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LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS

(CH₃)₂S	Sulfato de Dimetilo
CAL	Nível de fixação clínica
CH₃SH	Metil Mercaptano
CHX	Clorexidina
CSVs	Compostos Sulforados Voláteis
H₂S	Sulfeto de Hidrogênio
IPV	Índice de placa visível
ISG	Índice de sangramento gengival
NBW₃	Nanobolhas de água ozinizada
NG	Nível gengival
NIC	Nível de inserção clínica
ppb	Partes por bilhão
PS	Profundidades de sondagem
PS₄	Profundidade de sondagem maior que 4 milímetros
RAR	Raspagem e alisamento radicular
SRP	Raspagem e planejamento radicular
SS	Sangramento à sondagem
TCLE	Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido

RESUMO¹

A água ozonizada combinada ao tratamento convencional de periodontite pode trazer benefícios aos pacientes com halitose relacionada à Periodontite. O objetivo deste estudo foi avaliar o efeito da água ozonizada na halitose relacionada à periodontite através de um ensaio clínico randomizado e cegado de fase 2. Além disso, uma revisão sistemática com metanálise sobre o efeito da água ozonizada na Periodontite foi realizada. Vinte pacientes com halitose oral e doença periodontal foram alocados em dois grupos de tratamento. No grupo ozônio utilizou-se tratamento convencional de raspagem e alisamento radicular (RAR) mais água ozonizada (n = 10). No grupo placebo utilizou-se tratamento convencional (RAR) mais água destilada (n = 10). Ambos os grupos foram tratados por 30 dias com auxílio de curetas e equipamento ultrassônico, aplicados duas vezes por semana. Os desfechos foram mensurados 7 dias depois da última sessão de tratamento. A halitose foi medida com teste organoléptico e halímetro. Os parâmetros da Periodontite foram analisados através do índice de placa visível (IPV, %); índice de sangramento gengival (ISG, %); profundidade de sondagem ≥ 4 mm (PS4, %),

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sangramento à sondagem (SS, %), nível gengival (NG, mm), profundidade de sondagem (PS, mm), e nível de inserção clínica (NIC, mm). Resultados: Os pacientes tratados com água ozonizada apresentaram redução da halitose medida por teste organoléptico em comparação ao placebo ($P = 0,027$) e no halímetro (< 75 ppb: 100% vs. 60) ($P = 0,086$). A maioria dos parâmetros de Periodontite apresentou melhora superior com ozônio do que com placebo: IPV ($P < 0,001$), ISG ($P = 0,002$), PS4 ($P = 0,016$), SS ($P < 0,001$), NG ($P = 0,008$), e NIC ($P = 0,002$). Conclusão: O uso da água ozonizada se mostrou eficaz no controle da halitose oral, bem como nos parâmetros clínicos da periodontite em comparação ao grupo placebo. Na revisão sistemática, o estudo sugere que o uso de água ozonizada como adjuvante no tratamento da doença periodontal não cirúrgica reduz os índices periodontais em comparação aos grupos controle (água, água destilada e clorexidina).

Palavras-chave: Halitose. Periodontite. Ozonioterapia.

ABSTRACT²

Ozonated water combined with conventional periodontitis treatment can bring benefits to patients with halitosis related to periodontal disease (PD). The aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of ozonated water on periodontitis-related halitosis through a randomized, blinded phase 2 clinical trial. In addition, a systematic review with meta-analysis on the effect of ozonated water on PD was carried out. Twenty patients with oral halitosis and periodontal disease were allocated to two treatment groups. The ozone group used conventional scaling and root planing (SRP) plus ozonized water (n = 10). The placebo group used conventional treatment (SRP) plus distilled water (n = 10). Both groups were treated for 30 days using curettes and ultrasonic equipment, applied twice a week. Outcomes were measured 7 days after the last treatment session. Halitosis was measured using an organoleptic test and a halimeter. PD parameters were analyzed using the visible plaque index (IPV, %); gingival bleeding index (ISG, %); probing depth ≥ 4 mm (PS4, %), bleeding on probing (SS, %), gingival level (NG, mm), probing depth (PS, mm), and clinical attachment level

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(CAL, mm). Results: Patients treated with ozonated water showed a reduction in halitosis measured by organoleptic test compared to placebo ($P = 0.027$) and in the halimeter (< 75 ppb: 100% vs. 60) ($P = 0.086$). Most PD parameters showed greater improvement with ozone than with placebo: IPV ($P < 0.001$), ISG ($P = 0.002$), PS4 ($P = 0.016$), SS ($P < 0.001$), NG ($P = 0.008$), and CAL ($P = 0.002$). Conclusion: The use of ozonated water proved to be effective in controlling oral halitosis, as well as in the clinical parameters of periodontitis compared to the placebo group. In the systematic review, the study suggests that the use of ozonated water as an adjuvant in the treatment of non-surgical periodontal disease reduces periodontal indices compared to control groups (water, distilled water and chlorhexidine).

Palavras-chave: Halitosis. Periodontitis. Ozone Therapy.

INTRODUÇÃO

A halitose é definida como um cheiro desagradável do ar exalado pela cavidade oral, e sentida por terceiros (ORTIZ; FILIPPI *et al.*, 2021). O mau cheiro bucal é atribuído a uma alta concentração local de populações microbianas intraorais, particularmente aquelas do biofilme da língua, assim como os biofilmes associados aos dentes e aos tecidos periodontais (DE GEEST *et al.*, 2016; LALEMAN *et al.*, 2014; ORTIZ; FILIPPI *et al.*, 2021).

Cerca de 22% a 50% da população mundial é afetada por essa condição (AKAJI; FOLARANMI; ASHIWAJU *et al.*, 2014; AYLIKCI; COLAK, 2013; YANG *et al.*, 2013). Entretanto, 10 a 20% das causas restantes são causadas pela halitose extraoral, como por exemplo, doenças otorrinolaringológicas, respiratórias, gastrointestinais, hematológicas, endócrino-metabólicas, emocionais, e também pelo consumo de alimentos e uso de drogas (AYLIKCI; COLAK, 2013; RÖSING; LOESCHE, 2011).

Os compostos de enxofre voláteis (CSVs), compostos de nitrogênio voláteis e os ácidos graxos de cadeia curta são os principais responsáveis pelo odor bucal desagradável ou fétido (HUGHES; MCNAB, 2008; SHIBUYA, 2001). A intensidade do

cheiro desagradável está relacionada com o nível de CSVs, que têm um odor pútrido desagradável (SEERANGAIYAN; JUCK; WINKEL, 2018).

Os principais CSVs exalados pelo ar da boca são o sulfeto de hidrogênio [H₂S], metil mercaptano [CH₃SH] e sulfureto de dimetil [(CH₃)₂S], que são produzidos por várias espécies bacterianas orais que degradam e metabolizam aminoácidos contendo enxofre, como cisteína e metionina (HUGHES; MCNAB, 2008).

O mau odor oriundo da cavidade oral é motivado principalmente por presença de bactérias anaeróbicas gram-negativas (DE GEEST *et al.*, 2016). Das bactérias orais cultiváveis, as três mais produtoras de sulfeto de hidrogênio *in vitro* são a *P. gingivalis*, *T. denticola* e *T. forsythia* (PERSSON *et al.*, 1990). Esses microrganismos anaeróbios gram-negativos estão também relacionados à Periodontite. Vários estudos têm investigado uma possível relação entre a presença dessas bactérias e o desenvolvimento de mau hálito e doenças periodontais, esses estudos encontram uma clara associação entre elas (BOSY *et al.*, 1994; DE BOEVER; LOESCHE, 1995; MORITA; WANG, 2001).

Uma das etapas da terapia periodontal básica, consiste na instrução de higiene oral e na remoção mecânica do biofilme através da raspagem e alisamento radicular (RAR). No entanto, nem sempre é possível a remoção completa do biofilme dental e

dos fatores retentivos de placa, devido à presença de áreas de difícil acesso à instrumentação, como bolsas muito profundas e áreas de furca (AHAD *et al.*, 2016).

Algumas terapias alternativas às vezes são sugeridas nos casos em que apenas o tratamento convencional não é suficiente no controle do processo inflamatório, como o uso de antibióticos sistêmicos (BIRANG *et al.*, 2015). Entretanto, o desequilíbrio causado na flora intestinal e o desenvolvimento de resistência bacteriana são as principais desvantagens do uso de antibióticos (AHAD *et al.*, 2016).

Estudos clínicos demonstraram resultados satisfatórios envolvendo a ozonioterapia associado à RAR no tratamento da Periodontite (NARDI *et al.*, 2020). As pesquisas apontaram que os benefícios dessa terapia incluem a promoção à proliferação celular, efeitos analgésicos, anti-inflamatórios e bactericidas, as quais podem inibir a progressão da gengivite e periodontite (NARDI *et al.*, 2020).

Portanto, o objetivo deste estudo foi avaliar o efeito da água ozonizada na halitose relacionada à periodontite através de um ensaio clínico randomizado e cegado de fase 2. Além disso, uma revisão sistemática com metanálise sobre o efeito da água ozonizada na Periodontite foi realizada como segunda produção.

PROPOSIÇÃO

Objetivo Geral

Avaliar o efeito da água ozonizada na halitose relacionada à periodontite.

Objetivos específicos

Em pacientes com doença periodontal, avaliar:

- A eficácia da água ozonizada no controle da halitose;
- O efeito da água ozonizada nos demais desfechos relacionados à Periodontite.
- O efeito da água ozonizada no tratamento da Periodontite, através de uma revisão de literatura sistemática com metanálise de ensaios clínicos randomizados.

Hipóteses

Este estudo testou a hipótese de que o uso de água ozonizada aliado ao tratamento convencional pode atenuar de

forma relevante a halitose e os parâmetros clínicos de pacientes com Periodontite.

ARTIGO I

**Superiority of ozonated water in controlling
periodontitis and halitosis: A phase 2
randomized clinical trial**

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ABSTRACT

Background and aims: Ozonated water is beneficial for treating periodontal disease. Its effect on periodontitis-related halitosis is unknown. We assessed whether ozonated water attenuates halitosis in patients with periodontitis. **Methods:** In this phase 2 randomized clinical trial, patients with halitosis due to periodontitis were randomly assigned to 30-day treatment with scaling and root planning (SRP) plus ozonized water or placebo, applied twice a week. We

measured the parameters of halitosis and periodontitis before and after the treatments. **Results:** Twenty patients completed the trial (56 ± 12 years old, 70% women, periodontitis stage III/IV: 65%/35%). Patients treated with ozonated water ($n = 10$) showed a higher reduction in halitosis measured by organoleptic test than placebo (median score before/after treatment: 3/1 vs 3/2; $P = 0.027$). Most periodontitis parameters improved more with ozone than with placebo ($P < 0.05$), including visible plaque index, gingival bleeding index, probing depth ≥ 4 mm, bleeding on probing, gingival level, and clinical attachment level. **Conclusions:** In patients with periodontitis-related halitosis treated with the conventional approach, the addition of ozonated water was superior to placebo in controlling halitosis. Such an effect was related to periodontitis amelioration induced by ozonated water.

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INTRODUCTION

Halitosis is an unpleasant smell in the air exhaled from the mouth that is perceived by someone nearby (Ortiz & Filippi, 2021). This condition is prevalent and negatively affects psychological well-being, impairing the oral-health-related quality of life (Rosing & Loesche, 2011; Schertel Cassiano et al., 2021). The malodor is related to changes in oral microbiota, attributed to biofilms in the tongue, teeth, and periodontal tissues (De Geest, Laleman, Teughels, Dekeyser, & Quirynen, 2016; Yang et al., 2013). Most cases of halitosis are of oral origin, as a manifestation of conditions such as periodontal disease, poor oral hygiene, and tongue coating (Aylikci & Colak, 2013; Seerangaiyan,

Juch, & Winkel, 2018). Among these, periodontitis is considered a relevant etiological factor of halitosis (Memon et al., 2023).

Oral malodor is secondary to the exhalation of a range of volatile molecules such as sulfur compounds, short-chain fatty acids, and nitrogen compounds (Hughes & McNab, 2008). Such process results from the action of gram-negative anaerobic bacteria, especially in the presence of periodontitis and tongue coating (De Geest et al., 2016). Hydrogen sulfide is the odorant most perceived in tests of organoleptic intensity (Greenman et al., 2004). In patients evaluated for oral halitosis, the organoleptic test remains the gold-standard technique, whereas sulfur monitors such as Halimeter can provide odorant quantification with diagnostic validity (Laleman, Dadamio, De Geest, Dekeyser, & Quirynen, 2014).

Severe periodontitis affects 11% of the global population. It is a chronic multifactorial inflammatory condition associated with dental plaque accumulation (Kwon, Lamster, & Levin, 2021). It may lead to progressive destruction of the teeth-supporting apparatus, compromising the periodontal ligament and alveolar bone (Papapanou et al., 2018).

The conventional treatment of periodontitis aims to remove supra and subgingival biofilm, reducing inflammation and preventing the evolution of periodontal disease (Muller Campanile, Giannopoulou, Campanile, Cancela, & Mombelli, 2015). A widely employed technique consists of oral hygiene instruction and mechanical removal of biofilm through scaling and root planning (SRP) (Papapanou et al., 2018). However, alternative therapies have emerged for cases where conventional treatment does not control the inflammatory process (Birang, Shahaboui, Kiani, Shadmehr,

& Naghsh, 2015). Studies have demonstrated promising results with ozone therapy and SRP in treating periodontitis (Nardi et al., 2020). Its benefits include analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and bactericidal effects, which can help in the regression of gingivitis and periodontitis (Nardi et al., 2020). However, the effects of ozone therapy on periodontitis-related halitosis are still unknown.

This study aimed to evaluate the role of ozonated water on halitosis related to severe periodontitis through a phase 2 randomized double-blinded clinical trial. We hypothesized that oral irrigation with ozonated water during SRP is beneficial in controlling halitosis, due to its therapeutic effect on periodontitis.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Design, setting, and ethics

This study was a randomized, controlled, double-blinded, parallel groups, phase 2 trial. Participants were selected from appointments at a local University dental clinic, where the study was conducted from July 2023 to January 2024.

The institutional ethics committee approved the study (CAAE: 56696822.5.0000.5342), which is registered at ReBEC (Brazilian Clinical Trials Registry), UTN number: U1111-1286-4184. All participants signed an informed consent before entering the study.

Participants

Adult patients with periodontitis-related halitosis were invited to participate. Halitosis was initially identified by oral examination for periodontitis diagnosis, followed by a halimeter test to confirm halitosis (>75 parts per billion).

Patients had to have severe generalized periodontitis (stages III or IV) with periodontal pockets. Exclusion criteria included coating on more than a third of the tongue, non-oral halitosis, acute oral lesions or necrotizing ulcerative periodontitis, use of antibiotics in the last 90 days, pregnancy, breastfeeding, and decompensated systemic diseases, such as diabetes mellitus, chronic renal failure, and liver cirrhosis. After entry into the study, patients were treated for thirty days with two weekly sessions of SRP combined with ozonated water or a placebo.

Sample size and randomization

Sample size calculation was based on halitosis measurement with a halimeter, according to a study involving patients with oral halitosis (Mousquer et al., 2020) (baseline halimeter data: 187 ± 132 ppb). It was estimated the need of 56 patients (28 per group) providing 80% power with 5%

alpha, expecting a reduction of at least 25% in halimeter values after placebo (+ SRP) and a 50% reduction after ozonated water (+ SRP). The Biostat 5.0 software with the paired t-test was used for two-sided independent samples. A preliminary analysis revealed that data from twenty patients was sufficient to present the results.

Halitosis assessment

Patients had their breath examined before and after the treatments using a halimeter and organoleptic test. The first halitosis assessment was with a halimeter (Halimeter®/Interscan Corporation, Chatsworth, CA, USA), which is a portable device capable of measuring sulfur odorants. A cut-off ≥ 75 parts per billion (ppb) confirmed halitosis. An abnormal test result allowed the subject to participate in the trial. In such a case, an organoleptic evaluation was performed at the same day. Patients were evaluated in the

morning and asked to avoid ingesting garlic, onions, and condiments two days before the exams and to avoid smoking and drinking coffee and alcohol in the last 12 hours. On the exam day, the patients were not allowed to use candy or gum but were permitted a snack and brushing with water, without toothpaste (Mousquer et al., 2020).

During the organoleptic test, the patient closed the mouth for 1 minute to concentrate the odor, then opened it and exhaled the breath odor directly, with the clinical examiner located 10 cm from the patient's mouth. We classified the perceived breath between 0 and 5, where 0: no odor; 1: barely detectable odor; 2: slight odor; 3: moderate odor; 4: striking odor; and 5: strong odor (Renvert, Noack, Lequart, Roldan, & Laine, 2020).

Oral examination

A trained dentist (LS) examined the oral cavity before and after the treatments. Periodontal clinical parameters were assessed as published elsewhere (Seydanur Dengizek et al., 2019): plaque index (in %), gingival index (in %), bleeding on probing (in %), probing sites > 4 mm (in %), probing depth (in mm), gingival level (in mm), and clinical attachment loss (CAL) (in mm). The percentage of periodontal pockets deeper than 4 mm, the percentage of CAL ≥ 3 mm, and missing teeth were recorded. Oral examinations were repeated thirty days after the trial ended. All clinical measurements were performed from six sites on each tooth using a Williams millimeter-calibrated periodontal probe (PGF/W, Chicago, IL, USA).

Periodontitis was defined according to a current classification scheme (Caton et al., 2018), including CAL ≥ 3 mm on ≥ 2 non-adjacent teeth or probing depth ≥ 5 mm with

bleeding on probing (Papapanou et al., 2018). Periodontitis stage III demanded interproximal attachment loss ≥ 5 mm at the worst site or radiographic bone loss extending to the apical half or third of the root. Tooth loss of five or more teeth indicated periodontitis stage IV.

Participants underwent examination to determine the probing depth in 6 dental sites (buccal-mesial, buccal, buccal-distal, lingual-distal, lingual, lingual-distal), including all dental elements. The oral cavity was examined under natural light using a clinical mouth mirror and a 0.5 to 10 mm Williams probe (Papapanou et al., 2018). The periodontal criteria, such as plaque and gingival index, were assessed on the four smooth surfaces of the tooth, with the scores divided by four for index calculation per tooth (Papapanou et al., 2018). Gingival recession was the distance from the cementoenamel junction to the beginning of the gingival margin in a line parallel to the long axis of

the tooth. CAL was the sum of the probing depth plus the gingival level (recession) (measurement +) or hyperplasia (measurement -) (Papapanou et al., 2018).

Ozonated water

Ozonated water was prepared by converting distilled water with ozone gas (75–85 µg/mL) for 10–15 min using a Philozon Medplus® ozone generator (Philozon, Balneário Camboriú, Santa Catarina, Brazil). The final ozone concentration in water was 20 µg/mL (Yilmaz et al., 2013), which has an antimicrobial effect but it is free from harmful effects on the host (Katti & Chava, 2013). The water was ozonized five minutes before the treatment sessions to preserve the ozone properties and conditioned into glasses connected to dental equipment.

Conventional periodontitis treatment

The participants received conventional non-surgical treatment, consisting of adapting the oral environment through prophylaxis, supragingival, and subgingival scaling in areas with increased probing depth, using local anesthesia. A dentist specializing in periodontics (LSD) treated all the patients using manual curettes and sonic devices. The treatment goal occurred when the tactile sensation was smooth on the crown and root surfaces. The recipients containing the ozonized water and the placebo were in the dental equipment, which also include a triple syringe and ultrasound. The treatment consisted of 8 sessions, twice a week, for 30 days.

Randomization and blinding

A web-based system (www.randomizer.org) was used to generate random numbers drawn by the patient from papers folded in a brown envelope containing two options: 1)

treatment with ozonized water and 2) treatment with placebo, in a 1:1 ratio. Patient randomization occurred after halitosis confirmation.

The ozonated water and the placebo (distilled water) were prepared with identical physical appearance, allowing the dentist who applied the treatments and the patients to be blinded. The principal investigator (LS) prepared the whole process and was responsible for ozonizing the water and supplying the equipment. A trained dentist (LSD) treated the patients blinded to treatment groups.

Study protocol

The participants reported demographic and clinical data, followed by a periodontal examination for periodontitis confirmation (Figure 1). Subjects included in the study returned on another day for a halitosis assessment, following the described rules.

A dentist examined the oral cavity under natural light using a trio (probe no. 5, mirror, tweezers), cotton, gauze, and Williams's periodontal probe. The included patients were randomly allocated using blocks of two patients 1:1 for SRP with placebo and SRP with ozonated water.

Supragingival scaling of the two arches was initially performed, followed by scaling by sextants. Sessions occurred twice a week, totaling eight treatment sessions during the clinical trial. The average duration of each session was 40 minutes. Thirty days after the last session, patients returned for the final assessment and oral hygiene reinforcement. Patients were instructed to perform regular oral hygiene at home.

Statistical analysis

Quantitative data were evaluated with the Shapiro-Wilk test. In the case of normal distribution, the mean and standard

deviation values were used. Otherwise, median and interquartile range of 25%-75% were used. Categorical data were described with absolute and percentage frequencies. Quantitative data were analyzed using Student's t-test or its non-parametric counterpart (Mann-Whitney), while categorical data were analyzed using Fisher's exact test. Statistical analysis was performed with Graph Prism 8.0 software, considering an alpha of 5% as an indication of statistical significance.

RESULTS

Participants

Forty-one patients were invited to participate (Figure 2): Fourteen were excluded after the first interview (three with diabetes mellitus, eight because of tobacco use, and three with an unrevealing halimeter test), and seven did not complete the study (missed sessions). A total of 20 patients finished the trial: ten treated with SRP and ozonated water, and ten treated with SRP and placebo (Table 1). Patient groups did not differ regarding age, sex, periodontitis stage, and halitosis scores. The participants were mostly in their 5th decade, women with stage III periodontitis and moderate halitosis (organoleptic score 3 and halimeter > 120 ppb).

The baseline parameters of periodontitis did not differ significantly between patients treated with ozonated water and placebo, including plaque index (68.6 ± 20.6 % vs. 56.3 ± 13.1 %; $P = 0.129$), gingival index (45.4 ± 21.5 % vs. 43.7

$\pm 9.0 \%$; $P = 0.820$), bleeding on probing ($51.4 \pm 20.1 \%$ vs. $39.1 \pm 7.4 \%$; $P = 0.086$), probing sites >4 mm ($50.8 \pm 13.7 \%$ vs. $39.6 \pm 12.6 \%$; $P = 0.073$); probing depth (3.7 ± 0.3 mm vs. 3.6 ± 0.3 mm; $P = 0.227$), gingival level (0.94 ± 0.18 mm vs. 0.93 ± 0.14 mm; $P = 0.862$), and CAL (4.7 ± 0.4 mm vs. 4.5 ± 0.3 mm; $P = 0.211$).

Ozonated water and halitosis

After treatments, both ozonated water and placebo reduced halitosis measured by the organoleptic test (Table 2). Based on the comparisons of deltas (differences between halitosis scores before and after treatments), halitosis reduction was significantly greater after using ozonated water than placebo. The halitosis resolution rate, characterized by halitosis class 0 and 1 after the treatments, was higher with ozonated water than with placebo.

After treatments, both groups showed reduced halitosis measured by the halimeter (before vs. after ozonated water: 125 ± 20 vs. 50 ± 17 , $P < 0.001$; and before vs. after placebo: 132 ± 30 vs. 64 ± 16 , $P < 0.001$). Despite of the deltas did not differ between ozonated water and placebo (76 ± 22 vs. 68 ± 24 ; $P = 0.480$), the rate of halitosis resolution was greater after treatment with ozonated water than with placebo (100% vs. 60%; $P = 0.086$), with borderline statistical significance.

Ozonated water and periodontitis

The effect of treatments on periodontitis was expressed by comparing the deltas, corresponding to the difference before and after each treatment. Ozonated water was superior to placebo in controlling periodontitis parameters, except for probing depth (Table 3).

DISCUSSION

Individuals with periodontitis have approximately three to four times higher odds of having halitosis (Nini, Chen, Jinmei, Lufei, & Jingmei, 2024; Silva et al., 2017). This study evaluated the effect of ozonated water on halitosis resulting from periodontitis. Patients with this condition received conventional management for periodontitis, combined with ozonated water or placebo, in a randomized phase 2 clinical trial. Additionally, it was explored the effectiveness of ozonated water in controlling the variables that characterize periodontitis.

To our best knowledge, this is the first clinical trial evaluating the effect of ozonated water on halitosis related to periodontitis. Combined with SRP, ozonated water was superior to placebo in controlling halitosis through the organoleptic test after a 30-day treatment with applications

twice a week. On a scale of 0 to 5 in the organoleptic test, there was a reduction of two levels after using ozonated water (3 to 1), compared to one level for placebo (3 to 2). The qualitative analysis between resolved vs. unresolved halitosis also showed the superiority of ozonated water to placebo. Nowadays, the organoleptic test is the gold standard in diagnosing halitosis, identified by the smell of a trained examiner (Kumbargere Nagraj et al., 2019). Halitosis reduction was demonstrated in a randomized clinical trial with complete mouth disinfection in four weekly sessions with amelioration on organoleptic scores in patients with severe chronic periodontitis (Silveira et al., 2017).

In addition to conventional treatments such as SRP and chlorhexidine-based oral antiseptics, alternative management has been studied in periodontal disease, including ozone therapy (Smith, Wilson, Gandhi, Vatsia, & Khan, 2017). In patients with this condition, the topical

application of ozone in different formulations and sometimes combined with SRP is a safe and beneficial approach (Hayakumo, Arakawa, Mano, & Izumi, 2013; Kshitish & Laxman, 2010; Nardi et al., 2020; Ranjith, Niranjana, & Baiju, 2022). In addition to the antibacterial effect on the oral microbiota, ozonated water can inhibit oxidative stress, favoring the healing of periodontal tissues (Hayakumo et al., 2013). Ozone can act as an alternative antiseptic agent, eliminating bacteria that colonize periodontal pockets and the gingival sulcus (Hayakumo et al., 2013; Kshitish & Laxman, 2010; Nardi et al., 2020; Patel, Patel, Kumar, & Holmes, 2012; Ranjith et al., 2022; Yilmaz et al., 2013). This antimicrobial effect is explained by damage to the bacterial plasma membrane related to phospholipids and lipoproteins oxidation (Elvis & Ekta, 2011).

In dental practice, ozonated water is an oral irrigant with favorable chemical and physical properties. In the aqueous phase, ozone is biocompatible with dental structures, exerting its antimicrobial effect quickly, free from mutagenicity or toxicity to oral cells (Boch et al., 2016; Kshitish & Laxman, 2010). In the present study, ozone was combined with distilled water using automated equipment, resulting in an effective and safe concentration (20 µg/mL). This solution was packaged in a dental apparatus that kept its original composition for oral cavity irrigation. Regarding safety, inhaling ozone gas (O₃) can be toxic to the body, resulting in a runny nose, cough, headache, dyspnea, and nausea, among other symptoms (Naik, K, Kohli, Zohabhasan, & Bhatia, 2016). When mixed with water, these effects are absent.

In the present study, the likely mechanism by which ozonated water reduced halitosis was its beneficial effect on

periodontitis resolution. The resulting decrease in bacterial biofilms potentially blocks the odorous production chains (Iatropoulos et al., 2016). Patients with periodontitis exhale higher amounts of volatile sulfur compounds and methyl mercaptan, resulting from the metabolism of gram-negative anaerobic bacteria in the mouth, such as *P. gingivalis*, *T. denticola* and *T. forsythia* (De Geest et al., 2016). Conventional management of this condition consists of adequate oral hygiene and mechanical removal of biofilms through SRP (Iatropoulos et al., 2016). However, failure to remove dental biofilm and plaque-retentive factors may occur in areas that are difficult to access with instrumentation, such as deep pockets and furcation areas (Ahad et al., 2016).

The combination of SRP and ozonated water here tested was superior to placebo in controlling most of the variables that characterize periodontitis. Even with a small sample size, it

was possible to observe a clear superiority of ozonated water over placebo in improving periodontal clinical parameters. Such benefits were reported by other studies, specifically in plaque and gingival indices (Hayakumo et al., 2013; Kshitish & Laxman, 2010), bleeding on probing (Hayakumo et al., 2013; Kshitish & Laxman, 2010; Ranjith et al., 2022), gingival level (Ranjith et al., 2022), and clinical attachment level (Hayakumo et al., 2013; Ranjith et al., 2022). In agreement, a clinical trial described a gain in clinical insertion after 4 and 8 weeks in the ozonated water group than in the placebo group (Hayakumo et al., 2013).

This study has limitations and strengths. Limitations included the apparent small sample of participants, the relatively high loss of participants (26%) for a short-term study, and the lack of analysis of the oral microbiota. Even so, the results showed the superiority of ozonated water over placebo in improving periodontitis and the resulting oral

halitosis. We believe such benefits are generalizable to other populations of patients with periodontitis. However, long-term management still depends on appropriate intervention studies.

In conclusion, in patients with periodontitis, conventional treatment with SRP combined with ozonated water was superior to placebo in controlling halitosis related to severe periodontitis. Amelioration of periodontitis parameters after ozonated water might explain halitosis control.

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TABLES

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the participants (n = 20).

	Ozonated water (n = 10)	Placebo (n = 10)	P
Age in years, mean ± SD	58.6 ± 7.5	54.7 ± 15.7	0.488†
Women, n (%)	7 (70%)	7 (70%)	0.999††
Periodontitis, n (%)			0.350††
Stage III	5 (50%)	8 (80%)	
Stage IV	5 (50%)	2 (20%)	
Organoleptic score*, median (range)	3 (2-4)	3 (2-4)	0.635#
Halimeter (ppb**), mean (range)	125 (98-155)	132 (97-176)	0.545†

*Range between 0 (no odor) and 5 (maximal odor); **parts per billion; †Student’s t-test; ††Exact Fisher test; #Mann-Whitney test.

Table 2. Effect of ozonated water and placebo on halitosis measured by the organoleptic test (n = 20).

Halitosis	Ozonated	Placebo	P
	water	(n = 10)	
	(n = 10)		
Median	score		
(IQR*25-75%)	3.0 (2.7-4.0)	3.0 (3.0-	0.634†
Before treatments	1.0 (1.0-1.0)	3.0)	††
After treatments	2.0 (1.7-3.0)	2.0 (1.0-	0.027†
Delta	(before-	2.0)	
after)		1.0 (1.0-	
		2.0)	

Halitosis resolution

After	10 (100)	3 (30)	0.003#
treatment**, n (%)			

*Interquartile range 25-75%; **Halitosis scores 0 or 1;

†Mann-Whitney test; ††In paired analysis (Wilcoxon test), scores reduced with both ozone (P = 0.002) and placebo (P = 0.002); #Exact Fisher test.

Table 3. Effect of ozonated water and placebo on periodontitis (n = 20).

Periodontitis parameters	Ozonated water (n = 10)	Placebo (n = 10)	P
	mean $\pm$ SD of delta*		
Plaque index (%)	42 $\pm$ 14	17 $\pm$ 12	<0.001
Gingival index (%)	25 $\pm$ 18	4 $\pm$ 3	0.002
Bleeding on probing (%)	26 $\pm$ 15	3 $\pm$ 2	<0.001
Probing sites > 4 mm (%)	3 $\pm$ 2	1 $\pm$ 1	0.016
Probing depth (mm)	0.09 $\pm$ 0.05	0.05 $\pm$ 0.04	0.089
Gingival level (mm)	0.13 $\pm$ 0.06	0.06 $\pm$ 0.03	0.008

Clinical attachment	0.27 ± 0.19	$0.11 \pm$	0.002
level (mm)		0.04	

*Delta: difference between before and after treatments (a higher delta means periodontitis improvement).

FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Study phases

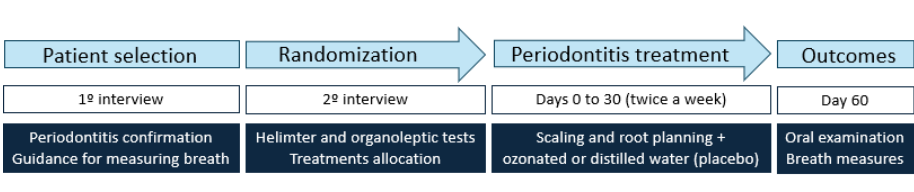
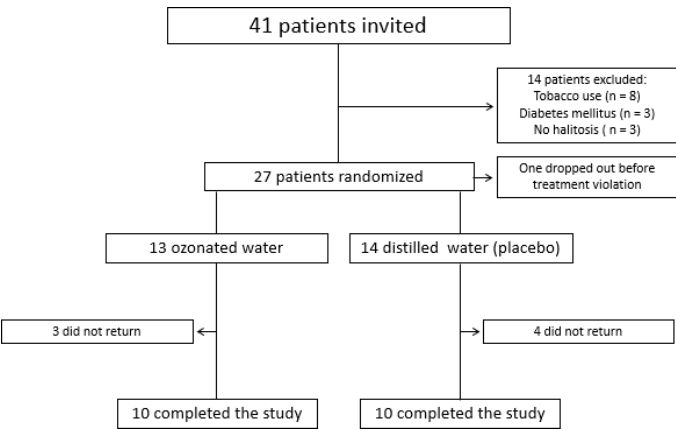


Figure 2. Participant flowchart



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Effects of ozonized water on Periodontitis:
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Summary

Objective: to verify the effects of ozonated water in the treatment of periodontitis, through a systematic literature review with meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials.

Materials and Methods: Between the months of March 2023 and October 2023, articles were manually searched in the BIREME, PubMed and Web of Science databases. **Results:**

04 articles published in full text were included in this study. In the 4 studies, the ozonized water did better in reducing the bleeding rate. The heterogeneity index (I^2) was 47% with 95% CI. The result was: -6.29 [-12.06, - 0.53]

P=0.03. As for probing depth, the results indicate improvements in the reduction of this parameter, in the 3 studies that offered this data. However, there was no significant difference between them. The result was 0.41 [-0.09, 0.92] P=0.11. **Conclusion:** This study suggests that the use of ozonated water as an adjunct in the treatment of non-surgical periodontal disease reduces periodontal indices compared to control groups (water, distilled water and chlorhexidine). However, it is difficult to claim that it is statistically superior in all aspects studied, due to the heterogeneity of the protocols used and the short follow-up time of the clinical trials carried out.

Keywords: Periodontal Disease. Periodontitis. Ozone. Ozone therapy.

Introduction

According to the Report of the World *Workshop* on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions, carried out in 2017, periodontitis is a chronic multifactorial inflammatory disease characterized by the progressive destruction of the periodontium (1). The main observed characteristics of Periodontitis include loss of periodontal tissue support, manifested through loss of clinical attachment and alveolar bone loss assessed radiographically, presence of periodontal pockets and gingival bleeding (1). The inflammatory response is mainly related to the accumulation of microorganisms originating from dental biofilm, resulting in a dysbiotic bacterial community, which stimulates the host's immune system and generates exacerbated damage to periodontal tissue (2).

Therefore, non-surgical periodontal treatment aims to disorganize and remove the supra and subgingival biofilm, with the aim of reducing inflammation and the progression of Periodontitis (3). One of the steps of basic periodontal therapy consists of oral hygiene instruction and mechanical removal of biofilm through scaling and root planing (SRP). However, it is not always possible to completely remove dental biofilm and plaque-retentive factors, due to the presence of areas that are difficult to access for instrumentation, such as very deep pockets and furcation areas (4).

Alternative therapies are sometimes suggested in cases where conventional treatment alone is not sufficient to control the inflammatory process, such as the use of systemic antibiotics (5). However, the imbalance caused in the intestinal flora and the development of bacterial resistance are the main disadvantages of using antibiotics (4).

Recently, clinical studies demonstrated satisfactory results involving ozone therapy associated with RAR in the treatment of Periodontitis (6,7). Research has shown that the benefits of this therapy include promoting cell proliferation, analgesic, anti-inflammatory and bactericidal effects, which can inhibit the progression of gingivitis and periodontitis (6).

In addition to the well-established treatment alternatives to date, such as scaling and root planing (SRP), combined with the use of oral antiseptics based on chlorhexidine (CHX), Dentistry has been trying to innovate forms of treatment with the use of ozone therapy (8). Ozone therapy has been a promising area among researchers and clinicians in the most diverse areas.

According to several studies, ozone can act as an alternative antiseptic agent, which can reduce and control bacteria that colonize periodontal pockets and the gingival sulcus (9-11).

Ozone is a triatomic molecule, made up of three oxygen atoms, and its application in Medicine and Dentistry has been indicated for the treatment of numerous different pathologies, such as the elimination of bacteria, periodontal disinfection, prevention of tooth decay, endodontic treatment, sensitivity dentistry, and treatment of temporomandibular dysfunction (TMD) (8).

Ozone is already used worldwide in the treatment of many diseases as it is highly effective against viruses, bacteria and fungi, in addition to having anti-inflammatory action, it acts to increase the local supply of oxygen, promoting local homeostasis and inhibiting bacterial proliferation in numerous diseases (12).

Ozone's mechanism of action is damage to the cytoplasmic membrane of cells and, as a consequence, ozonolysis of double bonds, causing the modification of

intracellular contents due to the secondary oxidant that leads to oxidation and loss of function proteins. organelle (13).

In the aqueous phase, ozone has advantages, as it is biocompatible with dental structures, has an antimicrobial effect, lacks mutagenicity and rapid microbicidal effects, eliminating resistant oral microorganisms and, in addition, it is not toxic to oral cells (14). The objective of the present study was to verify the effects of ozonated water in the treatment of Periodontitis, through a systematic literature review of randomized clinical trials.

Materials and methods

Study Design

This study is characterized as a systematic literature review, registered in the International Prospective Registry of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO, registration:

CRD42023473289), and conducted in accordance with the recommendations of the Statement of Preferred Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) (15).

Guiding Question and Search Strategy

Initially, the following guiding question was constructed: Is ozonated water effective, as an adjuvant therapy, in the treatment of Periodontitis?

To answer this question, between the months of March 2023 and October 2023, articles were manually searched in the BIREME, PubMed and Web of Science databases, using descriptors indexed in Decs (Descriptors in Health Sciences) and MeSH (*Medical Subject Headings*): “Ozone Therapy”, “Periodontal Diseases”, “Periodontitis”, “Ozone”. Boolean operators “AND” and “OR” were used for the search strategy. In the Pubmed database, the descriptors were used with the help of Mesh (Medical Subject Headings).

Study Selection

To select the studies, two independent reviewers (LS and FF) used the PICOS strategy, as follows: Population (P): permanent human teeth with Periodontitis. Intervention (I): application of aqueous ozone in periodontal treatment. Comparison (C): conventional periodontal treatment associated with ozone associated or not with the alternative use of chlorhexidine (positive control) or 0.9% saline solution (negative control). Outcome (O): effectiveness of ozone as an adjuvant therapy in periodontal treatment; and Study design(s): randomized clinical trials.

Inclusion Criteria

Randomized clinical trials comparing the results of aqueous ozone in patients with Periodontitis; Randomized

clinical trials with patients with probing depth (PS) greater than or equal to 4mm; articles in English.

Exclusion Criteria

Articles with different study designs, such as narrative reviews, systematic reviews, case reports, control groups, incomplete articles, case series and study protocols; studies that have treated other pathologies.

Methodological quality and risk of bias

To assess methodological quality and risk of bias, two independent reviewers checked the article data, discrepancies were resolved by discussion between the reviewers. The quality assessment using the modified Jadad scale and the risk of bias assessment proposed by the Cochrane Collaboration (Rev Man 5.4) were adopted. These instruments bring methodological aspects, such as masking,

randomization and sample loss, the higher the score the better the methodological quality (16).

Results

Articles published in full text, in the English language, published between 2010 and 2022 were included in this study. Articles that were not in accordance with the research subject were excluded. For exclusion, the included articles were selected by reading the title and abstract. The articles selected at this stage had their summaries read, when in doubt a third evaluator (MS) decided whether they were included or not. The articles selected by reading the abstract went to the full text reading stage and, from there, the final selection was made, as illustrated in the flowchart below (Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Article selection flowchart.

Figures 2 and 3 show the risk of bias of the selected studies.

Figure 3 – Summary of risk of bias per study.

The table below describes the characteristics of the selected studies (Table 1).

Table 2 below illustrates the main characteristics of these studies.

Data from the meta-analysis comparisons between bleeding and decreased probing depth from these studies can be seen in the figures below (Figures 4 and 5).

Figure 4- Meta-analysis of comparison between ozonated water group and control groups in bleeding after treatments.

It is noted that in the 4 studies the treatment group did better in reducing the bleeding rate, however, only 02 showed significant improvements ($P=0.03$). In two studies there were improvements in these indices, but without significant

differences between them (17, 18). The heterogeneity index (I^2) was 47% with 95% CI. The result was: -6.29 [-12.06, -0.53].

Figure 5 – Meta-analysis comparing the treatment group and the control group in reducing probing depth.

The results indicate improvements in the reduction of probing depth in the 3 studies that offered this data, however, there was no significant difference between them ($P=0.11$). The result was 0.41 [-0.09, 0.92]. The heterogeneity index (I^2) was 93% with 95% CI.

Discussion

Within periodontics, for the treatment of periodontal disease, the gold standard is scaling and root planing (SRP),

however, for long-term improvements, many substances are added, including the use of medical ozone.

However, studies using ozone therapy as an adjunct in the area of periodontics are still scarce. Therefore, this systematic review selected only 04 articles after careful evaluation and application of the inclusion and exclusion criteria (9,10,17, 18).

These results demonstrated effectiveness in reducing bleeding on probing, but in other clinical parameters, such as decreased probing depth, they are similar to other systematic literature reviews, as it can be noted that the use of ozone therapy with non-surgical periodontal treatment. Conventional therapy, in addition to being scarce, is considered controversial and lacks effective results (19,20). But it is important to highlight that these results should not be considered definitive, due to the great heterogeneity of the

studies carried out, as well as the different vehicles used, such as gas, oil and water.

However, after applying filters and selecting the aqueous vehicle as an inclusion criterion for the present study, it was possible to obtain good homogeneity in the studies that used ozonated water. Proof of this was the bias scale of the selected studies, which mostly indicated a low risk of bias, according to the modified Jadad scale proposed by the Cochrane Collaboration (Figure 1 and 2) (16).

It can be argued that ozonated water is safer compared to ozone in gaseous form, due to numerous reasons, such as: epiphora, rhinitis, cough, headache, nausea, and vomiting, if inhaled through an open system (21,22). The present study points out that when ozonated water is compared with CHX 0.12% or a placebo (saline solution, water or distilled water), similar or superior results are found, demonstrating that this

therapy is as effective as CHX as an adjuvant. in periodontal treatment (9,10, 17, 18).

In the study by Hayakumo et al. (10) the clinical and microbiological effects of irrigation with nano bubbles of ozonized water was used as a complement to SRP for periodontal treatment, the authors found significant differences in all clinical aspects and parameters after 4 weeks in both groups. The reduction in probing depth and gain in clinical attachment after 4 and 8 weeks in the ozonated water group were significantly greater than those in the water-only group. Furthermore, only the ozonated water group showed statistically significant reductions in the mean total number of bacteria in subgingival plaque during the study period.

In the study by Ranthji et al. (18) the authors investigated the benefits of irrigation with ozonated water together with non-surgical periodontal therapy for the

treatment of periodontitis. According to the authors' analysis, irrigation with ozonized water resulted in a significant reduction in pocket depth in deep pockets ($p=0.01$) and in the number of sites with pocket depth ≥ 4 mm with bleeding on probing. Salivary interleukin 1 beta also significantly reduced in the test group after therapy.

Similar to the studies mentioned above, Al Habashneh et al. (17) determined the clinical and biological effects of the adjuvant use of ozone in non-surgical procedures in periodontal treatment. There was a statistically significant improvement in the study parameters in both groups between T0 and T1, except for the gingival index. However, this study, unlike the others, demonstrated that there were no significant differences in any study parameter between the test and control groups.

Regarding the results of the meta-analysis, they must be interpreted with caution, as when comparing the rate of

bleeding on probing when using distilled water with the control groups (water, distilled water and CHX), it is noted that in the 4 studies the treatment groups did better when reducing this parameter, however, only two showed significant improvements ($I^2=47\%$; 95% CI). When comparing the difference in probing depth, all were statistically similar ($I^2=93\%$; 95% CI), remembering that one study did not provide PS values and had to be left out (9).

Another point to be highlighted were the studies that analyzed the reduction of the microbiota. This was the major highlight for the ozonated water group over the control, as only this group showed statistically significant reductions in the average total number of bacteria in subgingival plaque during the study period (10). In line with these results, Kshitish and Laxman (9) claimed that there was a 25% reduction in Aa when using ozonated water, and CHX showed no difference.

CHX is known to be a gold standard antimicrobial for oral biofilm control, as it has a broad antiseptic spectrum and substantivity (9). However, this substance used as a mouthwash for long periods can cause damage to patients' mouths, such as a “metallic” taste, burning and staining of the teeth (9). This is why new substances are being studied, such as ozone, because in the aqueous phase it is biocompatible with dental structures, has an antimicrobial effect, has no mutagenicity and rapid microbicidal effects, eliminating resistant oral microorganisms, and is not toxic to cells. oral (14).

It is important to mention the disadvantage of aqueous ozone, as it has a short half-life at room temperature, but, if refrigerated, it can last for days (23). Finally, the limitations of this study must be mentioned, which include the small number of individuals selected for research, the short follow-up time, the absence of fixed protocols for randomized

clinical trials and the need for more clinical studies in this area.

Final Considerations

This study suggests that the use of ozonated water as an adjunct in the treatment of non-surgical periodontal disease reduces periodontal indices, compared to control groups (water, distilled water and CHX). However, it is difficult to claim that it is statistically superior in all aspects studied, due to the heterogeneity of the protocols used and the short follow-up time of the clinical trials carried out. Therefore, more clinical studies are needed.

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Table 1 – Results.

Title	Year	Type of study	Objective	Type of treatment	Conclusion
Clinical and microbiological effects of ozone nano-bubble water irrigation as an adjunct to mechanical subgingival debridement in periodontitis patients in a randomized controlled trial HAYAKUMO et al. (10)	2013	Randomized Clinical Trial	To evaluate the clinical and microbiological effects of NBW3 irrigation as a complement to subgingival debridement for periodontal treatment.	GT: RAR + Nano bubbles of ozonized water. GC:RAR + water.	The reductions in mean PPD from baseline to 4 and 8 weeks in the NBW3 (ozonated water) group were significantly greater than those in the water group. Just the The NBW3 group showed statistically significant reductions in the average total number of bacteria in subgingival plaque

					during the study period.
The use of ozonated water and 0.2% chlorhexidine in the treatment of periodontitis patients: a clinical and microbiological study (9)	2010	Randomized Clinical Trial	Evaluation and comparison of the effects of oral irrigation with ozonated water and 0.2% chlorhexidine on clinical parameters such as Plaque Index, Gingival Index and Gingival Bleeding Index.	GT: RAR + Ozonated water GC: RAR + CHX 0.2%	Ozone can be considered an alternative management strategy due to its powerful ability to inactivate microorganisms. A greater percentage reduction in plaque index (12%), gingival index (29%), and bleeding index (26%) was observed with ozone irrigation compared to chlorhexidine .

Ozone as an adjunct to conventional nonsurgical therapy in chronic periodontitis : a randomized controlled clinical trial. AL HABASHN EH et al. (17)	2015	Randomized Clinical Trial	Determine the clinical and biological effects of the adjuvant use of ozone in non-surgical procedures in periodontal treatment.	GT: RAR + ozonated water GC: RAR + distilled water.	Irrigation with ozonated water as an adjunctive therapy to ARR did not produce any statistically significant benefit compared to ARR with distilled water irrigation. There was statistically significant improvement in study parameters in both groups between T0 and T1, except gingival index.
Adjunctive benefit of ozonized	2022	Randomized	Discover the benefits of ozonated	GT: RAR +	The average clinical insertion gain

water irrigation with mechanical debridement in the management of Stage III periodontitis : A randomized controlled clinical and biochemical study. RANJITH et al.		Clinical Trial	water irrigation together with non-surgical periodontal therapy for the treatment of periodontitis .	ozonated water GC: RAR + distilled water.	in moderate and deep pockets was significantly greater in the test group (p <0.01).
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Source: By the author himself, 2023. Caption: CG: control group; GT: test group; RAR= scaling and root planing; NBW3= ozonized water nano bubbles; PPD= probing depth; CHX= Chlorhexidine.

Table 2 – Characteristics of the selected studies.

Reference	Year	Number of participants	Middle Ages	Diagnoses	Probing depth	Most effective agent
HAYAKUMO et al. (10)	2013	N= 21 GT n=10 GC n= 11	45.9 ± 14.8 years	Chronic periodontitis	≥ 4mm	Ozonated water
KSHITISH ; LAXMAN (9)	2010	N = 16 GT n= 8 GC n= 8	(20-60 years)	Chronic periodontitis	Did not provide	Ozonated water
AL HABASH NEH et al. (17)	2015	N= 41 GT: n=20 GC: n=21	39.7 ± 13.7 years (GT) 39.0 ± 10.2 Years (GC)	Chronic periodontitis	> 5mm	Both, with no statistical difference.
RANJITH et al.	2022	N= 50 GT: n=25 GC: n=25	49.23 ± 8.87 (GT) 47.55 ±	Stage III periodontitis	≥4mm	Ozonated water

			9.69 (GC)			
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Source: From the author himself, 2023. Legend: N= population; n= sample; ±= standard deviation; CG: control group; GT: test group.

Figure 1 – Article selection flowchart.

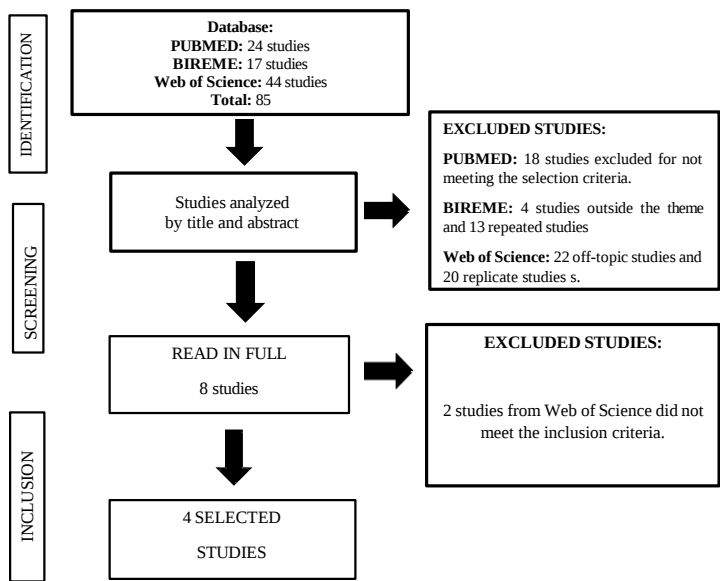


Figure 2 – Total risk of bias of selected articles.

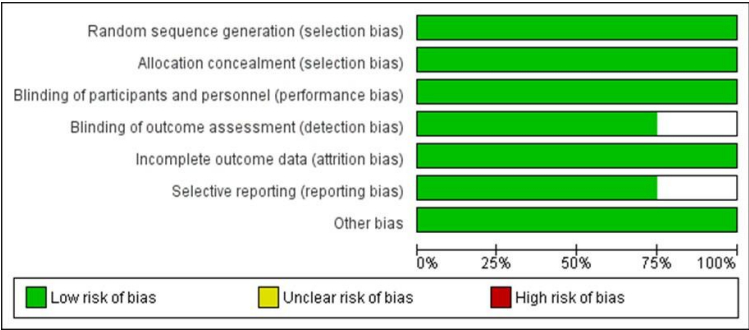


Figure 3 – Summary of risk of bias per study.

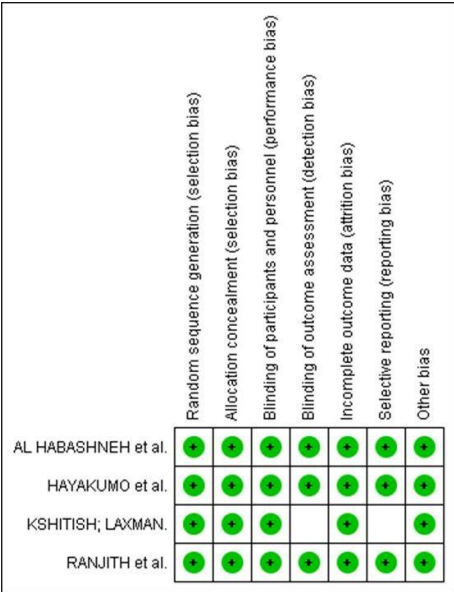


Figure 4- Meta-analysis of comparison between ozonated water group and control groups in bleeding after treatments.

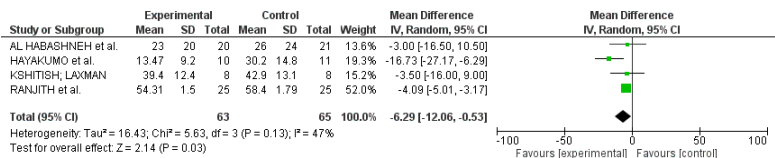
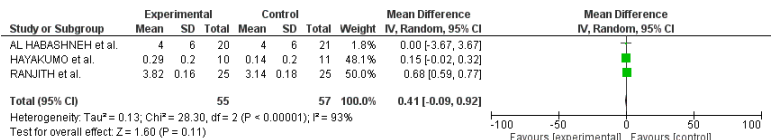


Figure 5 – Meta-analysis comparing the treatment group and the control group in reducing probing depth.



CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

Nesse estudo, o uso da água ozonizada se mostrou eficaz no controle da halitose oral, bem como nos parâmetros clínicos da periodontite em comparação ao grupo placebo. No entanto, mais ensaios clínicos randomizados devem ser realizados, com protocolos bem definidos e maior tempo de acompanhamento.

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APÊNDICES

APÊNDICE I - AVALIAÇÃO DE HALITOSE

Você está participando da pesquisa “EFEITO DA ÁGUA OZONIZADA NA HALITOSE DE PACIENTES COM DOENÇA PERIODONTAL: UM ENSAIO CLÍNICO RANDOMIZADO”.

Você será examinado (a) pela parte da manhã, por favor, evite a ingestão de alho, cebola e condimentos nos 2 dias que antecedem o exame. Evite fumar e ingerir café e álcool nas últimas 12 horas que antecedem o exame. Na manhã do exame, você não poderá utilizar balas ou chicletes, mas será permitido um lanche e escovação com água, sem creme dental.

APÊNDICE II – TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO

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Você está sendo convidado(a) a participar da pesquisa intitulada **"EFEITO DA ÁGUA OZONIZADA NA HALITOSE E NOS PARÂMETROS CLÍNICOS DE PACIENTES COM DOENÇA PERIODONTAL: UM ENSAIO CLÍNICO RANDOMIZADO"**, de responsabilidade do pesquisador Me. Leonardo Saraiva. Caso não queira participar, não há problema algum. Você não precisa me explicar porque, e não haverá nenhum tipo de punição por isso.

A) JUSTIFICATIVA: Pacientes com doença periodontal têm prejuízos clínicos e sociais por apresentarem inflamação nos tecidos periodontais (gengiva), perda de dentes, comprometimento estético e funcional, e halitose (mau hálito). Há poucos estudos testando remédios antimicrobianos no controle do mau hálito decorrente desta doença. O tratamento hoje utilizado é a raspagem e o alisamento da raiz dos dentes afetados. O acréscimo de remédios antimicrobianos poderia auxiliar na

redução do mau hálito do paciente. Entre tais remédios, aquele à base de água ozonizada é um candidato, considerando-se seu benefício em doenças orais demonstrado em ensaios clínicos, além do bom perfil de segurança com aumento da cicatrização tecidual.

B) OBJETIVO: avaliar o efeito da água ozonizada comparada ao placebo combinados ao tratamento convencional durante 30 dias, no controle da halitose e nos parâmetros clínicos da doença periodontal.

C) PROCEDIMENTOS, LOCAL, DIA, HORA DA PESQUISA: Você vai fazer uma consulta com o Leonardo para avaliação da sua boca quanto à doença periodontal. Se for aprovado para o estudo, iniciará o tratamento convencional (raspagem e alisamento radicular) e será sorteado para receber água ozonizada ou placebo, que serão idênticos para evitar que você e o Leonardo saibam o que está usando (será revelado após o fim do estudo). As consultas serão duas por semana durante 30 dias. Os dias e horários das consultas seguirão a disponibilidade de agenda da instituição. A duração aproximada de cada consulta será de 1 hora e 30 minutos, aproximadamente.

D) POSSÍVEIS DESCONFORTOS E RISCOS: Durante os tratamentos você poderá sentir dor leve, pequenos sangramentos da gengiva e algum gosto ruim na boca, próprios do tratamento convencional. Poderá ter desconforto psicológico ao responder o questionário e analisar a halitose. No caso de manifestação de cansaço ou indisposição a entrevista ou as sessões serão interrompidas imediatamente. O pesquisador estará sempre disponível para controlar esses riscos. Em função da pandemia da COVID-19, todas as consultas seguirão normas de segurança para reduzir o risco de eventual contaminação.

E) BENEFÍCIOS: O tratamento irá melhorar sua saúde bucal e de todo o seu corpo, pois diminui a inflamação causada por essa. Acreditamos que a sua participação nesse estudo traz benefícios, pois permitirá aos pesquisadores conhecer mais sobre as condições clínicas e saúde bucal das pessoas que possuem mau hálito por doença periodontal e que irão se submeter ao tratamento. Você estará indiretamente auxiliando o possível desenvolvimento de estratégias para as necessidades em saúde bucal em indivíduos com mau hálito, e estará contribuindo para a tese de doutorado do Leonardo. Caso seja diagnosticado alguma injúria durante o exame clínico, você receberá orientações sobre como proceder.

F) ESCLARECIMENTOS: Você terá a garantia de receber esclarecimentos sobre qualquer dúvida relacionada à pesquisa e poderá ter acesso aos seus dados em qualquer etapa do estudo.

G) LIBERDADE: Sua participação nessa pesquisa não é obrigatória e você pode desistir a qualquer momento, retirando seu consentimento. A sua participação é voluntária e a recusa em participar não irá acarretar qualquer penalidade ou perda de benefícios.

H) SEM GASTOS E REMUNERAÇÃO: Caso tenha alguma despesa relacionada à pesquisa, você terá o direito de ser ressarcido (a). Você não receberá pagamento pela sua participação no estudo.

I) DIREITO A INDENIZAÇÃO: Caso ocorra eventual dano comprovadamente decorrente da sua participação na pesquisa, você tem o direito de buscar indenização.

J) SIGILO E DA PRIVACIDADE: Os dados serão registrados no próprio formulário de pesquisa e mantido sob sigilo. Seu nome ou qualquer dado de identificação não aparecerá em lugar nenhum, preservando sua identidade. Todas as amostras

biológicas e os resultados provenientes delas serão usados apenas para as finalidades descritas no protocolo de pesquisa e no termo de consentimento livre e esclarecido. Após a conclusão do estudo, qualquer material remanescente será destruído de acordo com as boas práticas clínicas.

K) DIVULGAÇÃO DOS RESULTADOS: Os resultados serão divulgados através de resumos apresentados em congressos e na forma de artigo científico, publicado em revista da área correspondente à doença periodontal. Seu nome não aparecerá nas publicações.

L) DÚVIDAS: Caso você tenha dúvidas sobre o comportamento dos pesquisadores ou sobre as mudanças ocorridas na pesquisa que não constam no TCLE, e caso se considera prejudicado (a) na sua dignidade e autonomia, você pode entrar em contato com o (a) pesquisador (a) telefone (54) 999999911, ou com o Programa de Pós-Graduação em Odontologia da Universidade de Passo Fundo (54) 3316-8395, ou também pode consultar o Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa da UPF, pelo telefone (54) 3316-8157, que funciona de segunda a sexta das 08h às 12h e das 13h30 às 17h30min.

Os pesquisadores garantem e se comprometem com o sigilo e a confidencialidade de todas as informações fornecidas por você para este estudo. Da mesma forma, o tratamento dos dados coletados seguirá as determinações da Lei Geral de Proteção de Dados (LGPD – Lei 13.709/18).

É garantido a você o direito a ressarcimento em caso de despesas comprovadamente relacionadas à sua participação no estudo, bem como, ao direito a indenização em caso de danos nos termos da lei. O operador dos dados será o pesquisador Leonardo Saraiva e o guardião desses dados será o prof. Dr. Fernando Fornari. Seus

dados serão mantidos sob segredo (gravados num computador com senha).

Dessa forma, se senhor (a) concorda em participar da pesquisa como consta nas explicações e orientações acima, coloque se nome no local indicado abaixo.

Desde já, agradecemos a sua colaboração e solicitamos a sua assinatura de autorização neste termo, que será também assinado pelo pesquisador responsável em duas vias, sendo que uma ficará com você e outra com o (a) pesquisador (a).

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Nome do (a) participante:

Assinatura:

Nome do (a)s pesquisador (a)s:

Me. Leonardo Saraiva
Fornari (Orientador)

Dr. Fernando

Assinatura

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Apêndice III – Questionários e Ficha Clínica

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Endereço: _____	
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A01) Data de nascimento: ____/____/____ (____ idade)	
A02) Sexo:	
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A03) Cor da Pele	
Branca (0) Preta (1) Parda (2) Amarela (3) Indígena (4)	
A04) Qual é o seu estado civil?	
Solteiro (a) (0) Casado (a) (1) Divorciado/Separado (a) (2) Viúvo (a) (3) União estável (4)	
A05) O(a) sr.(a) trabalha ou trabalhou alguma vez na vida?	
Não, nunca (Pule para a questão A06) (0) Trabalhou, mas não está trabalhando (1) Sim, está trabalhando (2) IGN (9)	
O que o(a) Sr.(a) está fazendo atualmente?	
Trabalhando (0) Aposentado (1) Aposentado, mas trabalhando (2)	

Encostado (3) Do lar (4) Desempregado (5) NSA (8) IGN (9) Qual é (ou era) sua ocupação profissional? _____
A06) Até que série o(a) sr.(a) estudou? Nenhuma (0) 1ª até 3ª série (primário incompleto) (1) 4ª série (primário completo) ou 1º grau (ginasial) incompleto (2) 1º grau (ginasial) completo ou 2º grau (colegial) incompleto (3) 2º grau (colegial) completo ou nível superior incompleto (4) Nível superior completo (5) NSA (8) IGN (9)
A07) No mês passado, quanto (em reais) receberam as pessoas que moram na sua casa em seu trabalho principal, incluindo salários, bolsa família, pensão, aluguel, aposentadoria e outros rendimentos? Pessoa 1: R\$ _____ por mês Pessoa 2: R\$ _____ por mês Pessoa 3: R\$ _____ por mês Pessoa 4: R\$ _____ por mês Pessoa 5: R\$ _____ por mês (00000) Não recebeu (88888) NSA (99999) IGN

Critérios de exclusão Analfabetismo?

()Sim ()Não

Usou antibiótico nos últimos 90 dias?

()Sim ()Não

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Uso de Álcool? ()Sim ()Não

Gravidez/Amamentação?

()Sim ()Não

Doenças sistêmicas

Diabetes melitus?

() Sim () Não

Insuficiência renal?

() Sim () Não

Cirrose hepática?

() Sim () Não

Periodontite:

() Sim () Não

Halitose por Doença periodontal: () Sim () Não

Presença de saburra lingual: () Sim () Não

Se sim:

() Saburra fina em até 1/3 do dorso da língua (1)

() Saburra fina em mais de 1/3 do dorso da língua ou espessa em até 1/3

(2)

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Teste organoléptico:

() Ausência de cheiro (0) () Mau cheiro quase imperceptível (1) () Mau cheiro leve (2) () Mau cheiro moderado (3)

() Mau cheiro forte (4) () Mau cheiro grave (5)

Halímetro:

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ÍNDICE DE BIOFILME

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PERIOGRAMA

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ANEXO II - PARECER CONSUBSTANCIADO DO CEP

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DADOS DO PROJETO DE PESQUISA

Título da Pesquisa: EFEITO DA ÁGUA OZONIZADA NA HALITOSE E NOS PARÂMETROS CLÍNICOS DE PACIENTES COM DOENÇA PERIODONTAL: UM ENSAIO CLÍNICO RANDOMIZADO

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Área Temática:

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Patrocinador Principal: Financiamento Próprio

DADOS DO PARECER

Número do Parecer: 5.324.346

Apresentação do Projeto:

A halitose é definida como a exteriorização de odores fétidos pela boca e reconhecida por pessoas que fazem parte do convívio do paciente. A etiologia deve-se principalmente às condições orais dos pacientes (80 a 90%), como a doença periodontal (DP) e saburra lingual, ou ainda por condições sistêmicas (10%). O uso da água ozonizada tem se mostrado promissor para diversas doenças orais, atuando como um agente antisséptico alternativo, que pode diminuir e controlar as bactérias que colonizam as bolsas periodontais e o sulco gengival.

Objetivo da Pesquisa:

Avaliar, em pacientes com doença periodontal tratados convencionalmente, o efeito da água ozonizada versus placebo no controle da halitose e nos demais parâmetros clínicos da doença periodontal.

Avaliação dos Riscos e Benefícios:

Segundo os pesquisadores, os riscos são dor leve, sangramentos controlados, gosto ruim na boca, ou desconforto psicológico ao responder o questionário e analisar a halitose. No caso de manifestação de cansaço ou indisposição a entrevista ou as sessões serão interrompidas imediatamente. O pesquisador estará sempre disponível para controlar esses riscos. Como

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benefício o tratamento irá melhorar a saúde bucal e de todo corpo, pois diminuir a inflamação causada pela doença periodontal.

Comentários e Considerações sobre a Pesquisa:

Trata-se de um ensaio clínico randomizado, duplo-cego, com grupos paralelos, que terá duração de 4 semanas. Sessenta e dois pacientes com doença periodontal moderada a grave, identificados nos ambulatórios da Faculdade de Odontologia da UPF, farão parte da amostra. Os voluntários serão randomizados em 2 grupos de tratamento (n=31): G1 – tratamento convencional (RAR) e placebo; G2 – tratamento convencional (RAR) e água ozonizada. Os tratamentos serão realizados duas vezes por semana e os desfechos serão mensurados antes e depois do tratamento, que serão: halitose (teste organoléptico e halímetro); desfechos clínicos da DP e microbiota oral, por meio de reação em cadeia da polimerase (PCR) para diferenciar e quantificar espécies bacterianas periodontopatogênicas.

Considerações sobre os Termos de apresentação obrigatória:

O protocolo foi instruído e apresentado de maneira completa e adequada. Os compromissos do pesquisador e das instituições estavam presentes. O projeto foi considerado claro em seus aspectos científicos e metodológicos.

Recomendações:

Após o término da pesquisa, o CEP UPF solicita: a) A devolução dos resultados do estudo aos sujeitos da pesquisa ou a Instituição que forneceu os dados; b) Enviar o relatório final da pesquisa, pela plataforma, utilizando a opção, no final da página "Enviar Notificação"+ relatório final.

Recomendações:

- 1) Adicionar ao TCLE, ao lado dos dados do CEP o texto: "O Comitê está localizado no Campus I da Universidade de Passo Fundo, na BR 285, Bairro São José, Passo Fundo/RS. O Comitê de Ética em pesquisa exerce papel consultivo e, em especial, educativo, para assegurar a formação continuada dos pesquisadores e promover a discussão dos aspectos éticos das pesquisas em seres humanos na comunidade."
- 2) Deixar o TCLE como um texto corrido, não em itens.

Conclusões ou Pendências e Lista de Inadequações:

Diante do exposto, este Comitê, de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Resolução n. 466/12, do Conselho Nacional da Saúde, Ministério da Saúde, Brasil, manifesta-se pela aprovação do

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projeto de pesquisa na forma como foi proposto.

Considerações Finais a critério do CEP:

Este parecer foi elaborado baseado nos documentos abaixo relacionados:

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