

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of the Effects of Manual and Rotary Instrumentation Techniques on Postoperative Pain in Mandibular Molar Teeth with Asymptomatic Irreversible Pulpitis: A Prospective Randomized Clinical Trial

Protocol summary

Summary

The primary aim of the present study is to compare the effect of root canal preparation with hand and rotary files on the severity of postoperative endodontic pain in teeth with Asymptomatic Irreversible Pulpitis. The design of this study is randomized and double blind. The inclusion criteria consist of healthy subjects requiring endodontic treatment on mandibular first or second molars with asymptomatic irreversible pulpitis, normal periapical radiographic view and no use of analgesics for at least 12 hours before the endodontic treatment. Patients under 18 years old, have sinus tract, periapical abscesses and the patients whose local anesthesia last for more than 4 hours, are excluded from the study. The sample size was estimated based on the results of a pilot study calculated at 96 subjects, with 48 in each group, by considering the results of the pilot study and at $\alpha=0.05$ and a study power of 80%. Subjects are randomly categorized into two groups: A: rotary RaCe files B: manual k-files. After determination the working lengths and preparation procedure for each group, the root canals are dried with paper points and obturating is done during the same session with the lateral compaction technique using cold gutta-percha and AH Plus sealer. Postoperative pain is evaluated with visual analog scale. The picture is given to each patient and its completion technique, is explained. Data on pain is recorded by the patients at 4-, 8-, 12-, 24- and 48-hour and 1-week intervals. The present study is carried out in 5 months duration in the Department of Endodontic, Tabriz Faculty of Dentistry on patients referring to the Department. Comparison of pain severity, number of painless patients and use of analgesics in each time periods between two groups is done.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Trial completion date

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Public title

Comparison of Manual and Rotary Instrumentation Techniques on Postoperative Pain

Purpose

Other

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria: Age over than 18 years old ; With pulpal status of asymptomatic irreversible pulpitis ; Normal periradicular status radio graphically ; Systemically healthy ; Conducive to restoration ; Needing selective one-visit treatment ; Presence of lip sign after administration of anesthesia ; Presence of bleeding after exposure of the pulp ; Teeth with 3 or 4 root canals ; No drug use or use of 400 mg of ibuprofen during the 24-hour postoperative interval ; Straight with not difficult to access SLA. Exclusion Criteria: Age Under than 18 years old ; Healthy pulpal status or reversible pulpitis or symptomatic irreversible pulpitis or necrosis ; Widening of PDL or radiolucency or radiopacity in the origin of periradicular ; Systemic disease ; Breast-feeding ; Pregnancy ; Hypersensitivity to lidocaine ; Impossible to restore the teeth ; Presence of a crown before the procedure ; Needing 2-visit treatment or any extra procedure such as incision and drainage ; Absence of lip sign after administration of anesthesia ; Absence of bleeding after exposure of the pulp ; Teeth with 1 or 2 root canals ; The presence of a difficult root canal anatomy (root canals with extreme curvatures (over 30°) and C-shape canals) ; Internal or external resorption ; Teeth with open apices ; Radiographically untraceable canal path or any accident or complication occurring during treatment (calcified canals, inability to achieve apical patency in any canal) ; Use of analgesics 12 hours before treatment ; Use more than 400 mg of ibuprofen during the 24-hour postoperative interval or any dose after 24 hours ; Severe labial or lingual malpositioning of teeth making it difficult to access SLA ; More teeth needing RCT on the same side.

Age

From **18 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **96**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Double blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

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2015-03-05, 1393/12/14

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5/4/12154

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

Postoperative Pain

ICD-10 code

E18,E19,E2

ICD-10 code description

XVIII Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes XX External causes of morbidity and mortality XXI Factors influencing health status and contact with health services

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Postoperative Pain

Timepoint

4,8,12,24,48 hour and one week intervals

Method of measurement

Use of Visual Analog Scale(VAS) picture

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Use of Analgesic Drugs (ibuprofen 400 mg)

Timepoint

In first 24 hours until one week(use or not use of analgesic drugs in first 24 hours until one week)

Method of measurement

Ask the patients

2

Description

The number of painless patients

Timepoint

4,8,12,24,48 hours and one week intervals

Method of measurement

Use of Visual Analog Scale(VAS) picture

Intervention groups

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Description

First intervention group: Instrumentation and treatment of mandibular first and second molar canals with rotary RaCe system by 7 RaCe rotary files and crowdown technique according to manufacturers instructions in one visit.

Category

Treatment - Surgery

2

Description

Second intervention group:Treatment and instrumentation of mandibular first and second molars canals with manual k-flexofiles and k-files by stepback technique in one visit.

Category

Treatment - Surgery

Recruitment centers

1

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Yes

Title of funding source

Vice Chancellor Research of Dental Faculty of Tabriz
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Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

empty

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

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Sharing plan

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Clinical Study Report

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