SUBGINGIVAL CALCULUS AND ALVEOLAR BONE HEIGHT IN CIGARETTE AND KRETEK SMOKERS

(KALKULUS SUBGINGIVAL DAN TINGGI TULANG ALVEOLAR PADA PEROKOK SIGARET DAN KRETEK)

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Abstract

The aim of the study was to assess subgingival calculus and alveolar bone height in cigarette and kretek smokers. Subjects were divided into three groups, cigarette smokers (n=10), kretek smokers (n=10) and non-smokers (n=10). The assessments of subgingival calculus and alveolar bone height were done by means of Orthopantomogram (OPG)/Panoramic Digital using examiner's blindness. The results showed that the means subgingival calculus load in cigarette, kretek and non-smokers were 29.3%, 22.8% and 10.1%, respectively, while the means of alveolar bone height were 72.7%, 75.3% and 83.1%, respectively. Smokers versus non-smokers had more subgingival calculus and lower bone height (p<0.05). There were no significant differences between smoker groups. In conclusion, the present study shows more subgingival calculus deposition and lower alveolar bone height in smokers compared to non-smokers.

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