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Aim

Comparisation of the swelling, the quality of life and the post operative pain after endodontic surgery with and without of the use of A-PRF+.

Materials and methods

Patient selection:

- 10-10 per each group

Inclusion Criteria:

- Adults aged 20-65 years, both male and female.
- Diagnosed with periapical disease, including periapical cysts or granulomas.
- Requiring periapical surgery as part of their treatment plan.
- Presenting a tooth needing endodontic surgery with periradicular lesions of strictly endodontic origin.
- Size of the bone crypt between 6 mm and 12 mm.
- Non-surgical retreatment considered unfeasible or previously failed.
- Apical root canal free from posts over a length of at least 6 mm.
- Adequate coronal restoration without coronal leakage.
- Willing and able to provide written informed consent.
- Capable of attending follow-up visits and participating in required assessments.
- Maxillary and mandibular teeth limited to the 2nd premolar to 2nd premolar regions.
- Without general medical contraindications for oral surgical procedures.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with systemic conditions affecting healing, such as:
 - Uncontrolled diabetes mellitus.
 - Autoimmune disorders.
 - Chronic inflammatory diseases.
- Pregnant or breastfeeding individuals.
- Use of medications or therapies that may interfere with healing, including:
 - Bisphosphonates.
 - Immunosuppressants.
 - Radiotherapy.
 - Oncological therapies (e.g., chemotherapy, immunotherapy).
- Requires antibiotic prophylaxis or therapy.
- History of allergies or adverse reactions to blood-derived products.
- Neuropsychiatric disorders.
- Active infection or severe periodontal disease in the surgical area.
- Periodontal probing depths greater than 5 mm.

- Moderate to severe periodontal bone loss.
- Vertical root fractures.
- Perforation of the furcation area or root canal, except for the apical area.
- Smokers or individuals unwilling to refrain from smoking during the study period.
- Participation in another clinical trial within the last 30 days.
- Absolute or relative contraindications for surgery.

Surgical procedure

- If it is required and feasible endodontic treatment or retreatment maximum 1 week before surgery
- One surgeon perform all operation
- Local anaesthesia 2% lidocaine and ephinephrine 3x2 ml lidocaine
- Trapezoid submarginal flap (Ochsenbein-Luebke flap)
- 15 C surgical blade
- Ball shaped 0,27 mm diameter bone burr, 1:1 straight handpiece
- 3 mm of apical portion is resected- in one piece – perpendicular to the long axis placed in sterile saline
- 3 mm retrograde cavity- with diamond coated ultrasonic instruments
- Microbiological sample
- MTA retrograde RCFilling
- Mobilisation of the flap
- In the test group the resection cavity was filled and covered with A-PRF+ membrane
- Tension free flap closure with 3-0 Silc suture

PRF preparation

- In the test group before surgery 3 or 2 (depends on size of the cavity) 10ml glass tubes without additives
- 1300 rpm for 8 min centrifugation (Harmonycom)
- Using an A-PRF Duo centrifuge (Process for PRF, Nice, France)
- Placed in sterile container (PRF Box, Process for PRF, Nice, France)

Postoperative instruction

- Diclofecan 50mg (Cataflam 50mg) 2x1 per day, for 3 days
- Rinses with 0,12% Chlorehexidine twice a day for 1 week
- No postoperative antibiotics was described
- Suture removal after 7 days

Evaluation

- 3D optical scans (Einstar, Shining 3D) were recorded over two time period, T0 (preoperative scan), T1 (day 3 postoperatively)
- VAS (Visula Analogue Scale) pain was graded on a score to 0-10, 0 no pain, 10 maximum intensity of pain, for 7 days
- Likert scale based questionnaire: ranging from 0 to 4, 0 non 4 very much, for 7 days daily starts on the operation day
 - Postoperative limitations in function: Mouth opening, Chewing, Speaking, Sleeping, Daily routine, Work

Statistical Analisys

Statistical Analysis Plan

1. Study Objectives

- **Primary Objective:**
 - To assess the impact of PRF membrane on postoperative swelling and its relationship with quality of life dimensions and pain.
- **Secondary Objectives:**
 - To compare quality of life (QoL) dimensions and pain levels pre- and post-intervention between the PRF membrane group and the control group.
 - To investigate correlations between swelling (volume) and postoperative QoL dimensions.

2. Study Design

- **Type:** Preliminary comparative study.
- **Groups:**
 - **PRF Membrane Group** (10 participants): Underwent apicoectomy with PRF membrane application.
 - **Control Group** (10 participants): Underwent apicoectomy without PRF membrane.

3. Outcome Measures

1. **Primary Outcomes:**
 - Postoperative swelling (volume): Measured using standardized evaluation methods.
 - Quality of Life (QoL) dimensions: Assessed using a questionnaire with subdimensions (e.g., physical function, pain impact, anxiety, sleep disturbance).
2. **Secondary Outcomes:**
 - Pain intensity: Measured using the Visual Analog Scale (VAS).
 - Correlations between swelling and QoL dimensions.

4. Statistical Methods

1. **Descriptive Statistics:**
 - Mean \pm standard deviation for continuous variables (e.g., QoL scores, pain, swelling volume).
 - Frequency and percentage for categorical variables.
2. **Normality Testing:**
 - **Shapiro-Wilk test:** Conducted for each variable to determine whether parametric or non-parametric tests will be used.
3. **Comparative Analyses:**

- **Between Groups:**
 - Independent samples t-test for normally distributed data.
 - Mann-Whitney U test for non-normally distributed data.
- **Within Groups:**
 - Paired t-test for normally distributed pre- and post-intervention comparisons.
 - Wilcoxon signed-rank test for non-normally distributed data.

4. **Correlations:**

- Spearman's or Pearson's correlation will be used to evaluate the relationship between swelling (volume) and QoL dimensions depending on data distribution.

5. **Significance Threshold:**

- A two-tailed **p-value < 0.05** will be considered statistically significant.

5. Missing Data

- Missing data will be handled by:
 - **Listwise deletion** for analyses where missing data is minimal.
 - Sensitivity analysis if missing data exceeds 10%.

6. Software

- All statistical analyses will be performed using **SPSS** or **R** software.

7. Reporting

- Results will include:
 - Comparative tables of pre- and post-intervention outcomes.
 - Statistical significance levels for group comparisons.
 - Correlation matrices for swelling and QoL dimensions.