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The Analysis of Matrix Metalloproteinase-8 In Gingival Crevicular Fluid and Periodontal Diseases

Abstract

Background: Matrix metalloproteinase-8 (MMP-8) is a zinc-dependent enzyme that is involved in the degradation of extracellular matrix components. It is a member of the MMP family and is known to be involved in the pathogenesis of periodontal disease. The aim of this study was to investigate the level of MMP-8 in gingival crevicular fluid (GCF) and periodontal disease. Methods: The study involved 100 patients with periodontal disease and 100 healthy controls. The GCF samples were collected from each group and analyzed for MMP-8 levels using a specific ELISA kit. Results: The level of MMP-8 was significantly higher in the periodontal disease group compared to the healthy control group. Conclusion: The study suggests that MMP-8 is a potential biomarker for periodontal disease and its level in GCF can be used to assess the severity of the disease.

Introduction

Periodontitis is a chronic infection-induced inflammatory disease that can affect tooth and its supporting structures. Periodontal disease is a disorder of the periodontal tissues that results in attachment loss and destruction of alveolar bone. Several pathogens are associated with periodontitis. The pathogenesis of periodontitis is complex and involves both genetic and environmental factors. The clinical history of periodontitis is characterized by a chronic and recurrent course. The diagnosis of periodontitis is based on clinical and radiographic findings. The treatment of periodontitis aims to reduce the bacterial load and prevent further tissue damage.

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Gingival crevicular fluid (GCF) can be found in the physiologic space (gingival sulcus) or WOP (in the pathologic space (gingival pocket or periodontal pocket) between the

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year 2003. The study involves 60 patients, consisting of 20 healthy individuals, 20 patients with mild gingivitis and 20 patients with mild periodontitis who meet the inclusion criteria of a consecutive sampling method.

The average age of female $X \pm$ standard deviation (SD) 23.39 ± 4.39 is higher than male \pm SD 21.15 ± 3.18 . This difference is statistically insignificant, which means that by age, men and women are equal [Table 2].

There are differences in the average levels of MMP-8 and the norms of PDI group, which is the highest in the mild periodontitis with mean \pm SD 40.16 ± 2.64 ng/ml. The above table also indicates that light gingivitis patients are likely to have elevated levels of MMP-8 5.2-fold compared to healthy condition patients, while the condition of mild periodontitis patients is 9.5-fold compared to healthy conditions [Table 1]. The following table shows the differences between groups in accordance with post hoc Bonferroni test [Table 3].

According to Table 4, there are significant differences of the average MMP-8 between the healthy group and mild gingivitis, healthy group and mild periodontitis, and between mild gingivitis and mild periodontitis ($P < 0.05$).

Discussion

MMP-8 is a proinflammatory cytokine, involved in oral tissue remodeling, pathogenesis, alveolar bone and saliva, and periodontitis. This cytokine is of early stage since it is produced by the oral epithelium in the early stages of periodontitis, periodontitis and periodontitis as well as in the early stages of periodontitis and periodontitis. The results of the current study show that the mean MMP-8 concentration is high in mild periodontitis patients than in mild gingivitis and healthy individuals. The increase in levels is seen among three groups is statistically significant ($P < 0.05$). This is in line with the study of Lepistö *et al.* (2004) which studied the diagnostic accuracy of oral MMP-8 concentration in discriminating periodontitis from the inflamed and healthy sites and by comparing the performance of MMP-8 measurement. MMP-8 is higher in periodontitis than in gingivitis and healthy sites ($P < 0.0001$). The study of Kishi *et al.* (2007) as well as other hand shows that the percentage of MMP-8 at 25 ng/ml correlates significantly with gingival and bleeding index ($P < 0.05$). The study by Marzocchini which compared MMP-8 levels in GCF in 18 healthy individuals, 18 individuals with gingivitis, and 20 individuals with

periodontitis. They concluded that elevated MMP-8 levels were highly correlated to probing depth, clinical loss of attachment, bleeding on probing and age in a manner similar to with the nature of the periodontal disease [17].

The presence of some collagen fibers such as types IV and V in the stroma has been observed in healthy and diseased gingival tissue. Type I collagen is the ligand extracellular matrix component of gingiva. It requires a significant

Table 1. Periodontal disease index criteria

- 0. No gingivitis. There is neither redness, inflammation nor the presence of pus or bleeding on probing. There is no destruction of alveolar bone.
- 1. Mild gingivitis. There is an increase of 25-100% in the number of red gingival sites. There is no bleeding on probing. There is no destruction of alveolar bone.
- 2. Gingivitis. There is an increase of 100-250% in the number of red gingival sites. There is bleeding on probing. There is no destruction of alveolar bone.
- 3. Advanced periodontitis. There is an increase of 250-500% in the number of red gingival sites. There is bleeding on probing. There is destruction of alveolar bone.
- 4. Severe periodontitis. There is an increase of 500-1000% in the number of red gingival sites. There is bleeding on probing. There is severe destruction of alveolar bone.

20-35	where	34	27.04%	0.14
37-55	Female	46	33.24%	

Table 2. Age and sex distribution of patients

MMP-8	F		P
	n	%	
Healthy	20	41.18	0.001
Mild gingivitis	20	29.09	
Mild periodontitis	20	29.09	
Total	60	100	

PDI = Periodontal Disease Index; SD = Standard Deviation; MMP-8 = Matrix Metalloproteinase 8.

Table 3. Results of post hoc Bonferroni test comparing levels of MMP-8 between gingivitis and mild periodontitis patients

Comparison	P
Healthy vs gingivitis	0.0001
Healthy vs periodontitis	0.0001

role in disease progression, as collagen degradation is pointed as the main marker of periodontal disease progression. Collagen I represents the bulk component of the periodontal extracellular matrix. Accordingly, collagenase (i.e. collagenolytic MMPs (MMP-1, -8, -13, and -14) and gelatinase MMPs (MMP-2 and -9)) play a pivotal role in the loss of gingival support on the basis of their collagen-degrading properties. (i) MMP-8 is the most effective in hydrolyzing type I collagen. MMP-8 is unique since it is able to cleave Types I, II and III collagen and probably serves as initiator of the majority of extracellular matrix destruction in periodontal disease.

MMP-8 (collagenase-2) is synthesized by differentiating granulocytes in the bone marrow and stored in specific granules of circulating neutrophils (30). Thus, synthesis and activation of MMP-8 are important steps in the pathologic extension of matrix destruction associated with the inflammatory (peri-odontal disease). Inflammatory cells such as neutrophils and macrophages produce MMPs, with neutrophils being the major source of collagenase and gelatinase in inflammatory diseases such as periodontitis. Epithelial cells can also produce elevated levels of these enzymes which may facilitate the apical migration and lateral extension of the junctional epithelium and the subsequent loss of connective tissue attachment. Inflammatory cells, particularly neutrophils, are thought to play a particularly important role in the MMP-mediated

periodontal destructive lesion (31). The other cellular sources are keratinocytes, epithelial cells, gingival and periodontal fibroblasts, monocytes in alveolar macrophages, and plasma cells. MMP-8 is also secreted as a latent proenzyme in the GCF of shallow pockets, but in deep periodontal pockets, it is converted to the active form (32). This may explain the elevated levels of active periodontitis compared to gingivitis and healthy controls.

Recent studies have shown that high levels of MMP-8 are found in an crevicular inflammation. (iv) The level of MMP-8 in GCF represents a promising prognostic tool to identify patients and sites at risk for periodontal disease progression and predict an outcome treatment response.

Conclusion(s)

Periodontitis ranges from gingivitis to chronic disease. Aetion factors include plaque biofilm and host response. When not properly handled, periodontitis can lead to OPG. The study has shown that increasing the level of MMP-8 with non-formalin in GCFs and as a marker in infection was determined the progress of the periodontal disease for better treatment. The findings of this study can be used by clinicians to diagnose and treat periodontal disease by measuring the levels of MMP-8, so patients can minimize further complications in periodontitis patients.

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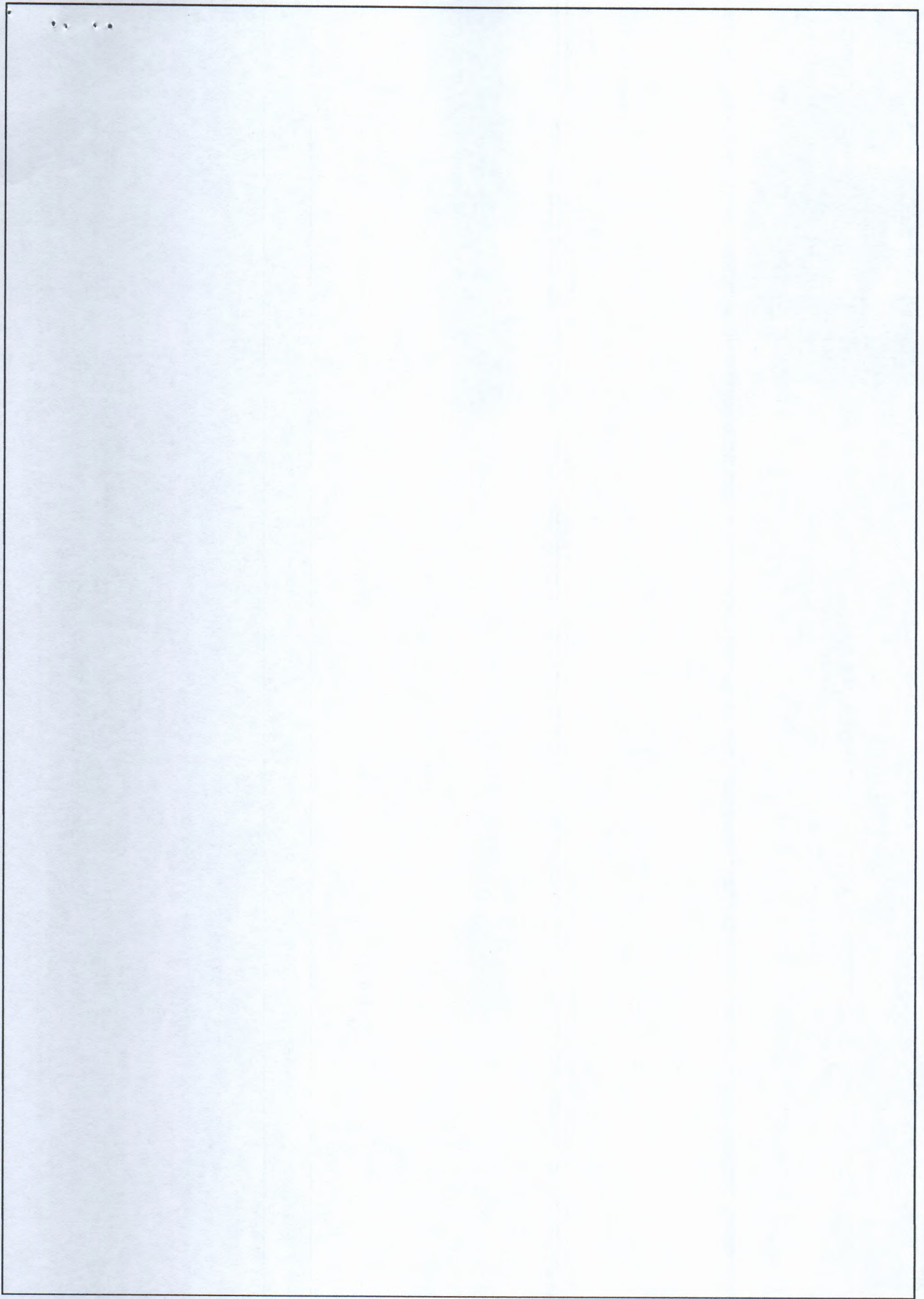
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