



# Comparison of Radiographic Alveolar Bone Level using Crown and Sleeve-Coping Telescopic Denture Design on the Abutments of Non-molars for Periodontal and Prosthetic Treatments - A long-term study



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## Abstract

The aim of the present study was to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of clinical combination of non-surgical periodontal therapy (NSPT) with CSC telescopic denture for treatment of non-molars affected severe advanced periodontitis (SAP) with secondary occlusal traumatism (SOT). A total 26 individuals ranging in age from 38 to 78 years with moderate to severe advanced periodontitis were collected as the study samples. Baseline data were assessed included gingival index (GI), plaque index (GI), probing pocket depths, clinical attachment levels, digital radiographic alveolar bone levels (DRABLs), before and after periodontal prosthetic therapies, respectively. The results revealed a strong significant gain ( $p < 0.0001$ ;  $1.26 \pm 2.19$  mm) of RABLs on the maxillary anterior teeth, and a significant gain ( $p < 0.05$ ;  $0.69 \pm 1.77$  mm) of RABLs on the maxillary premolars, respectively. The mean (SD) of RABL on the mandibular premolars ( $0.98 \pm 1.33$  mm) was greater than those of mandibular anterior teeth ( $0.90 \pm 1.31$  mm). Both of mandibular anterior teeth and premolars existed a remarkable significance ( $p < 0.001$ ) of statistical analysis before and after periodontal and prosthetic therapies. We can conclude that the combined use of periodontal and prosthetic therapies of CSCTD seem to be a valuable option in the treatment of SAP with SOT.

**Keywords:** DRABL; CSCTD; NSPT; SAP with SOT; Abutments

**Abbreviations:** NSPT: Non-surgical periodontal therapy; SAP: Severe advanced periodontitis; SOT: Secondary occlusal traumatism; GI: Gingival index; PALS: Periodontal attachment levels; DSRIA: Digital scanning radiographic image analysis; IRABL: Initial radiographic alveolar bone level; ABH: Alveolar bone height; IR: intentional replantation

## Introduction

The former literatures documented that non-surgical periodontal therapy may not only effectively improves clinical parameters, but also resolves and arrests periodontal tissues inflammation [1-3]. In addition, there still exist some problematic areas, such as, root trunk morphology, furcal root concavity, periodontal osseous defects, usually correlated with deep pockets that may adversely respond to non-surgical periodontal therapy because of these sites limited access to debride bacterial soft and hard deposits. The finding of minimal bone fills after scaling

and root planning was in contrast to the findings of bone fills, which reported by Rosling et al. [4] and Polson & Heijl [5] that abundant bone repair, post-surgically. Some clinical studies [6-8] indicated that deep pockets within the non-molar and molar areas have prone to higher mortality rate when observed over many years. There still exists conflicting data regarding the bone fills of angular defects following surgical and non-surgical periodontal therapy (NSPT). Renvert et al. [9] indicated that limited repair in treating intraosseous defects using flap operation and there was virtually no bone fill after root planning.

Baderstein et al. [10] found periodontal flap operation resulted in 0.5 mm bone fill in angular defects and no changes following root planning. Lindhe et al. [11] and Isidor & Karring [12] indicated that long-term effective of non-surgical and surgical periodontal treatment showed a tendency toward more gain of mean periodontal attachment levels (PALs). Most of former reports did not present the quantity and volume of alveolar bone levels before and after non-surgical and surgical periodontal therapies via assessment of radiographic alveolar bone levels (RABLs). Little or limited reports [13] related to the RABL differences of periodontal

treatment before and after assessments with combination of periodontal and prosthetic designs using digital scanning method. The purpose of present study was retrospectively to investigate one of our long-term follow-up case series. The subject is focus on the differences of RABLs before and after periodontal and prosthetic treatment using NSPT and CSC telescopic denture (CSCTD) design on the abutments of non-molars for the long-term study of abutments with severely advanced periodontitis (SAP). In addition, evidenced-based clinical trials options as TPP, NSPT, and CSCTD were also prescribed here (Figure 1a,b,c).



Figure 1a: Labial views of maxillary CSCTD.



Figure 1b: Labial views of mandibular CSCTD.

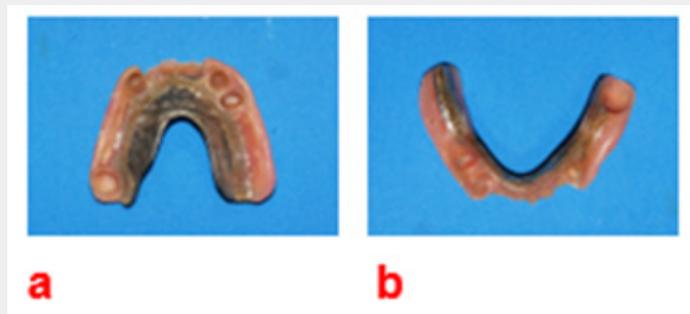


Figure 1c: Inner views of CSCTD.

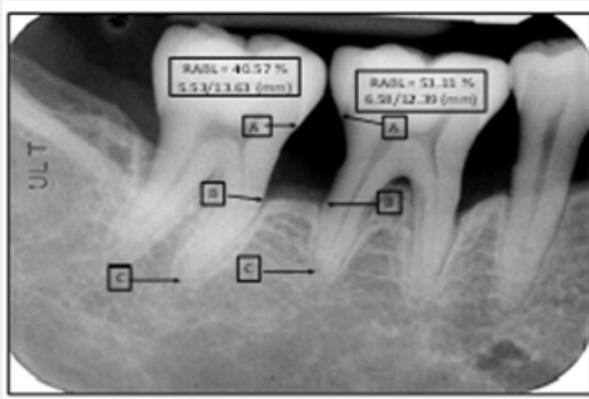
### Materials and Methods

The present samples are extension of our cases series study on the outcome of a periodontal Clinics for the treatment of

individuals affected SAP with SOT. The present samples were based on a retrospective analysis of 26 individuals. Proper informed consent was obtained from these 26 individuals, aged

38 to 78 years old (average  $54.77 \pm 10.19$  years old) who reported or referred to the Periodonal Department of Kaohsiung Medical University for seeking for Sandwich's therapy [14]. Individuals had standard parallel method of full-mouth X-ray photography using the magnified images by 3.5 times, which initially destroyed angular bone. The distance of AB (RABL) and AC (root length) were measured using digital scanning radiographic image analysis(DSRRIA) to determine the percentage (%) and millimeters

of RABLs. Duplicate measurements were obtained from each tooth (Figure 2). All the measurements were numerically coded, and the results were processed and analyzed by the computer system equipped with the MIS [15,16]. Inferential statistics of Pearson product difference correlation, regression analysis and paired t-test according to the study assumptions and variation characteristics.  $P=0.05$  is the significant standard value.



**Figure 2:** The distance of AB (RABL) and AC (root length) were measured using digital scanning radiographic image analysis(DSRRIA) to determine the percentage (%) and millimeters of RABLs.(Ref. 23, 2020 September: Guey-Lin Hou).

**Table 1:** The difference of radiographic alveolar bone levels on the maxillary non-molars CSC Telescopic abutments using Sandwich's technique.

RABL	Maxillary Anterior Teeth	Maxillary Premolars
IRABL: Mean(SD)%	58.43(14.44)	62.74(14.68)
Range (%)	35.24-84.09	38.74-82.23
Medium (%)	57.6	65.36
N	43	37
ERABL: Mean(SD)%	66.79(15.10)	69.47(13.63)
Range (%)	29.59-89.17	37.98-89.84
Medium (%)	71.81	72.43
N	41	35
Difference(%);Mean(SD)	8.36(12.54)	6.73(14.16)
Difference(mm);Mean(SD)	1.26(2.19)	0.69(1.77)
p-value	$P<0.0001$	$P<0.05$

### Results

According to the classification of tooth type and position, non-molar teeth are collected as a total 43 upper anterior teeth, including incisors, and canine teeth. The total of 37 premolars are consisted the maxillary first and second premolars. In addition, a total 62 teeth consist of 31 mandibular anterior teeth (including mandibular central incisors, lateral incisors and canine teeth) and 31 premolars (including the first and second premolars), respectively (Table 1). The initial radiographic alveolar bone level

(IRABL) of maxillary anterior teeth showed that the mean(SD) was 58.43% ( $\pm 14.44\%$ ) and the end radiographic alveolar bone level (ERABL) was 66.79% ( $\pm 15.10\%$ ). The mean (SD) of IRABL of the maxillary premolars was and ERABLs was 69.47(13.63)% the mean (SD) of IRABL on (Table 1). The measurement of root length (mm) compared to that of alveolar bone height on the maxillary anterior teeth is obtained the mean (SD) 1.26 ( $\pm 2.19$ ) mm after treatment. The statistical analysis showed remarkable significance ( $p<0.0001$ ). The differences of ERABLs and IRABLs

of maxillary premolars are 0.69 ( $\pm 1.77$ ) mm. The differences of ERABL and IRABL on maxillary premolars got a mean (SD) 0.69( $\pm 1.77$ ) mm and revealed a statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ), respectively (Table 1).

Table 2 The mean (SD) of IRABL of the mandibular anterior teeth was 61.06% ( $\pm 15.45\%$ ), and the mean(SD) of ERABL was 68.89% ( $\pm 10.01\%$ ); The mean(SD) of IRABL on the mandibular premolars was 66.83% ( $\pm 11.69\%$ ) and ERABL was 74.94% ( $\pm 8.91\%$ ), respectively. The differences of ERABL and IRABL are 7.83( $\pm 11.0\%$ ) on the mandibular anterior teeth, where

the differences of ERABL and IRABL are 7.74(10.40%) on the mandibular premolars, respectively. The measurement of root length (mm) compare to that of alveolar bone height (ABH) before and after treatment on the mandibular anterior teeth is obtained the mean (SD) 0.90( $\pm 1.31$ ) mm after treatment, where the measurements of root length (mm) as compare to ABH on the lower premolars are 0.98( $\pm 1.33$ ) mm. The mean (SD) of RABL on the mandibular premolars was greater than those of mandibular anterior teeth. In addition, Both mandibular anterior teeth and premolars (Table 2).

**Table 2:** The difference of radiographic alveolar bone levels on the mandibular non-molar CSC telescopic abutments using Sandwich's technique.

RABL	Mandibular Anterior Teeth	Mandibular Premolars
IRABL: Mean(SD)%	61.06(15.45)	66.83(11.69)
Range (%)	25.22-80.51	31.29-84.38
Medium (%)	63.19	66.09
N	31	31
ERABL: Mean(SD)%	68.89(10.01)	74.94(8.91)
Range (%)	42.21-82.13	49.26-90.99
Medium (%)	70.55	75.93
N	31	30
Difference(%);Mean(SD)	7.83(11.00)	7.74(10.40)
Difference(mm);Mean(SD)	0.90(1.31)	0.98(1.33)
p-value	P<0.001	P<0.001

### Discussion

It can be argued that the lose rate of periodontal attachment levels is influenced by some deteriorative factors such as type of plaque infection, host susceptibility, and the local environment of chronically inflamed tissue, pathologically deepened pockets resulted from foods impaction, ill-fitting restorations, crowding of teeth, morphology of alveolar bone, trauma from occlusion etc. Lindhe & Nyman [17] and Rosling et al. [18] reported that an effect of following proper periodontal therapy (teeth which exhibit severely reduced but healthy periodontium still exhibit a permanently increased mobility), does not diminish the increased mobility of the tooth, splinting of the teeth may be considered. This type of treatment is only in cases, however, during the recall phases or even during the pre-surgical period it becomes obvious that the reduced periodontal support around the teeth either in the entire dentition or in several parts of the individual's arches with SAP may be insufficient to withstand force resulted from torque, occlusal, lateral directions. Left alone before, and following periodontal therapy, such teeth may be subjected to forces large enough, sooner or later to mechanically deteriorate the receiving periodontal supports and to extract the teeth.

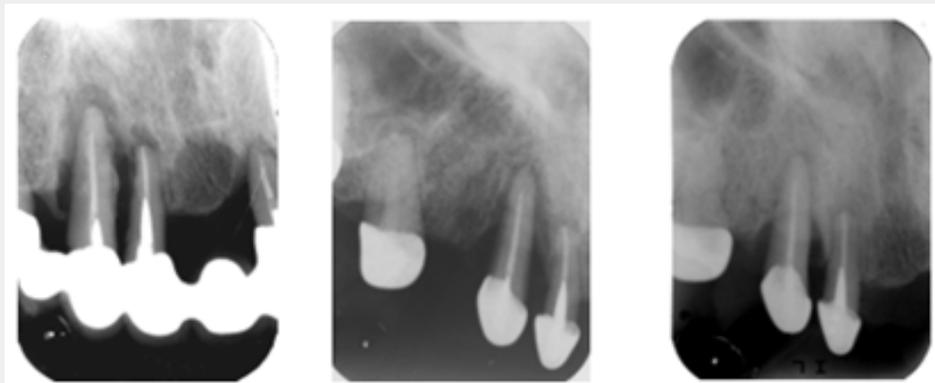
The clinical data, reported from Nyman et al. [19] and Lundgren et al. [20] showed that permanent periodontal prosthesis can be hyper-mobility of isolated abutment teeth, especially even the

prosthesis with a cross-arch design. More recent report in 2016 by Hou et al. [21] presented a study of case series for treatment of intentional replantation (IR) for periodontal compromised and hopeless teeth with extensive bone loss even teeth or beyond the apex. However, there still permitted prominent bone gain without bone grafting and got an 88.2% of overall cumulative survival rate. The present study is one of our long-term series studies regarding the nature teeth preservation using NSPT, TPP, and CSCTD periodontal prosthetic procedures. The present study also showed the difference of initial and end of RABLs in both the maxillary anterior teeth and maxillary premolars are 8.36( $\pm 12.54\%$ ) (equal to 1.26 $\pm 2.19$  mm) and 6.73(14.16)% (equal to 0.69mm); where there are mandibular anterior teeth 7.83(11.00)% (equal to 0.90 $\pm 1.31$ mm) to 7.74(10.40)% (equal to 0.98 $\pm 1.33$ mm) and premolars are 31.29 to 84.38%, respectively.

The Sandwich's technique showed that the clinical follow-up periods were 6.71 $\pm 2.51$  yrs. Results illustrated conservative approaches of this technique including TPP, NSPT, and CSCTD prosthetic strategies are applied to evaluate not only maintain the periodontal health resolve teeth with SOT, but also got the periodontal bone gains from 0.69 mm to 1.26 mm on the maxillary anterior teeth and premolars, and 0.90mm to 0.98 mm, respectively. The result is consisted with the former reports that the TPP, NSPT, and periodontal prosthesis application

will provide an effective method in treating SAP affected SOT (Figure 3a,b,c) [22]. Little literatures are available concerning the untreated subjects with adult periodontitis are documented using digital scanning radiographic analysis method (DSRIA) [23]. The present study indicated the differences of RABLs before and after periodontal and prosthetic treatment using TPP, NSPT and

CSC telescopic denture design on the abutments of non-molars for the long-term study of abutments with SAP using DSRIA. This technique can effectively and precisely assess the changes of cumulative and annual alveolar bone levels each year [24]. Even may provide the difference of RABL between baseline data and the end of treatment, respectively.



**Figures 3a,b,c:** Indicated the teeth affected SAP with SOT at #13 and #12 (2007/10/12); Figure 3b demonstrated the CSC telescopic abutments at #13 and #12 revealed that bone regeneration is occurring (2009/11/10); Figure 3c showed that the periodontal bone fills are almost complete healing 4 years and 2 months using CSC telescopic prosthesis (2012/1/7).

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