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Table 2. The number of opened & patent dentinal tubules per unit area(10,640µm²)

group	mean(±SD)	median(range)
experimental 1	87.5(±36.67)	97.0(10 7) *
experimental 2	37.8(±8.77)	35.5(24)
experimental 3	104.5(±57.01)	95.0(24 7) *

^{*}significant difference between 2 groups(P<0.05)

SD: standard deviation

experimental 1: saturated citric acid experimental 2: tetracycline - HCI experimental 3: 15% EDTA

Table 3. The diameter of opened dentinal tubules per unit area(10,640µm²)

group	mean(±SD)	median(range)
experimental 1	2.60(± 1.13)	2.00(3.5)
experimental 2	$4.25(\pm 0.95)$	4.00(3.0)
experimental 3	1.95(±0.60)	1.75(1.5) *

^{*}significant difference between 2 groups(P<0.05)

SD: standard deviation

experimental 1: saturated citric acid experimental 2: tetracycline - HCl experimental 3: 15% EDTA

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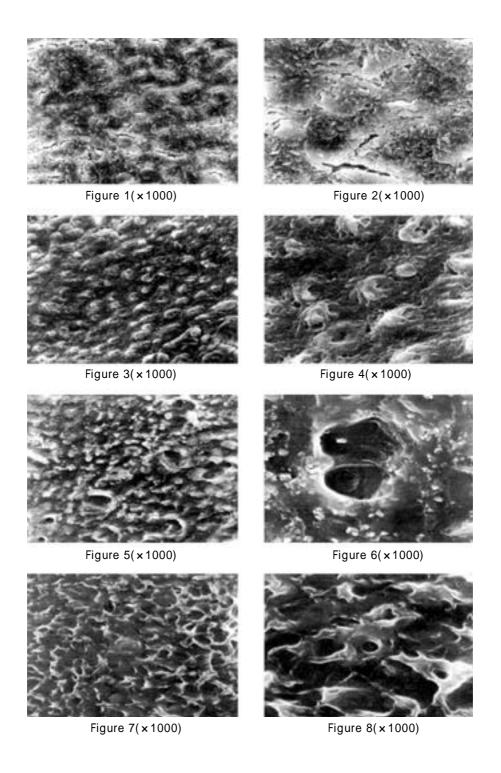
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- Figure 3. The specimen applied with saturated citric acid(pH 1) shows that the globular collagen fibers were exposed around the peritubular space and many dentinal tubules were revealed(×1000).
- Figure 4. The specimen applied with saturated citric acid(pH 1) shows that many dentinal tubules were exposed and the patent dentinal tubules were covered by the globular collagen fibers. The intertubular zone was appeared as the soft, flat and mat like structure(x 3000).
- Figure 5. The specimen applied with 50mg/Me tetracycline HCl shows that the process like collagen fibers were exposed around the peritubular space and some dentinal tubules were revealed(×1000).
- Figure 6. The specimen applied with 50mg/M/ tetracycline HCl shows the exposed dentinal tubules which were definitely open and surrounded by fine fibers. The unidentified crystals were around the intertubular space(x3000).
- Figure 7. The specimen applied with 15% EDTA shows that the root surface was covered by the collagenous fibrillar network, and many dentinal tubules were revealed(×1000).
- Figure 8. The specimen applied with 15% EDTA shows the opened dentinal tubule which was surrounded by the cotton like collagen fibers. And the fibers made the network like structure(× 3000).

- Abstract -

The Effect of EDTA, Tetracycline - HCI, and Citric Acid on Diseased Root Surfaces: The SEM Study

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The goal of periodontal therapy is the periodontal regeneration by the removal of microorganisms and their toxic products from the periodontally diseased root sur face. To achieve periodontal regeneration, root conditioning as an adjunct to root plan ing has been done. There are low pH etchants such as citric acid, tetracycline -HCI, and EDTA solution which is a neutral chelating agent. The purpose of present study was to examine the effect of root conditioning by citric acid, tetracycline HCI, and EDTA. Total 35 root specimens (6 x 3 x 2mm) were prepared from the periodontally diseased teeth, scaled and root planed. The specimens were treated with normal saline for 1 minute, saturated citric acid(pH 1) for 3 minutes, 50mg/Ml tetracycline - HCI(pH 2) for 5 minutes, 15% EDTA(pH 7) for 5 minutes using rubbing technique. The specimens were examined under scanning electron microscopy at 1000, and 3000 magnification. On the microphotographs taken at 1000 magnification, the numbers of opened and patent dentinal tubules per unit area(10,640µm²) were counted. And the diameters of opened dentinal tubules per unit area(10,640µm²) were measured. The differences of number and diameter among all groups were statistically analyzed by Kruskal Wallis Test.

The results were as follows;

- In the specimens applied with normal saline (control group), the root surface was finely cracked, and was covered by irregular smear layer.
 Neither exposed dentinal tubules nor any patent dentinal tubules could be seen.
- In the specimens applied with saturated citric acid(experimental 1 group), the globular collagen fibers were exposed around the peritubular space, and many dentinal tubules were revealed.
- In the specimens applied with tetracycline - HCI(experimental 2 group), the process - like collagen fibers were exposed around the peritubular space, and some dentinal tubules were revealed.
- 4. In the specimens applied with 15% EDTA(experimental 3 group), the root surface was covered by the collage nous fibrillar network, and many dentinal tubules were revealed.
- 5. The numbers of opened and patent dentinal tubules were significantly more in exp. 1 group and exp. 3 group than in exp. 2 group(P<0.05). But there was no significant difference between exp. 1 group and exp. 3

- group. In control group, the number of opened and patent dentinal tubules could not be counted because any dentinal tubules couldn't be seen.
- 6. The diameter of opened dentinal tubules was significantly smaller in exp. 1 group and exp. 3 group than in exp. 2 group(P<0.05). But there was no significant difference between exp. 1 group and exp. 3 group. In control group, the diameter of opened dentinal tubules could not be measured because any dentinal tubules couldn't be seen.

The results demonstrate that root conditioning with citric acid, tetracycline - HCl, and EDTA is more effective in periodontal healing than only root planing, and 15% EDTA solution can replace low pH etching agents such as citric acid, tetracycline - HCl for root conditioning.