Case Presentation

Full Mouth Rehabilitation of Localized Aggressive Periodontitis: A Case Report of 36 Months Follow-Up

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Introduction

Regeneration of lost tissues to its pre-disease state is the desired goal for clinicians in periodontitis. Various procedures like open flap debridement alone or, combined with bone grafts and GTR are employed to accomplish the ultimate goal of periodontal therapy [1]. Autogenous graft is an ideal graft material for regeneration but its major disadvantage is that it requires a second surgical site to procure the graft tissue [2]. FDBA is a mineralized bone graft which promotes regeneration by osteoconduction and is suitable for space maintenance [3]. Xenografts are the alternatives but because of the risk of immunogenic reactions and rejection by host tissue, they are not as successful as autografts [4]. Alloplastic materials are used as fillers and as scaffolds and are biocompatible. BioGraft HA is a composite bioactive material for periodontal osseous defect reconstructions and regeneration. The particle size of Biograft HA is 150-700 μ with an internal pore size of 100-200 μ , used specifically, for periodontal applications [5]. Nano-crystalline hydroxyapatite (NcHA) bone graft was introduced commercially as Sybograft. The advantages are osteoconductivity, bioresorbability and the presence of high number of molecules on the surface [6]. Hyaluronic acid (hyaluronan) is a widely distributed glycosaminoglycan in the extracellular matrix of mammalian connective tissues. Gengigel contains Hyaluronic acid in 0.8% concentration in gel formulation and is suitable for bone regeneration [7]. In the present case report, we tried to explore the beneficial effects of composite grafts [(FDBA, Biograft HA, Osseograft, Sybograft, Autogenous graft) + Gengigel] in intra-bony osseous defects.

Case Presentation

A 35 years old male patient reported with the chief complaint of deposits on teeth. On clinical examination, patient was diagnosed with localized aggressive periodontitis based on the clinical and radiographic features. Clinical parameters were recorded pre-

Abstract

Localized Aggressive Periodontitis is characterized by deep vertical osseous defects that affect molars and incisors. This case report is of a 35 years male patient diagnosed with localized aggressive periodontitis with intrabony defects. Regeneration of intra-bony defects was carried-out with use of composite grafts [(FDBA, Biograft HA, Osseograft, Sybograft, Autogenous graft) + Gengigel]. After 6 months, all grafts showed radiographic bone fill but at 36 months, FDBA, Osseograft along with Gengigel showed better radiographic bone fill than the other composite grafts. Buccal bone augmentation was done in 12 regions to receive prosthesis. Thus, full mouth rehabilitation was achieved.

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operatively and after 6, 12, 24 and 36 months by a trained examiner. The pocket probing depth (PD) and clinical attachment level (CAL) were recorded to the nearest millimeter with a UNC-15 probe (Hu-Friedy probe) at the deepest point of the periodontal pocket. In radiographic examination, an orthopantomograph (OPG) was used to evaluate the radiographic level of bone wherein deep intra-bony defects were observed in the molar and incisal regions (Figure 1 and 2).

Surgical procedure

Phase I therapy of scaling and root planning was done. Phase



Figure 1: Pre-operative view.



Figure 2: Pre-operative orthopantomograph (OPG).

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Figure 3: Pre-operative probing depth.



Figure 4: Placement of composite graft.



Figure 5: Pre-operative site for buccal ridge augmentation.



Figure 6: Procured autogenous bone graft placed in the recipient site.

II therapy proceeded with an open flap debridement followed by regeneration of the intra-bony defects. Local anesthesia with 2% lignocaine was achieved followed by buccal and then, palatal/ lingual crevicular incisions using surgical blade no.15. Full thickness mucoperiosteal flap was elevated and after meticulous debridement of the defect, composite graft with Gengigel was placed up to the vertical height of corresponding adjacent bone level as follows:

- In first quadrant: FDBA + Biograft HA;
- In second quadrant: Osseograft + Biograft HA;



Figure 7: Post-operative site for ridge augmentation.

- In third quadrant: Sybograft + Autogenous graft; while
- In fourth quadrant: Sybograft + Biograft HA

The above respective composite grafts were used along with Gengigel and surgical flaps were repositioned using 3-0 silk. Postoperative instructions were provided followed by antibiotics and analgesics which were prescribed for 5 days and the patient was discharged with a recall after 1 week for suture removal (Figure 3 and 4). Buccal ridge augmentation was done to place prosthesis that would exhibit primary stability in 12 region. In the recipient site, a midcrestal incision in the keratinized tissue followed by two vertical relieving incisions was given and full thickness mucoperiosteal flap was elevated. Buccal cortical deficiency was measured as 4x3mm and with the help of BS-2R piezo bone cutting bur under copious saline irrigation, the measured buccal cortical bone was procured from the symphysis region. The procured bone was placed in the recipient site and stabilized with titanium screws. The recipient and donor sites were subsequently sutured. The clinical and radiographic parameters were recorded after 6, 12, 24 and 36 months (Figure 5-7).

Results

Pre-operatively, the mean probing depth was found to be 10mm while after 6 months, the clinical probing depth was measured at 3mm in all the defect sites. First and second quadrants showed 3mm after 12, 24 and 36 months whereas third and fourth quadrants showed a mean probing depth of 4.5mm at 36 months. On radiographic examination, the bone fill was found to be more in the first and second quadrants post-operatively than in third and fourth quadrants. The bone buccolingual dimension of the alveolar ridge was increased by 2mm (Figure 8-10).

Discussion

The aim of periodontal treatment is to induce bone regeneration in intra-bony defects. The present case report suggests that smaller particle size of FDBA (100-300 μ m) provided better bone fill of 2mm at 36 months follow-up and showed better clinical outcome in the form of reduced probing depth (baseline 10mm to 3mm at 36 months follow-up post-operatively). According to Rivault AF et al, FDBA (100-300 μ m) was better compared to the larger particle size of FDBA (1000-2000 μ m) than using DFDBA [8]. Mabry TW et al stated FDBA showed reduced probing depth [9]. Osseograft is a xenograft of demineralized bone matrix with a particle size is of 250 μ m and is replaced by host bone within 4-24 weeks. In the present case report, there was observed a bone fill within 24 weeks as osseograft contains type 1 collagen and is made from bovine cortical samples.



Figure 8: Post-operative probing depth.



Figure 9: Post-operative view after 36 months.



Figure 10: Post-operative orthopantomograph (OPG) after 36 months.

The probing depth (PD) reduced to 3mm at 6 months and the same result was sustained at 36 months. Sonis ST et al evaluated the efficacy of demineralized bone in periodontal defects and stated that there was a radiographic bone fill of 60% at 6 months [10]. The present case report identified good bone fill, evidenced radiographically, with use of composite grafts (FDBA + Biograft HA + Gengigel) and (Osseograft + Biograft HA + Gengigel) which provided improvement in clinical and radiographic parameters when reviewed in a 36 months postoperative follow-up superior to other composite grafts. Zybutz M et al compared clinical and radiographic measurements of vertical defects using Biograft HA and concluded that there was greater radiographic bone fill after 12 months [11]. Sybograft in this case report revealed that there was a bone fill of 1.5mm after 36 months. Kasaj A et al evaluated the clinical efficacy of Nano-crystalline hydroxyapatite (NcHA) in intra-bony defects [12]. Autogenous bone grafts provide a reliable treatment modality for the reconstruction of bone defects for aesthetic and functional results in the treatment of intra-bony defects [13]. The bone scrapings from the adjacent site were taken and placed in the bone defect area in the present case. The results revealed that there was a bone fill of 2mm after 36 months. Gengigel was placed in all the bone defects along with other bone grafts to provide additional bone formation. Fawzy El-Sayed KM et al, in a randomized controlled

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trial, evaluated the efficacy of Gengigel which contains Hyaluronic acid in 0.8% concentration in gel formulation in conjunct with periodontal surgical procedures and noted statistically significant differences in clinical attachment level (CAL) [14]. The hard tissue augmentation achieved with buccal ridge augmentation improved esthetic and functional demands in areas where hard and soft tissue defects were present. This case report presented a useful treatment for correcting the buccal volume of hard tissue in 12 regions to receive prosthesis. Thus, the buccal ridge augmentation with autogenous bone graft allowed improvement in the hard tissue contours and emergence profile [15]. As the present case is an ideal case for vertical defects, different bone grafts in combination with hyaluronan gel were used to know their efficacy in bone formation. The limitation of the present case report is that the patient was unwilling for implant placement, so, fixed prosthesis was given in the ridge augmented area.

Conclusion

This case report revealed that treatment with composite grafts (FDBA + Biograft HA + Gengigel) and (Osseograft + Biograft HA + Gengigel) provided improvement in clinical and radiographic parameters when reviewed in a 36 months post-operative follow-up superior to other composite grafts.

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