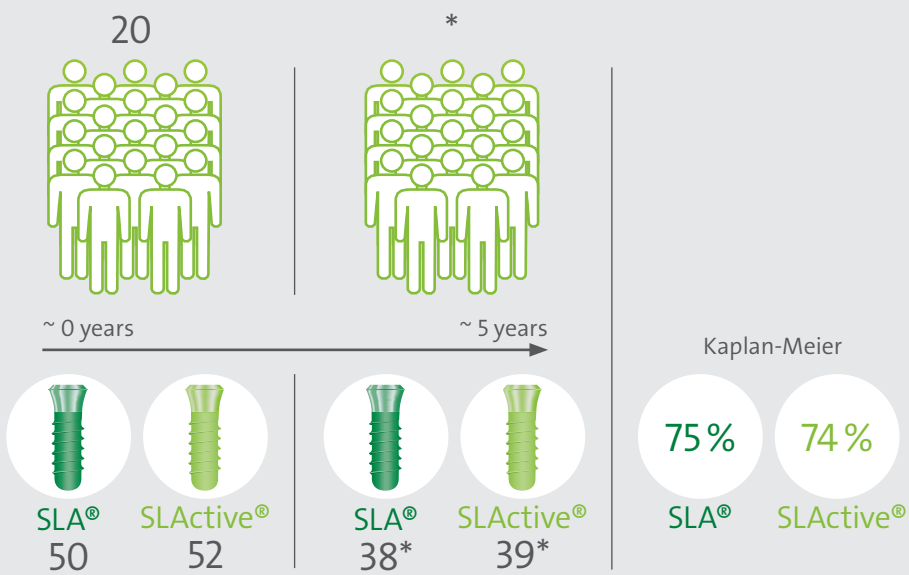
5 years

Results^{2,3}

Mean crestal bone level change



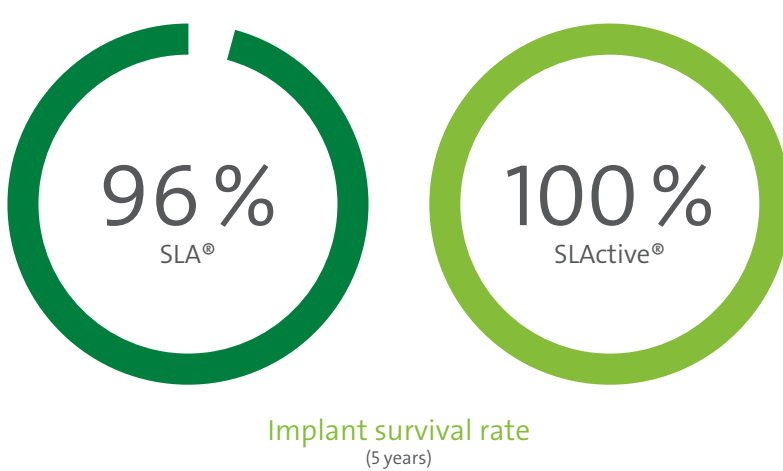
The crestal bone level was stable within 5 years after placement and similar to data in non-irradiated patients²



* 1 patient had tumour recurrence >>> resection to remove bone and 5 implants; 2 patients lost 1 implant before loading. Prosthetic rehabilitation could still take place successfully in these patients despite the loss of these implants; 4 patients died due to the cancer (-18) implants.

Clinical considerations^{2,3}

- SLActive® Implants can be used in irradiated patients with a high predictability of success.
- At the time of the patients' deaths, all the remaining implants were still in place in these patients and considered successful according the Buser success criteria⁴.
- Taking into account that the clinical performance and longevity of their implants would not be any different to the other implants in the study, had the patients survived, the **implant survival rate** would be: 96 % for SLA® | 100 % SLActive®.
- The crestal bone level was stable within 5 years after placement.
- Lower implant survival rates in patients with oral cancer may be associated with a higher mortality rate rather than a lack of osseointegration.



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