Treatment of intrabony bone defect with xenograft material: A case report

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Abstract
The periodontal therapy is aimed in regeneration or restitution of lost periodontal tissues destroyed by periodontal disease. There are different treatment modalities used for regeneration of the tissues. Among them different grafting material which include autografts, allografts, xenografts and alloplasts have been used and clinically applied. This article presents a case report on periodontal regeneration using bovine osseous xenograft in treatment of a periodontal intra-bony defect in relation to upper lateral incisor.

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Introduction
The main aim of periodontal treatment is the maintenance of the natural dentition in health and comfortable function. Regeneration of periodontal tissue that has been lost as a result of disease is the ultimate objective of periodontal therapy. Regeneration can be defined as the reproduction or reformation of organs or tissue that have been lost or injured as a result of a wound or infection. Regenerative periodontal procedure involves the creation of new alveolar bone, cementum, and periodontal ligament [1]. Periodontal regeneration can be achieved by a variety of non-surgical and surgical therapies. Treatments for intrabony defects include: open flap debridement alone (OFD); OFD plus demineralized freeze-dried bone allograft (DFDBA), freeze-dried bone allografts (FDBA), or autogenous bone; and G guided tissue regeneration (GTR) alone or with osseous grafts [2]. Bone replacement grafts are the most widely used treatment options for the correction of periodontal osseous defects [3]. Bone replacement grafts include autografts, allografts, xenografts and alloplasts. Xenografts used in the treatment of intrabony defects can be both bovine bone and natural coral, these are also referred to as an anorganic bone, since proprietary processes are suggested to remove all cells and proteinaceous material, leaving behind an inert absorbable bone scaffold upon which revascularization, osteoblast migration, and woven bone formation supposedly occur [4]. In this report, we present the clinical and radiographic changes of a patient using osseous xenograft as a grafting material in the treatment of periodontal intrabony defect in relation to upper left incisor.

Case report
A 17 year female patient came to the department of periodontics, govt dental college and hospital, Srinagar with the complaint of mobility and difficulty in chewing in upper front tooth region. On examination there was a periodontal pocket of 9 mm -10 mm on mesial aspect of 22 with grade I mobility. The clinical presentation included reddish pink, swollen gingiva with bleeding on probing. Radiograph showed intrabony defects on mesial aspect to 22. The treatment plan included phase I therapy (scaling and root planning) followed by an open flap debridement in 12, 22 and 23 region and utilization of bovine osseous xenograft to fill the osseous defect followed by suturing and periodontal dressing for 14 days.

Local anesthesia (2% lidocaine with 1:80000 adrenaline) was administered and intrasulcular incisions were given involving 11 to 24 regions and mucoperiosteal flaps were reflected. Vertical incisions were avoided. A thorough debridement was carried out and after complete removal of granulation tissue was done. The required quantity of the bone graft material was transferred from the vial to the dappen dish and mixed with normal saline.
When it became a cohesive mass, it was delivered in small increments into the defect, taking care not to overfill it. The mucoperiosteal flaps were repositioned and secured in place by interrupted suture using the black braided (4-0) silk. Then the patient was prescribed systemic antibiotic (Amoxicillin 500 mg) for 5 days and Diclofenac sodium 50 mg thrice daily for three days with 0.2% chlorhexidine rinses twice daily for 2 weeks. At every new visit, oral hygiene instructions were reinforced. The patient was evaluated clinically and radiographically at nine months, postoperatively.

**Discussion**

The aim of this case report was to present the use of xenograft in the management of intra osseous defects with excellent results. Periodontal pockets associated with intrabony lesions have been shown to be at higher risk of disease progression in patients who do not receive systematic periodontal therapy \(^5\). Intrabony pocket or defect is periodontal pocket in which the bottom is apical to the level of the adjacent alveolar bone \(^6\). The periodontal regeneration in intrabony defect is influenced by many factors related to the patient such as smoking, bony morphology, root topography, gingival biotype, gingival recession, surgical technique, and early supportive periodontal care \(^7, 8\). Bone replacement grafts used for the regeneration of lost periodontal tissues include autografts, allografts, xenografts, and alloplastic bone substitutes with proved clinical outcome. The treatment plan should include oral hygiene instructions and reinforcement and evaluation of the patient’s plaque control; supra- and subgingival scaling and root planing to remove microbial plaque and calculus; control of other local factors; occlusal therapy as necessary; periodontal surgery as necessary; and periodontal maintenance \(^9\).

In this case the infrabony defect was present around the left lateral incisor and the bovine osseous graft was used to fill the defects.

**Bone defect filled with Osseo graft**
Conclusion
It can be concluded from this case report that the xenogenic bone graft material can be beneficial for the treatment of periodontal intrabony defects. However, further studies with larger sample size, and longer follow-ups are required.

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