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Supracrestal circumferential fibrotomy as a treatment strategy for recurrence in patients with orthodontics: a systematic review

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INTRODUCTION

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Rationale: This research will provide up-to-date and systematic information on the efficacy of supracrestal circumferential fibrotomy in reducing recurrence of orthodontically treated rotated teeth. The importance of this study lies in the difficulty

of predicting the recurrence of rotated teeth due to different factors that affect the stability of the results of orthodontic treatment such as the musculature of the mouth, skeletal differences that are not adequately corrected, migration normal physiological and periodontal factors. Likewise, it should be noted that the lack of knowledge and experience on this technique by orthodontists and periodontists means that it is not considered as a common treatment in this type of cases, being able to provide beneficial effects to the patient, guaranteeing a decrease in recurrence and achieve successful long-term treatments.

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METHODS

Participant or population: Teeth that received orthodontic treatment.

Intervention: Supracrestal fibrotomy.

Comparator: No additional intervention.

Study designs to be included: Human studies, including randomized or non-randomized controlled clinical trials, prospective, retrospective, and retroprospective cohort studies. There will be no language or publication status restrictions.

Eligibility criteria: In order to answer to the research question: Does supracrestal fibrotomy reduces the risk of rotation relapse in orthodontically treated teeth? Publications that met the following PICO format and inclusion criteria were included.

- P: Teeth that received orthodontic treatment.
- I: Supracrestal fibrotomy.
- C: No additional intervention.
- O: Orthodontic relapse by means of rotation angle relapse.

Due to the limited amount of randomized clinical trials evaluating supracrestal fibrotomy, all human studies including randomized or non-randomized controlled trials, observational studies and case series will be considered for inclusion.

Animal studies, editorial letters, and reviews will be excluded. There will not be any language, year and publication status restrictions. Eligible publications in languages different from English, Spanish, French or Portuguese will be translated.

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Main outcome(s): Orthodontic relapse by means of rotation angle relapse.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Clinical trials will be assessed with the Cochrane's Risk of Bias 2 (ROB-2) tool, observational studies will be assessed with the Newcastle-Ottawa (NOS) tool, and the case series will be assessed with the Institute of Health Economics Quality Appraisal (IHEQA) tool. Calibration rounds will be performed with all the tools previous to the assessment. Calibrated examiners (EM, ST) will evaluate the ROB of the included articles independently and in duplicate, if disagreements occur a third author (EAC) will be consulted.

Strategy of data synthesis: If substantial heterogeneity between studies exists, a qualitative synthesis of results will be performed. I² or the Cochrane's Q statistic will be used to assess heterogeneity. Depending on the degrees of homogeneity, a fixed-effect or random-effect meta-analysis will be chosen. Effect size

estimates will be expressed as relative risks with a 95% confidence interval. The data analysis will be performed using the SPSS software v.22.0 (IBM Corp, Armonk, NY, USA).

Subgroup analysis: None reported.

Sensitivity analysis: None reported.

Language: There will not be any language, year and publication status restrictions. Eligible publications in languages different from English, Spanish, French or Portuguese will be translated.

Country(ies) involved: Perú.

Keywords: The search method will be carried out using the combination of keywords in the different search engines such as: rotation.

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Author 3 - Gerardo Mendoza - The author contributed to the development of the selection criteria, and the risk of bias assessment strategy.

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