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Bone allografts for clinical use in implantology: From retrieval to evidence of their effectiveness

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Bone loss has long been a challenge to dental surgeons who seek to reconstruct and rehabilitate patients with resorptions, especially in the maxillary and mandibular grafting. A range of biomaterial is available for use in dentistry, however the homologous graft, or allografts, has been increasingly used. This study explores four methods for processing the allografts (Group A: fresh allograft; Group B: Irradiated and Criopreserved bone allograft (- 80°C); Group C: Freeze- Dried Bone Allograft; Group D: Demineralized Bone Allograft. It was initially performed a qualification testing (phase 1: sterility and cytotoxicity tests) and further an analysis of its osseointegration in an experimental trial in rabbits (phase 2: Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), Cone Beam Tomography, Raman spectroscopy, histomorphometryand immunohistochemistry.

Objectives: The aim of this study is to evaluate the bone allografts that were processed in four different ways:

- A. Criopreserved allograft
- B. Criopreserved Irradiated allograft
- C. Freeze-Dried allograft
- D. Demineralized Freeze-Dried allograft

Methods: To analyze the osseointegration, the areas of grafts were submitted to the exams of Optical coherence tomography (OCT), Cone Beam Tomography, Raman spectroscopy, histomorphometryand immunohistochemistry.

Biography

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