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Distribution of gingival inflammation in mouth breathing patients: an observational pilot study

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Abstrak

Mouth breathing has been reported to affect gingival health in children. However, studies on the effect of mouth

breathing in adult patients are scarce. Objective: To examine the relationship between mouth breathing and gingival

condition and to evaluate the distribution of gingival inflammation in young adult mouth breathing patients.

Methods: Study groups comprised of participants with mouth breathing (test group) and nose breathing (control

group) patients with gingivitis. Both the groups underwent periodontal examination. PI, GI and BOP % sites were

recorded and analyzed statistically for the differences in mean values. Results: Mouth breathing patients showed

higher full mouth GI and BOP scores. Upper anterior segment in mouth breathing patients showed highest GI and

BOP followed by lower anterior segment, lower posterior and upper posterior region. Conclusion: Within the limits

of present study, our findings suggest that relative to control group participants, test group i.e. patients with mouth

breathing had higher gingival inflammation and bleeding sites in upper anterior region.