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ABSTRACT

The accelerated orthodontic tooth movement had several methods. The vibration is one method that is used to accelerate tooth movement. However, previous studies showed controversy results because of several factors. The one factor had also affected which was frequency. In addition, there were a few studies that investigated the effect of vibration to tooth movement and cytokine secretion in clinical setting. **Objectives:** To investigate the effect of vibratory stimuli frequencies at 30 Hz and 60 Hz on the rate of maxillary canine distalization and secretion of RANKL and OPG. **Methods:** 60 subjects (age 21.5 ± 2.0 years) who received orthodontic treatment plan which was upper first premolar extraction and canine distalization by 60 grams force on 0.022" pre-adjusted edgewise appliance with 0.016" x 0.022" SS archwire after completed leveling and aligning. All participants were randomly selected to 3 groups 1. Canine distalization + vibration 30 Hz. 2. Canine distalization + vibration 60 Hz 3. Canine distalization only. For seven days after started, canine distalization was analysis with per-protocol analysis. Examiner applied vibration for 20 minutes/day at the same time. Gingival crevicular fluid was collected to analysis RANKL and OPG on before distalization (T1) and 24 h (T2), 48 h (T3), and 7 days (T4) after canine distalization. After seven days, participants applied vibration with themselves at home following the recommendation. The rate of maxillary canine distalization was calculated with digital models T1 to 3 months after canine distalization (T5). The data was analyzed with (intention-to-treat). All parameters were non – normal distribution, the changes parameter and different time-point among 3 groups were examine by Kruskal-Wallis test at significant level 0.05. **Results:** The maxillary canine distalization rate did not statistically significant different between group ($p > 0.05$). RANKL, OPG and RANKL/OPG ratio were not statistically significant different between groups and intragroup at

each time-points ($p>0.05$) Nevertheless, RANKL on the compression side was statistically significantly higher at T2, T3 and T4 than T1 in the control group ($p<0.001$). **Conclusions:** The effect of vibratory stimuli frequencies at 30 Hz and 60 Hz combined with light orthodontic force (60 grams) for 3 months did not significantly accelerate the rate of canine distalization when compared to 60 grams of orthodontic force alone. In addition, the RANKL and OPG or the RANKL/OPG ratio expression did not statistically significant for 7 days vibratory stimuli application.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS

WBV	Whole-body vibration
GCF	Gingival crevicular fluid
RANK	Receptor Activator of Nuclear Factor-Kappa B
sRANKL	Soluble Receptor Activator of Nuclear Factor-Kappa B Ligand
RANKL	Receptor Activator of Nuclear Factor-Kappa B Ligand
hRANKL	Human Receptor Activator of Nuclear Factor-Kappa B Ligand
OPG	Osteoprotegerin
PDL	Periodontal ligament
g/cm ²	Gram/ square centimeter
μl	Microliter
mm	Millimeter
ICC	Intraclass correlation coefficient
Pg/ml	Picogram per milliliter
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
IL-1β	Interleukin-1Beta
IL-6	Interleukin-6
IL-8	Interleukin-8
IL-11	Interleukin-11
TNF-α	Tumour Necrosis Factor
VEGF	Vascular endothelial growth factor
GFs	Growth factors
FGF-2	Fibroblast growth factor 2
IGF-1	Insulin-like growth factor 1
EGF	Epidermal growth factor
ICAM-1	Intercellular adhesion molecule 1
VCAM-1	Vascular cell adhesion molecule 1
PGE ₂	Prostaglandin E2

LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)

CCL2	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 2
CCL3	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 3
CCL5	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 5
CCL7	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 7
CCL9	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 9
CXCL10	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 10
CXCL12	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12
CXCL13	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 13
M-CSF	Macrophage colony-stimulating factor
c-fms	Colony stimulating factor-1-receptor
TRAP	Tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase
COX-2	Cyclooxygenase 2
TGF- β	Transforming growth factor beta
BMP	Bone morphogenic protein
BMP-2	Bone morphogenic protein 2
RAP	Regional acceleratory phenomenon
AAO	Accelerated osteogenic orthodontics
LLLT	Low level laser therapy
V	Volt
ω	Omega
m/s^2	meter per square second
t	Time
h	Hour
n	Number
f	Frequency
Hz	hertz
M	Meter
m/s	Meter per second
PMP	Post-menopause

LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)

BFR	Bone formation rate
OVX	Ovariectomize
BMD	Bone mass density
mg/ml	Milligram per milliliter
cm	Centimeter
MS	Mineralized surface
BS	Bone surface
BV	Bone volume
TV	Total bone volume
CD1, C57BL, BALB/cByJ	Rat species
Yr	Year
Wk	Week
D	Day
OSX	Osterix
RUNX2	Runt-related transcription 2
mV	Millivolt
CU-NiTi	Copper Nickle Titanium
KFF	Kinetic frictional force
SSP	Stick-slip Phenomenon
SFF	Static frictional force
PEMF	Pulped-electromagnetic fields
μm	Micrometer
cN	Centinewton
NiTi	Nickle titanium
SN-GoMe	Angle between sella-nasion plane and mandibular plane
FMA	Angle between Frankfort horizontal plane and mandibular plane
Occl-SN	Angle between sella-nasion plane and occlusal plane
SNA	Angle between sella-nasion-point A

LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)

SNB	Angle between sella-nasion-point B
ANB	Angle between point A-nasion-point B
ANS-PNS	Palatal plane
ANS	Anterior nasal spine
PNS	Posterior nasal spine
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
mRNA	Messenger ribonucleic acid
PBS	Phosphate buffer saline
TRAFs	Tumour necrosis factor receptor associated factors
NF-kappaB	Nuclear Factor-Kappa B
AAP	American academy periodontology
PP	Per-protocol analysis
ITT	Intension-to-treat analysis
IQR	Interquartile range
M	Male
F	Female
P	P-value
SD	Standard error
%CV	Percent coefficient of variance
ANOVA	One-way analysis of variance
ME	Method error
ICC	Intraclass correlation coefficient
T1	Immediately before canine distalization
T2	24 hours canine distalization
T3	48 hours canine distalization
T4	7 days canine distalization
T5	3 months canine distalization
g	Gram
N	Newton

LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)

%	Percentage
°C	Celsius degree
s	Second
min	Minute
°	Degree
"	Inch
3D	Three dimension
h	Hour

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Background to the problems

Orthodontic treatment is a method to solve malocclusion by generating tooth movement. The process occurs through the mechanical stimuli passing to each tooth and surrounding periodontium of the tooth in the biological level.¹ The signals that control orthodontic tooth movement are conducted from periodontal ligament cells and transferred to the target cells (bone cells), resulting in bone remodeling.² When the periodontal ligament is compressed and stretched, bone resorption and formation occurred, respectively, so the tooth moves with remodeled bone to the equilibrium position.³

There are 3 main theories that explain the mechanism of orthodontic tooth movement. 1) Piezoelectric theory proposes that electrical charge is generated from the applied forces (stress and strain), which stimulate the rearrangement of cells and increase their convexity.⁴ The animal experiment had confirmed that the electric potential was found in the mandible of dogs after the force was applied, the bending of alveolar bone occurred, the electronegative charge and osteoblast cells were found on the concave side, whereas the electropositive charge and osteoclast cells were found on another side.⁵ 2) Bone bending theory describes that the adaptation of surrounding tooth structures occurs after they receive the force. As the bone is more flexible than the tooth and other solid structures around the tooth, the bone that bend leads to stretching of periodontal ligament on the concave side resulting in bone formation. The convex side shows the compression of periodontal ligament and the bone resorption takes place.^{93, 94} 3) Pressure tension theory explains that the compressed periodontal ligament induces osteoclastogenesis on the compression side, where the osteoclast cells fill in the target areas to stimulate frontal bone resorption. On the tension side, the periodontal ligament is stretched and signal for osteogenesis then gathers osteoblast cells for bone formation.^{1, 6} All of these processes involve alteration of blood circulation and mediators from stimulated cells.

The orthodontic treatment usually occupy 2-3 years treatment period,^{7, 8} which is considered to be long enough to cause side effects from the treatment such as dental

caries,^{9, 10} root resorption and periodontal disease.^{11, 12} In a circumstance that the reduced treatment time, decreased side effects, less bone traumatic, promoted patient's satisfaction. The method to accelerate tooth movement has been introduced which include the modification in biological response and bone remodeling. The successful of the results can provide great benefit to both patients and orthodontists.

Many studies had proven the effective tooth movement by increasing rate of the bone remodeling via the increase in cell activity, which correlated to the release of inflammatory cytokine such as Corticotomy,^{13, 14} Low level laser application,¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Electrical current,¹⁸ Distraction osteogenesis,¹⁹⁻²² and Pulp electromagnetic field.^{23, 24} However, these techniques are not usually occupied in conventional orthodontic treatment procedure because the side effects are still unpredictable. The amount of published results is also limited due to ethical issues in human study. For less invasive intervention such as, the physical and mechanical device-assisted treatments have been generally used for the accelerated tooth movement instead of additional procedure.

The vibration is the method of choice for this study and non-invasive method to increase rate of tooth movement. The use of vibration has been reported since 1980 for medical purpose; the whole-body vibration (WBV) has been experimented on animal and human bones. Its mechanism was based on the principle of Wolff's law which explains the ability of trabecular bone that can adapt to exogenous stimuli,²⁵ meaning that a proper amount of mechanical strain is able to induce the change in bone morphology. Osteoporosis can be treated by low magnitude and high frequency vibration. The outcome of treatment promoted osteogenesis process and decreased osteoclastogenesis process in craniofacial structure.^{26-28, 29, 30, 31} In addition, vibration alone on the periodontal ligament (PDL) cells demonstrated that vibration could promote anabolic effect.³²⁻³⁴ However, in dental study, Shapiro et al.,³⁵ found that when exogenous stimuli were continuously applied to the tooth, piezoelectricity is not generated. Nicolella DP et al²⁷ and Uzer G et al²⁸ found that vibrational appliance can be used instead to induce electric charge or osteocyte filtration in the lacunar-canalicular network for rapid bone remodeling response,^{36, 37} proliferation of blood vessels,³⁸ increasing cell activity,³⁹ increasing inflammatory cytokine⁴⁰ which the same results as orthodontic tooth movement. In addition, in vitro studies, when applied vibration combined with compressive force, vibration could increase the inflammatory cytokine to induce osteoclastogenesis in the PDL cells.^{41, 42} Animal studies found that combination between vibration and compressive force has been

revealed the controversy. Some studies significantly increased rate of tooth movement⁴³⁻⁴⁵ and others did not find significant difference to affect tooth movement.^{46, 47} In clinical studies, the results showed the inconsistency of ability of vibration combined with orthodontic force to reduce the irregularity and accelerate tooth movement. In assessing the alignment of anterior teeth did not significantly reduce the crowding when orthodontic force alone compared to vibration combined with orthodontic force.⁴⁸⁻⁵¹ While the distance of tooth movement was reported in controversial results.⁵²⁻⁵⁴ That might be due to a variation in protocols, orthodontic mechanics and outcome measurement.

Although, the disparities of results of effect vibratory stimuli on the rate of tooth movement, it had some studies, examined the effect of vibratory stimuli on the rate of canine distalization.⁵³⁻⁵⁵ There was one study that studied the effect of vibration on the secretion of interleukin-1 beta (IL-1 β) and rate of tooth movement.⁵³ Even though IL-1 β could stimulate osteoclastic activity but the receptor of osteoclast did not specific to the osteoclastic activity. Therefore, to specific osteoclastogenesis response to vibration, the levels of receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B ligand (RANKL) and osteoprotegerin (OPG) are directly measured and may demonstrate important information. RANKL stimulates the function, activation, survival, and differentiation of osteoclast precursors to mature osteoclasts to promote bone resorptive processes, while OPG acts as a decoy receptor to regulate the termination of osteoclastic activity and promotes osteogenic activity.^{56, 57}

Consequently, the previous study also indicated that the different frequencies of vibration shows variation in tooth movement and is still controversial. Moreover, there is no study that describes the effect of vibration combines with orthodontic force on the expression of RANKL/ OPG ratio in human. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to define the effect of 30 Hz and 60 Hz vibration combined with light orthodontic force on the rate of maxillary canine distalization and secretion of RANKL and OPG.

Review literature

1. Theory of tooth movement

There are 3 main theories that clarify the mechanism of orthodontic tooth movement.

1.1 Pressure tension theory explained that force pass to the tooth and produces the tooth movement causing the alteration in periodontal ligament. This process

leads to bone remodeling that periodontal ligament at compression side, disorganized and decreased cell replication because of vascular constriction and induce osteoclastogenesis which moves the osteoclast cells into target area for function and produces frontal bone resorption.⁶ The other side is tension side where the periodontal ligament is stretched. Cell replication and periodontal ligament production are increased. The signals are transmitted and induced osteogenesis process. Finally, the osteoblast cells are elevated to generate bone formation.⁶ All of these processes involve alteration of blood circulation and mediators from stimulated cells.

Besides, magnitude of orthodontic force has a correlation to tissue response. When the force is applied to the tooth, if it is more than capillary blood pressure (20-25 g/cm² of root surface), tissue will be necrosis and leads to undermining resorption or hyalinization.⁵⁸

1.2 Bone-bending theory was proposed in 1969 by Baumrind,⁶ who mentioned that part of periodontium in pressure-tension theory can be developed to the solid-bone and tooth. The deflection of alveolar bone and changes in periodontal ligament can be stimulated by orthodontic force. Later, in 1888 Farrar⁵⁹ proposed that bending of alveolar bone is an important role in orthodontic tooth movement. This concept was proven by experiment of Baumrind⁶ and Grimm.⁶⁰ The opposite direction to tooth movement when applied orthodontic force was represented the deflection on the socket wall.

In the concept of bone-bending theory, from Pascal's law, force spreads equally to every area that force is applied. So, forces are delivered to the tooth and transmitted to periodontal ligament around the tooth. And force cannot change configuration of periodontal ligament due to containing with liquid and ground substance that join tooth, bone and periodontal ligament together. It is called hydrostatic system. When periodontal ligament is compressed, fluid system will move to other side. It means that the pressure in the periodontal ligament equals to all regions, however the bone is bent. Consequently, forces can bend the periodontium such as bone, tooth and discrete solid fractures of periodontal ligament to the solid parts. And each of three types structure is deformed. The amount of deformation is depended on the elastic properties of each structure. It assures that bone has bent far more than periodontal ligament because periodontal ligament joins tooth and bone to one unit that becomes bone can bend more than periodontal ligament. The biological response involves turnover and renewal of bone that have occurred in deformed bone position. The alteration of shaped alveolar bone creates a concave and convex surface that are identified in the long

bone. The concave pattern is the stretching of periodontal ligament and molecules are compressed i.e. the apposition of alveolar bone takes place whereas the convex pattern has a compressed PDL means that resorption of alveolar bone has occurred.^{4,5,61,62}

1.3 Piezoelectric theory was proposed by Bassett and Becker⁴ in 1962 that the electrical charge is risen by applied forces (stress or strain) in stress tissue that response of cell rearrangement and increasing convexity. Additionally, the experiment in dog's mandible by Zengo et al.⁵ found electric potential after force was applied to the tooth from bending of alveolar bone. The concave side presents electronegative charge and fulfills with osteoblasts. However, the other side found electropositive charge and elevated the osteoclasts. Davidovitch has proposed that there is an elevation of cellular response in periodontal ligament and alveolar bone from electrical current combination with orthodontic force.⁶³ These findings indicate that bending of alveolar bone results from bioelectric activity occurred by applying orthodontic force and may have a role as essential cellular first messengers.

Although, all of phenomenons showed physical and biological activity that has been known as theories or unknown other phenomena, they initiated from mechanical forces that activate concurrently cells, periodontal ligament and bone to release mediators and create remodeling activity, which enables tooth movement.

2. Optimal orthodontic force

The optimal force for the highest efficiency for orthodontic tooth movement is that the tooth can be moved without creating patient's discomfort and tissue damage.⁶⁴ The force has the light and heavy forces; the optimal force is not possible to be measured precisely with available instrument when force was applied to the root. Burstone⁶⁵ stated that periodontal ligament is not equally supported orthodontic force in each root surface. And favorable biological response of periodontal ligament produces from the light force because it is appropriate to generate frontal bone resorption. However, heavy force can cause necrosis of periodontal ligament and undermining bone resorption,^{1,66} which can lead to root resorption.

The concept of optimal force, according to Schwarz⁵⁸ stated that the force leads to a change of tissue pressure which determined by capillary vessels and blood pressure. Any forces that are lower than the optimal force would generate no reaction and no tooth movement.⁶⁷ Meanwhile the forces that are higher than optimal force would cause tissue necrosis and decrease rate of tooth movement.⁶⁷

Consequently, the current concept of optimal orthodontic force is mechanical stimulus that activates the process of cellular response to re-establish balance by remodeling of periodontium, maximize the rate of tooth movement, provide adequate patient comfort and minimize damage to periodontal supporting tissue.^{3, 68} This concept may be possible by defining a certain force magnitude and characteristic of applied force to use. However, the optimal force might be different in each patient and each tooth. Therefore, optimal orthodontic force can be identified according to the relationship both force magnitude and rate of tooth movement which are considered to be a practical guide in order to produce effective tooth movement and no overload to periodontal tissue.

From the literature reviews about canine retraction⁶⁸ found that the initial force can move canine about 18-1500 grams. The heavy force can damage to periodontal supporting tissue, undesirable tooth movement and create pain. The light force can produce effective of biology, safe to periodontal supporting tissue and less painful and better comfort however it is not confirmed that the tooth moves if the light force cannot overcome the friction between wire and bracket. So, the force is appropriate to move canine and less side effect when combine with the vibration about 60 grams from the study of Leethanakul et al. 2015⁵³ and Insee K et al 2014.⁶⁹ Because 60 grams of force is used with the stiff wire can move the tooth. In addition, 60 grams of force does not to damage to periodontal supporting tissue if the vibration force is combined to orthodontic force.

3. Process of orthodontic tooth movement and cellular response

The surrounding tooth structures such as periodontal ligament, dental pulp, alveolar bone and gingiva response to orthodontic force. Applying force on the tooth triggers the periodontal ligament cells to generate the signal transferred to surrounding bone for the remodeling process. The rate of tooth movement may be changed depending on the amount, frequency and duration of force combined with the biological response of the periodontal ligament. Since the application of force effect the expression of periodontal ligament cells, different molecules such as cytokine and growth hormone are synthesized and released to evoke cellular response around the teeth to provide proper tissue adaptation.^{40,63}

The inflammatory mediator's secretion of orthodontic tooth movement

When the tooth is received orthodontic force, the periodontal ligaments response immediately. The compression side shows tissue and cell damage with the change of the capillary by reducing blood flow leading to ischemia and hypoxia.⁷⁰ Then, the body reacts by increasing vasodilatation of blood vessels and migration of leukocytes. This process is activated by interleukin (IL)-1 β , IL-6, IL-8, tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- α and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) expression in periodontal ligament fibroblasts.⁷¹ In the meanwhile, physical strain stimulates the product of growth factors (GFs), cytokines and chemokines through the process of mechanotransduction.⁷⁰ IL-1 β and TNF- α stimulate the endothelial cells and the adhesion molecule expression (ICAM-1 and VCAM-1) that trigger expression of chemokine, adhesion and migration of leukocyte.⁷² In addition, periodontal ligament, peripheral nerves release neurotransmitters such as Calcitonin gene-related peptide and substance P.⁷⁰ These neuropeptides combined with VEGF and Prostaglandin E₂ (PGE₂), lead to the increase of vascular permeability, and blood flow and leukocyte diapedesis.⁷³ These leukocytes interact with paradental cells and increase the chemokines, cytokines, and GFs for bone resorption. After that, the acute inflammatory process is replaced with chronic inflammation that permits leukocytes and osteoclast precursors migrate to the target for remodeling process.⁷⁰

Bone resorption

The mechanical stimulus is loaded to the fibroblast, osteoblast and other periodontal ligament cells in the pressure side. These cells release the signaling molecules such as PGE₂, IL-1, IL-6, TNF- α and IL-11.^{72, 74, 75} Chemokine (CCL3, CCL2, and CCL5) are produced by osteoblast after the IL-1 and TNF- α are activated.^{72, 75-77} Then, CXCL12 and RANKL and TNF- α are combined with the chemokines (CCL3, CCL2 and CCL5) and induce enrollment of osteoclast precursors to the resorptive site and then differentiate into the mature osteoclasts by communication of osteoblasts and osteoclasts.⁷⁸⁻⁸⁰ The differentiation of osteoclasts is regulated from the main cytokines which are PGE₂, IL-1, IL-6, IL-8 and TNF- α that stimulate osteoblast or stromal cells to produce the RANKL and macrophage colony-stimulating factor (M-CSF).⁸¹⁻⁸⁴ The process is achieved by M-CSF and RANKL that bind to their specific receptors, colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (c-Fms) and receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B (RANK) which express on the surface of osteoclast precursors but osteoclastogenesis will be down-regulated by osteoprotegerin (OPG). It is a RANKL decoy

receptor that produced by osteoblast and periodontal ligament. The process completes when RANKL binds with RANK receptor for inhibiting RANK/RANKL interaction.⁸²

The force also induces hypoxia that expresses the factor $1-\alpha$. It stimulates the expression of RANKL via periodontal ligament and enhances osteoclastogenesis.⁸⁵ In addition, orthodontic force can cause microdamage in alveolar bone and make damaging cells by oxidative stress or disrupted blood flow in lacunar-canalicular system. So, osteocytes are activated and secrete the RANKL and M-CSF.⁸⁶ This damaged tissue that combined with $TNF-\alpha$ and IL-1 can stimulate apoptosis of osteocytes, which induces bone resorption near the area of microdamage. And it is found that up-regulation of RANKL, VEGF, and M-CSF trigger recruitment of osteoclast precursors and differentiation.⁸⁶ Furthermore, VEGF initiates the angiogenesis in the resorption area by recruitment of osteoclast precursors.⁸⁶

The other cytokines (IL- β , $TNF-\alpha$, IL-6, IL-11), growth factors (FGF-2, EGF) and chemokines (CCL2, CCL3, CCL5, CCL7, CCL9, IL-8) can also stimulate the osteoclast differentiation, survival and activity.^{78, 87, 88}

Bone formation

When the PDL is received the orthodontic force. Bone formation process can occur, as osteocytes in the alveolar bone near the periodontal ligament are sensitive to the tensile force. They communicate with neighboring osteocytes, alveolar bone surface-lining cells, and bone marrow cavity cells. Osteoblasts response to these signal and initiate bone formations which direct contact to the osteocyte.⁸⁹ Besides, cell replication can be arisen by stretched periodontal ligament fiber.² Stem cells (pericyte) drift from blood vessel to active site and differentiate to preosteoblast cell.² Then, CCL3, CCL5, CXCL10, CXCL12, and CXCL13 markers induce the process of osteoblast precursor recruitment, proliferation, differentiation and survival.^{77, 89, 90} Transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β) and Insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) are secreted from osteoblasts and osteocytes that induce proliferation and differentiation of osteoblast precursors to mature osteoblasts and mineralization of new bone.⁹¹⁻⁹³ Furthermore, bone morphogenic protein (BMP), epidermal growth factor and IL-11 can control differentiation and function of osteoblasts.⁹⁴⁻⁹⁶ The osteoblasts and periodontal ligament fibroblasts create the VEGF that initiates angiogenesis process result in new bone formation.^{73, 97} Also osteoblasts produce IL-10 and OPG involve in osteogenesis which inhibits osteoclastogenesis.^{82, 98} Moreover, to maintain periodontal ligament apparatus, TGF- β and IGF-1 can stimulate function of osteoblasts and PDL cells proliferation and differentiation and collagen synthesis.⁹⁹⁻¹⁰¹

RANKL/OPG ratio during orthodontic tooth movement.

Previous studies showed that applying force group to move the teeth had an increased level of RANKL at 24 hours,^{102, 103} 48 hours¹⁰⁴ and 42 hours when compared to the non-applying force group.¹⁰⁵ In addition, RANKL level in adults was less than in juveniles^{102, 103, 106} and the ratio RANKL/OPG increase at 6 weeks in adolescent¹⁰⁷ after rectangular was placed because higher alveolar bone turnover rate of periodontium in adolescents compared with adults. The studies of OPG level found that the application of mechanical stress group decreased the level of OPG at 1 hours,¹⁰⁸ 24 hours,^{103, 108, 109} 7 days,¹⁰⁸ 1 months¹⁰⁸ and 3 months¹⁰⁸ than the non-application of mechanical stress group and level of OPG and RANKL/OPG ratio in adults were lower than juveniles¹⁰³ due to decreased function of periodontal ligament cells proliferation, the amount of collagen, organic matrix and alkaline phosphatase.^{110, 111} The site specification determined the levels of RANKL and OPG.¹¹² However, the level of cytokines was down-regulation after reaching the peak values, mostly 24 hours (continuous force) if the activation (interrupted force) is repeated. The up-regulation of cytokine is increased.¹⁰⁶ In addition, Kim et al.¹¹³ studied on the compressive force encouraged the increased M-CSF, RANKL, TNF- α and decreased OPG in periodontal ligament cell via the integrin-FAK pathway, found that Integrin-FAK pathway regulates the expression of M-CSF, RANKL, TNF- α and OPG by increased M-CSF, RANKL, TNF- α and decreased OPG when compressive force was applied. So, the RANK-RANKL and OPG pathway can activate or inhibit orthodontic tooth movement via the RANKL/OPG ratio expression. And it has the effect to the rate of tooth movement.

Phase of tooth movement

In the past, tooth movement could divide into 3 phases.² The initial phase is a tooth movement after the force is immediately applied to the tooth. The tooth will move in the periodontal ligament space. The lag phase is immediately occurred after the initial phase and created slow speed of tooth movement. Due to the periodontal ligament hyalinization in the compression side is produced. The tooth cannot move until the hyalinization area will be removed. The third phase occurs after the lag phase. The tooth will suddenly or gradually move and increase the rate of orthodontic tooth movement. There are 2 studies^{114, 115} that present a new model of tooth movement. The phase of tooth movement from 2 studies can divide 4 phases of tooth movement the first phase has occur in 24 hours to 2 days that it seems as the first phase is mentioned above. The tooth will move into the socket. The second phase

takes time 20-30 days and the tooth cannot move. After that, the third and fourth phase find that the tooth is accelerated tooth movement when removed hyalinization. It exhibits around 40 days after applied the initial force. The second to fourth phase is same as the lag phase and the post-lag phase are mentioned above.

To investigate and measure the expression of RANKL/OPG ratio follows the previous study and phase of tooth movement. The day on 24 hours, 48 hours 7 days and 30 days is possible to find expression of RANKL/OPG ratio by regardless of frontal bone resorption or undermining resorption.

4. Methods of orthodontic tooth movement acceleration

4.1 Surgical approach

4.1.1 Corticotomy

Corticotomy is common surgical procedure that is cut and perforated only in the cortical bone but not the medullary bone. This procedure reduces bone resistance and increased rate of tooth movement. Kole¹¹⁶ was the first one who tried corticotomy in orthodontic tooth movement. Within 6 to 12 months, tooth movements were completed. After that, this technique was used by other researches to correct open bite treatments.^{117,118, 119}

In 2001 Wilcko¹²⁰ indicated that the accelerated orthodontic tooth movement could not be occurred because bony block movement as followed by Kole.¹¹⁶ This situation presented bone remodeling only the surgical site. It was called Regional Acceleratory Phenomenon (RAP). After that, he developed the procedure that was termed Accelerated Osteogenic Orthodontics (AOO) and periodontal accelerated osteogenic orthodontics. Also, this technique was completed by adding grafting material to enhance bone healing.

This technique showed stability and an improved retention after postoperative,¹²¹ however further studies are required to be confirmed. The disadvantages are invasive painful and the accelerated tooth movement only 3 to 4 months after that the time was decreased to the same level as the controls.^{13, 122, 123}

4.1.2 Distraction osteogenesis

The concept of distraction osteogenesis was about studies¹²⁴ of limb lengthening. The technique is divided into distraction of PDL and the dentoalveolar bone. Later, this concept was received to use in the accelerated tooth movement which came from surgical treatments of craniofacial skeletal dysplasia.

In the accelerated canine distraction, when the first premolar extraction interseptal bone on the distal side of canine was undermined then, the resistance of distal bone on the pressure site was decreased. Tooth movement was easier and faster.¹⁹ So, it occurred in the initial phases of tooth movement.¹²⁵

The interseptal bone was thickness about 1 to 1.5 mm in distal side of the canine after extracted first premolar and the round bur was used to deep the socket along the length of the canine. The canine was retracted with intraoral devices. It indicated that full retraction of canine 6-7 mm into the premolar socket was spent time about 3 weeks to complete movement.¹⁹

In addition, accelerated canine distraction with cut dentoalveolar bone was similar to the distraction of PDL, by increased osteotomies performed at the vestibule.^{20-22, 126}

Although, all studies indicated that were not significant root resorption and could accelerate orthodontic tooth movement. Nevertheless, the result showed some inconsistencies about vitality test of the retracted canines. Liou¹⁹ indicated that 9 out of 26 teeth found positive vitality, while Sukurica¹²⁶ showed that 7 out of 20 had positive vitality after retracted canine about 6 months. Therefore, the results were controversial.

4.1.3 Piezocision

The Piezocision technique was firstly done by Dibart.¹²⁷ The procedure consisted of incision on the buccal gingiva and followed with Piezo surgical knife to the buccal cortex.¹²⁸ And periodontal tissue did not damaged by this technique. Another advantage indicated that it could be used with Invisalign, that enhanced more aesthetic appearance and decreased treatment time followed by Keser.¹²⁹ Piezocision is a hopeful accelerated tooth movement method due to the advantages on the periodontal, aesthetic, and orthodontic aspects.

4.2 Assisted Device to accelerate tooth movement

4.2.1 Low-level laser therapy (LLLT)

Surgery, diagnostics and therapeutic application with laser has been used since 1960.¹³⁰ In the orthodontic treatment brought LLLT to utilize for several treatments for instance reduced pain after adjustment¹³¹ or traumatic ulcers treatment. The interaction of electromagnetic and light directly or indirectly with tissue could stimulate the therapeutic effects of LLLT.

In clinical and experimental studies indicated that effects of LLLT could improve wound healing when applied on the injured tissues due to rapid epithelization, increased vascularization, collagen synthesis and activated fibroblast activity.¹³² In addition, LLLT could stimulate bone healing, strengthened bone tissue during fracture in animal models¹³³ and increased maximum bone tolerance. Then, the initial phase of bone regeneration, LLLT could repair process of osteopenic fracture¹³⁴ and promoted periodontal regeneration and osteointegration of dental implants.¹³⁵

LLLT could stimulate accelerated tooth movement with good quality bone in the mid-palatal suture expansion of rats¹³⁶ and increased production of osteoclasts.¹³⁷ Moreover, Kim et al. indicated LLLT combined with mechanical forces could activate osteoprotegerin (OPG), RANKL, and receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B (RANK) expression in rats.¹³⁵ Study of Fujita et al. suggested that LLLT excited rate of tooth movement through RANK and RANKL interaction pathway in an early stage.¹³⁸ Cruz et al. studied LLLT in young subjects revealed that it could speed up teeth movement and decreased whole treatment time.¹⁶ While, Limpanichkul et al. proved that LLLT could not increase tooth movement in adult patient because of low energy density to express stimulatory effect.¹³⁹

4.2.2 Electrical current

Direct electric current is another method to approach orthodontic tooth movement. Electrical current method was studied only in animals. The anode (7V) was applied at the pressure sites, while cathode (7 V) was attached at the tension sites. Therefore, the electrical could generate local responses and accelerated bone remodeling.¹⁴⁰ Several studies were successful due to electrodes could attached close to the tested tooth. However, character of the devices and the source of electricity were difficult to be clinically examined. Several researches used enzymes and glucose as fuel to improve biocatalytic fuel cells to create intraoral electricity.^{141, 142} Further development of this techniques was needed to study in the clinical protocol.

4.2.3 The vibratory stimulation

The vibration used in dentistry is a low magnitude and high frequency vibration that used in orthodontic tooth movement to accelerate orthodontic tooth movement. It has been hypothesized that the vibration may accelerate bone remodeling through mechanical stimuli on the bone cells and periodontal ligament cells, etc.^{44, 53, 143, 144}

5. Vibration

5.1 Fundamental of vibration

Mechanical vibration is mechanical movement that is oscillated by external force. It can be divided into 2 types i.e. 1. Free vibration is a movement system that is continuously activated at natural frequency without external force. 2. Forced vibration is made by continuous external force. The system will oscillate at the frequency of external force, if the external force activates the object that consists of the natural frequency of that object. It will create the resonance vibration and may be harmful to that system. For instance, the building is vibrated while the earthquake occurs.¹⁴⁵

The characteristic movement of vibration can determine 2 patterns that is 1. Linear motion is a movement in straight direction. The position of the object can be defined with the displacement vector. 2. Angular motion is a movement of changes in angular displacement. It can specify the position of object with angular velocity or omega (ω). In addition, direction of angular velocity can calculate with trigonometry ($X^2+Y^2=L^2$).¹⁴⁵

Simple harmonic motion or simple wave

The mathematic was used to define the simplest type of wave as $a(t) = A \sin(2\pi f(t))$ where $a(t)$ is the acceleration (m/s^2) at time t . And the amplitude is A . A frequency is f cycles per second (unit = hertz, Hz) (Fig 1). If the frequency increases, the period of wave will decrease. In addition, the frequency can show in the term of radians per second (ω) that $\omega = 2\pi f$.¹⁴⁵

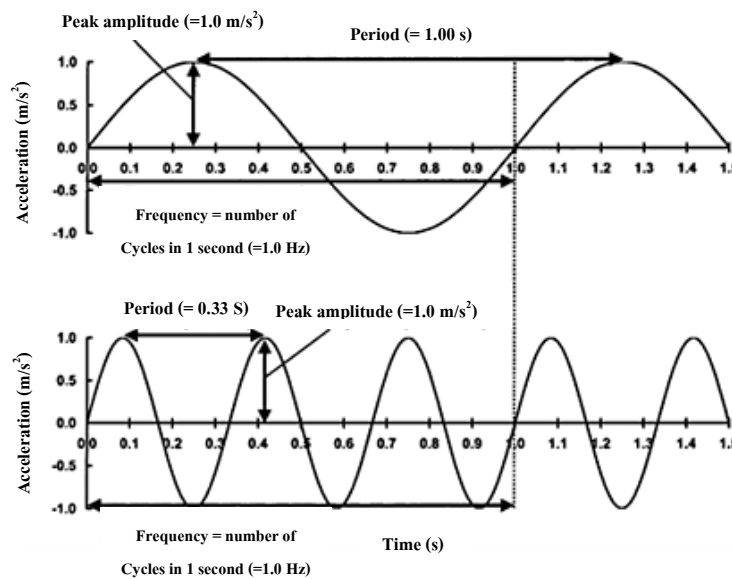


Figure 1. Showed Basic sine wave for the description of frequency at 1 Hz and 3Hz, amplitude 1 m/s²

Vibration signal composes of displacement, velocity and acceleration that cannot truly separate. We consider the movement of the wave that moves up and down. The maximum vertical displacement appears at the top of the wave that is consistent with zero velocity. The extreme velocity appears while rising of the wave or falling of the wave (positive or negative). The minimum vertical displacement happens at the bottom of the wave. And it returns to zero velocity again. It has also related to cyclic acceleration and deceleration because of constant changing of velocity. For any wave motions, the displacement, velocity, and acceleration do not move coincidence in each other; indeed, the inverse relationship of displacement and acceleration can find in the sine wave.¹⁴⁵ (Fig 2)

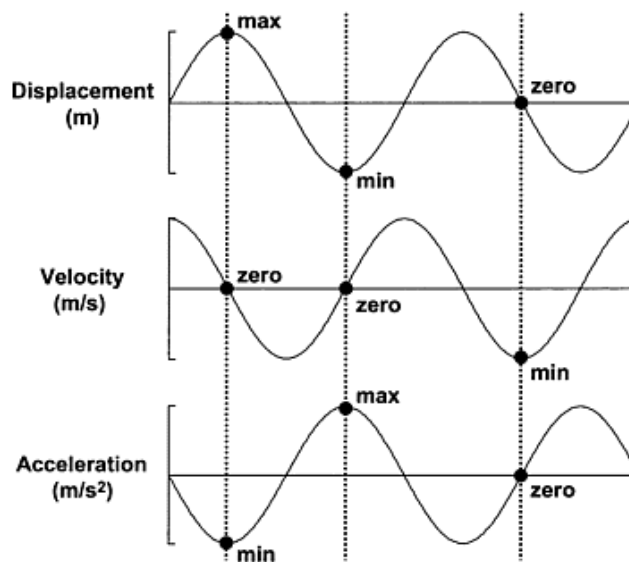


Figure 2. Showed top and bottom of sine wave for displacement, velocity, and acceleration

Resonance vibration

The wave movement will occur as per a single unit, If the structure of wave is wavered very low frequencies. While high frequencies, the vibration is separated from the structure because the vibration is limited to the position of application. Between zones of high and low frequencies, the stimulus is based for comparison when the system response will be raised to the maximum level. This is called the resonance. Resonance frequency, and complex structures can find in all of systems or structures. And they have expressed more than one. So, the method prevents the effects of resonance frequency that create a point of failure. That is a damping technique in the structure.¹⁴⁵ (Fig 3)

Generally, humans have naturally highly damped although resonance frequencies are still clearly apparent. It means that if the vibration exposes to the individuals, both magnitude and frequency of stimulus will affect their response.¹⁴⁵

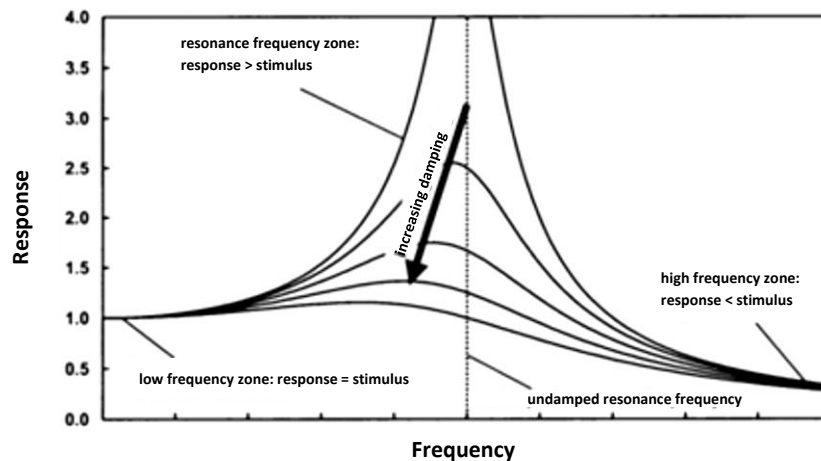


Figure 3. Showed the response of the systems to vibration. At low frequencies zone, the response and the stimulus are the same; the resonance frequency zone the response system is higher than the stimulus; at high frequencies zone, the response of the system is lower than the stimulus. As increased damping, the peak of response was decreased

5.2 Application in health science of vibration (clinical research) and possible mechanism

In the past, mechanical stimuli were used in the skeletal structure. The mechanical stimuli have a number of characters; for instance, static and dynamic which depended on magnitude and frequency. There were a number of researches which conducted in order to study the effect of mechanical stimuli to skeletal structure by performing treatment in case of low bone mass density or osteoporosis. Therefore, they could explain mechanism of bone response to the treatment.

Mechanical stimuli for therapeutic use

Vibration known as high frequency, low magnitude stimulation can be defined as a mechanical stimulus of an oscillatory motion.

The key descriptors of vibration include:

1. Frequency (measured in Hz; it indicates the number of movements up and down of wave cycles per second)
2. Amplitude (the extent of the oscillatory motion, measured in mm)

3. The direction of the vibration movement

In the previous studies, when human had exercised, the high load physical activity has a more osteogenic effect than low load physical activity.^{146, 147} If bone is immobilized, bone density will be reduced.¹⁴⁸ Later, Hert and colleagues^{149, 150} tested the serial reaction of bone to mechanical stimuli. They found that dynamic loading could stimulate osteogenic effect on bone. But there are 2 limitations of the measurement: 1. it could not be measured while objects were moving. 2. It could not be measured while object was loading. In 1970, rosette strain gauge was invented by Lanyon and Smith¹⁵¹ for measuring the strain in the bone. The disadvantage of rosette strain gauge is it could not measure specific parameter. So, several studies showed 5 parameters of mechanical signal;

1. Static or dynamic loading: from study of Lanyon and Rubin¹⁵² compared the osteogenic effect of dynamic loading and static loading. The pins were fixed on the ulna bone and connect to the helical spring to release the static loading and dynamic loading. The result indicated that bone mass increased about 40% in dynamic loading bone and found thinner cortical plate combined with porosity in static loading and disuse bone which corresponded to the study of Hert and Liskova.¹⁴⁹

2. The direction of loading (Axial or torsional loading) found that bone response was activated when load was applied in the ulna model. The response depended on the manner of applied load. Axial loading could promote cellular activity by increasing bone turnover. However, torsional loading inhibited bone resorption without area loss and change of the pores. This indicated that the cells can recognize the different loading that effect to bone mass, but in different ways.¹⁵³

3. Strain duration: Rubin and Lanyon¹⁵⁴ said that osteogenesis effect can occur in the short period of cycle loading. The ulna models were loaded at different cycles (unload, 4, 36, 360 or 1,800) daily 0.5 Hz in six weeks. It demonstrated that the unloaded group showed no change in two weeks but gradually decreased to 88% of normal bone. At four 0.5 Hz (8 second) can maintain bone mass and prevent osteoporosis. Thirty-six 0.5 Hz (72 second) induced bone deposition gradually and reach a peak at 28 days and 360, 1800 cycles did not induce an additional change in bone characteristic than 36 cycles. It concluded that sensitivity of bone response was induced at low strain cycles.

4. Strain magnitude: Rubin and Lanyon¹⁵⁵ investigated the effect of strain magnitude on bone mass. Thirty turkeys were tested at 8 weeks. The different magnitude at

500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000 and 4000 were applied and fixed frequency at 1 Hz duration 100s. The experiment indicated that strain less than 1000 microstrains resulted in bone loss while strain over 1000 microstrains were osteogenic effect on periosteal and endosteal surface only but at 1000 microstrains bone was maintain. The study indicated that bone did not adapt to peak strain, but it adapted to the distribution of strain.

5. Strain frequency: McLeod and Rubin 1992 studied in the effect of vary frequencies between 1 Hz and 60 Hz 10 minutes on ulna model and the strain-maintained bone mass were recorded. At 1 Hz (600 cycles) required strain greater than 700 microstrains to maintain bone mass, 30 Hz (18,000 cycles), strain 400 microstrains could maintain bone mass and 60 Hz (36,000 cycles), strain 270 microstrains was required to stabilize bone mass. So, all above studies demonstrated that bone was affected by strain magnitude than cycle number. This result indicated temporal characteristics of strain signal and the frequency was ultimately imperative.

Later, there were many studies about using vibration to maintain bone mass density in post- menopausal (PMP) and disable patients, reduced bone fracture from osteoporosis and reduced osteoporosis in PMP woman. The study of Rubin et al. about the abilities of vibration signals (low magnitude high frequency) to anabolic activities in disuse. They found that mechanical stimulation 90 Hz 0.25g 10 min/day of proximal tibia rats increased bone formation rate (BFR) (97%) when compared with disuse group. This study shows that mechanical stimulation (low magnitude high frequency) increased anabolic activity and useful to long term space flight, bone loss, bed rest and immobilization due to paralysis.³⁹ The study of Oxfund et al. about the effect of vibration to bone mass, bone strength and muscles mass in ovariectomized (OVX) rats by vibration at 17 Hz 0.5g, 30 Hz 1.5g, 45 Hz 3g 30 min/day found that 45 Hz increased rate of periosteal bone formation and inhibition of resorption and decreased maximum bending stress and compression stress. And all groups did not affect to muscle mass. So, the possible advantages of vibration are to preserve bone of OVX animals.¹⁵⁶ The study of Ward et al. about the effect of low level mechanical loading 90 Hz 0.3g for 10 min/day in children with disabling conditions found that in the intervention group changed in proximal tibia volumetric trabecular bone mass density (BMD) (6.27mg/ml) when compared with non-intervention group (-9.45 mg/ml). It means that low magnitude high frequency can stimulate anabolic effect in children bone and it may be possible to stimulate activity of muscles in disabled children.³¹ The study of Rubin et al. about potential of low magnitude high

frequency (30 Hz 0.3g less than 30 min/day) on the prevention of bone loss in postmenopausal women found that bone loss in femur and spine can be inhibited by applied vibration when compared with placebo (non-vibration).²⁸ This study showed the result as same as the study of Verschueren et al. they revealed that the high frequency at 35-40 Hz 2.28-5.09g increased BFR, bone strength and muscles strength of the hip when compared with non-vibration group.¹⁵⁷ The study of Gusi et al. about effect of vibrational platform 12.6 Hz, 3 cm amplitude compared walking exercise to bone mass density BMD in postmenopausal woman (PMP). They found that the vibration platform increased BMD 4.3% of femoral neck compared to walking exercise. But both of them maintained in the lumbar spine BMD.¹⁵⁸

5.2.1 Whole-body vibration

The experimental application of whole-body vibration on the skeleton has been studied in animals and humans. Results suggest that whole-body vibration may be effective therapy when bone maintenance or anabolism is required such as mobility impaired patients, decreased bone density and surgical healing. (Table 1 and 2)

Table 1. Showed previous studies of Whole-body vibration in animal

Author	Hz	Population	Duration	Intensity	Outcome
Rubin et al. 2001 ³⁹	90	Female Dawley rats (6-8 months)	10 mins/day (4 weeks)	0.25 g	↑ Bone formation rate (BFR) and Mineralized surface (MS)/ bone surface (BS)
Christiansen and Silva et al. 2006 ¹⁵⁹	45	Male mice (7 months)	15 mins/day, (5 weeks)	0.1 g	↑ Trabecular bone Bone volume (BV)/total bone volume (TV)
Xie et al. 2006 ¹⁶⁰	50-70	Female mice (2 months)	15 mins/day (3 weeks)	0.3 g	↓ Osteoclast activity, ↑ BFR
Castillo et al. 2006 ²⁶	20	C57BL/6 mice (12 weeks)	3 days/week (4 weeks)	2 N	↔ No effect of vibration on periosteal bone formation in the ulna
Garman et al. 2007 ²⁷	45	Adult female C57BL/6 mice (19 weeks)	10 mins/day (3 weeks)	0.3 g, 0.6 g	0.3 g: ↑ 88% trabecular BFR/BS, ↑ MS/BS (64%); 0.6 g: ↑ 66% BFR/BS, ↑ 22% MS/BS, ↑ 8% epiphyseal cortical area and thickness
Xie et al. 2008 ¹⁶¹	45	BALB/cByJ mice (8 wks)	15mins/day, 5days/week (6 weeks)	0.3 g	↑ Proximal tibial metaphysis: MS/BS Cortical bone: ↑ BV, periosteal bone area, bone marrow area, cortical area

Table 2. Showed previous studies of Whole-body vibration in human

Author	Hz	Population	Duration	Intensity	Outcome
Verschueren et al. 2004 ¹⁵⁷	35-40	PMP (58-74yrs)	30 mins, 3times/wk	2.28-5.09g	<p>↑ Bone mass density (BMD) (0.93%)</p> <p>↑ Muscle strength (15-16%)</p>
Ward et al. 2004 ³¹	90	Pubertal disable child (Pre and Post)	10 mins/d, 5 times/wk	0.3g	<p>↑ BMD proximal tibia (6%)</p> <p>↔ Cortical BMD, muscle parameter</p>
Rubin et al. 2004 ²⁸	30	PMP (57 yrs)	20 mins/d	0.2g	<p>↔ BMD hip, lumbar spine</p> <p>↑ Spine BMD</p>
Iwamoto et al. 2005 ¹⁶²	20	Osteoporosis PMP (55-88 yrs)	4 mins, 1 time/wk	0.7-4.2 mm	<p>↔ BMD hip, lumbar spine</p> <p>Marker of bone remodeling</p> <p>↓ Chronic back pain</p>
Gilsanz et al. 2006 ³⁰	30	Low-BMD females w fractures (15-20 yrs)	10 mins/d	0.3g	<p>↑ Cancellous vertebral BV/TV</p> <p>↑ Femoral cortical bone</p>
Gusi et al. 2006 ¹⁵⁸	12.5	PMP (66 yrs)	3times/wk WBV vs walking	3 mm	<p>↑ BMD femoral neck (4.3%)</p> <p>↔ BMD lumbar spine</p>

Mechanisms of signaling bone transduction are not clearly explained. Bone may respond to mechanical loading and transmit the signal in lacuna-canalicular network. Osteocytes might be sensors of the bone and transduce mechanical signal to the target.^{163, 164} Bone is porous and contains with fluid and osteocyte that embed in the lacunar space. When the mechanical stimuli are loaded, they press the interstitial fluid in the lacunar space through the cell process and surrounding cells towards the Haversian canal and produce fluid shear stress to the osteocyte in lacunar space.¹⁶⁴ The fluid shear stress enhanced the osteocyte to release the Prostaglandin E2 and nitric oxide which might control resorptive activity.¹⁶⁵ In addition, fluid shear stress stimulated to the osteocyte and inhibited the formation of osteoclasts. This indicates role of osteocyte in controlling the osteoclast formation after applied mechanical loading.¹⁶⁶

5.2.2 Orthodontic vibration

Low-magnitude, high-frequency vibration has been applied experimentally in the field of orthodontics focusing on increasing the rate of orthodontic tooth movement.

Roberts et al.¹⁶⁷ considered to the limiting factor of rate orthodontic tooth movement in bone resorption at the PDL surface. A maximum rate of molar translation in the maxilla is approximately 2mm per month for space closure in a rapidly growing child or 1mm per month for space closure in a non-growing adult.¹⁶⁸ Clinically and experimentally there have been many attempts to increase the rate of orthodontic tooth movement, including the decreased friction in the orthodontic appliances,¹⁶⁹ increasing adjunctive medical or hormonal therapies (local or systemic)¹⁷⁰ and more recently adding surgical corticotomy techniques.¹²⁰

Vibration has minimizing side effects when compare to medicinal treatments. It also was proven to safe and decrease complication substitute that enhances bone remodeling in the medical field^{30, 171} and dental field.¹⁷² In addition, the vibration may rouse the orthodontic tooth movement rate through the signal pass from periodontal ligament to the target cell for the proliferation and differentiation. And the vibration stimulates osteogenesis by increasing periodontal ligament cells. Study of Zhang et al. about the effect of vibration to human periodontal ligament stem cells found that protein Runt-related transcription factors 2 (RUNX2) and Osterix (OSX) had an influence on the differentiation and activation of osteoblasts.¹⁴³ The study of Xue et al. found that the vibration can stimulate the alveolar bone remodeling by expression of Hepatocyte growth factor/RUNX2/bone morphogenetic protein 2 (BMP-2) and RANKL in rat orthodontic tooth movement model.¹⁴⁴ Furthermore, it may also

directly activate the osteocyte in lacunar-canalicular network that makes a motion of nucleus osteocyte and sends the information for the differentiation.^{163, 164} All of these effects may increase inflammatory cytokines, the number of osteoclasts and growth hormone for migration of blood vessel that stimulate osteoclastogenesis process.¹⁷³

In addition, the study of Olsen et al. about archwire vibration and stick-slip behavior bracket-archwire found that at the high and medium amplitude (190 and 150 mV) (50 mV = 0.08 mm) can decrease frictional resistance but the low amplitude (100 mV) cannot overcome the frictional resistance. And the variations of frequency in archwire are not significant to decrease frictional resistance.¹⁷⁴ The study of Yu-Jin seo et al. about the effect of tooth displacement and vibration on frictional force and stick-slip phenomenon in conventional bracket and 0.018-inch Cu-NiTi found that the vibration at 30 Hz. 0.25 N did not decrease Static frictional force (SFF), kinetic frictional force (KFF) or stick-slip phenomenon (SSP) amplitude.¹⁷⁵ But when passive and active self-ligating brackets were used the vibration can move diverse tooth displacement condition and significant reduced SFF, KFF, SSP amplitude and increased SSP frequency.¹⁷⁶ These are different due to types of bracket and methods of ligation of archwire on the bracket and the amount of tooth displacement. However, true mechanisms of vibration are uncertainly determined.

Previous study's results on vibratory stimulation for accelerating tooth movement were controversy. Some studies showed that tooth movement can be accelerated but others did not. Because protocol to use vibration and phenomenon of vibration may not be clearly defined. The number of studies is limited and contradictory. No one has elucidated the ideal frequency for optimal response if such a frequency even exists. (Table 3)

Table 3. Showed studies of Vibratory stimulation for accelerated tooth movement

Author	Hz	Population	Duration	Intensity	Outcome
Darendeliler et al. 2007 ²⁴	30	Wistar rats (7 weeks) pulped electromagnetic fields (PEMF)	8 hours	-	↑ Rate of tooth movement PEMF-induced vibration
Nishimura et al. 2008 ⁴⁴	60	Male wistar rats (6 weeks)	8 mins on (0,7,15 d)	-	↑ Rate of tooth movement, RANKL, osteoclast
Liu et al. 2009	4	Mice (20 weeks)	5 mins	20 μ m	↑ Rate of tooth movement (40%)
Kau CH et al. 2010 ¹⁷⁷	30	Humans (20.3 yrs)	20 mins/day	20 g (0.2N)	↑ Rate of tooth movement, ↔ Root resorption
Mile P et al. 2012 ⁵⁰	111	Humans (11-15 yrs)	20 mins/day	6.1 g (0.06N)	↔ Rate of tooth movement (Control vs Vibration)
Kalajzic Z et al. 2013 ¹⁷⁸	30	Sprague-Dawley rats (7 weeks)	10 mins, twice a week	0.1-0. 4N	↓ Orthodontic tooth movement, bone volume fraction, osteoclast
Leethanakul C et al. 2015 ⁵³	125	Humans (19-25 yrs)	15 mins per day for 2 months	-	↑ Rate of tooth movement and secretion of IL1-beta
Woodhouse NR et al. 2015 ¹⁷⁹	30	Humans (means 14 yrs)	20 mins/day	20g (0.2N)	↔ Rate of tooth movement in initial tooth alignment or reduce treatment time

Table 3. (CONTINUED)

Author	Hz	Population	Duration	Intensity	Outcome
Pavlin D et al. 2015 ⁵⁴	30	Humans (14-40 yrs)	20mins/day	25g (0.25N)	↑ Rate of tooth movement
Yadav et al. 2015 ⁴⁷	5, 10, 20	CD1 mice (age 12 weeks)	15mins/day every 3 days for 2 weeks	1cN	↔ Rate of molar mesialization
Mile et al. 2016 ⁴⁹	30	Human (mean age 12.8 yrs)	20mins/day	25g (0.25N)	↔ Rate of tooth movement in initial tooth alignment
Mile et al. 2018 ¹⁸⁰	30	Human (mean age 12.8 yrs)	20mins/day	25g (0.25N)	↔ Rate of space closure (mandibular canine distalization)
DiBiase et al. 2018 ⁵²	30	Human (age less than 20 yrs)	20mins/day	25g (0.25N)	↔ Rate of space closure (mandibular canine distalization)

From the literature reviews show that the frequency of whole-body vibration and orthodontic vibration are controversy. Although the frequency of whole-body vibration is different in each study however, the outcome of frequencies indicated that it can increase bone formation. Orthodontic vibration presents different frequencies like a whole-body vibration. Nevertheless, the effects of frequencies to bone response for accelerated tooth movement are controversy. It is not the same as whole-body vibration. Because structure of alveolar is not the same long bone, it stimulates to periodontal ligament instead of bone cells and orthodontic force is a factor that different from whole-body vibration. So, in this study tries to find the appropriate frequency to stimulate bone remodeling for accelerated tooth movement. Frequency at 30 and 60 Hz are chosen because the study of vibration at 30 Hz showed results that are controversy. So, the frequency at 30 Hz was chosen to investigate the

true effect. For the frequency at 60 Hz showed the result that it can accelerate tooth movement when combining with orthodontic force, however, the experiment was designed in the animal model. It cannot imply that effect of frequency at 60 Hz to human because the structure, growth, bone remodeling and cell response are different from human. In the part of frequency, more than 100 Hz was not chosen because the vibration is quite high, and it occurs numbness from vibration and annoying voice that it may induce to decrease compliance.

6. Nuclear factor kappa-B ligand (RANKL) and osteoprotegerin (OPG) receptor activators

The RANKL consists of six exons which localized on human chromosome 13q14.¹⁸¹ The spans of RANKL was approximately 36 kb of genomic DNA. The RANKL gene (hRANKL1) transcripts of 2,271 bp due to un translated regions of 5 and 3 ends mRNA transcription.¹⁸¹ While, hRANKL2 and hRANKL3 absent the N-terminus intracellular domain which making a soluble forms. In addition, Both forms are still translated at downstream in-frame start codons.¹⁸² Furthermore, C-terminal extracellular domains of all three isoforms are the same.

The tumor necrosis factor (TNF) family is consisted of RANKL member. The mouse RANKL has a similar sequence homologous to 87% of human protein.¹⁸³ TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand, TRAIL,¹⁸³ and Fas ligand,¹⁸¹ have a relationship to the human RANKL sequence about ~34% and ~28% sequence homology, respectively. RANKL has 317 amino acid, 45 kDa membrane-associated protein.¹⁸³ The soluble proteins have a 31 kDa and 39.5 kDa that 31 kDa soluble protein act as proteolytic cleavage and 39.5 kDa soluble protein will be raised when hRANKL3 isoform will be expressed.¹⁸⁴ The biological activity is exhibited by the soluble forms. Type II transmembrane protein is the hRANKL1 which comprises of 20 amino acid between residues Met48 and Phe67. Then, C-terminal extracellular domain is a region (Phe68 to Gln163), which contains Ile140 and Ala145 amino acid sites that have a two-potential processing. In addition, the active receptor binding site composed of two N-linked glycosylation sites at 171–173 and 198–200 amino acids and a TNF-family homologous domain (from Pro164 to Val313).

Osteoblasts can produce RANKL and OPG to regulate osteoclast formation and function which depend on their expression. Tumor necrosis factor receptor associated factors (TRAFs) is moved to the intercellular domain by binding of RANKL to RANK on osteoclast precursors. TRAFs 1–3, 5 and 6 are complicated with several intracellular signaling

pathways such as activation of NF-kappa B, the Akt/protein kinase B pathway and mitogen-activated kinase pathways (via JNK, Erk and p38).¹⁸⁵ These pathways control osteoclast precursors accumulation, differentiation into mature osteoclasts, and their activation and survival. In contrary, binding of OPG and RANKL is an antagonist to its interaction with RANK and decreased numbers and function of osteoclasts.

The level of bone resorption was determined by the role of RANKL, OPG and RANK system that expressed in transgenic mice. RANKL and RANK mice was not demonstrated osteoporotic because of absence of osteoclasts. While, OPG mice were increased numbers of osteoclasts that were severely osteoporotic.¹⁸⁶ Therefore, relative of RANK, RANKL and OPG are determined bone resorption under normal and disease conditions. In humans, RANKL mutations lead to the congenital diseases but cannot identify. Nevertheless, mutations in OPG and RANK can indirectly enhance RANKL signaling, leading to produce increased bone remodeling of Juvenile Paget's disease¹⁸⁷ or familial expansile osteolysis¹⁸⁸ respectively.

The response of RANKL/OPG to vibration

The results of increasing bone mass density from vibration were shown in table 1 and 2. And the vibration used in orthodontic treatment was shown in table 3. The results from table 3 are still controversial. However, the mechanism of vibration that reacts to bone cells is unclear. The studies have shown the biomarkers (RANKL, OPG) of osteoclast for differentiation, survival, and function, which indicate metabolism of bone.^{44, 189-192} In bone remodeling, vary proliferation markers are presented. Especially, RANK, RANKL and OPG play an important role to osteoresorptive effect which produced by many hormones and cytokines.¹⁹³ This process is occurred by osteoblast cell release the RANKL from activation of cytokines to combine with RANK on osteoclast precursor cell for expression resorptive effect. After binding, the osteoclast precursor cells differentiate to mature osteoclast. After that OPG is produced by osteoblast which is a decoy receptor. OPG has a role to compete for RANK-RANKL binding to inhibit osteoclast differentiation, repression of activation of osteoclast and stimulation of apoptosis. Therefore, balance of RANK-RANKL-OPG binding is controlling bone remodeling. In addition, RANKL and OPG specific to receptor that presents on the surface of osteoclast precursor cell. It can tell us to increase or decrease resorption or formation process. Furthermore, the number of osteoclasts formation and their activity is identified by the RANKL

and OPG ratio. In addition, it can regulate the rate of bone remodeling. However, RANKL/OPG ratio is the markers chosen to define the rate of bone resorption and formation.

The study of Karin Pichler et al.¹⁸⁹ On vibration to RANKL, OPG in osteoporosis mice found that vibration can decrease the RANKL and increase the OPG in 12 weeks. Bergstrom et al.¹⁹⁰ studied the effect of RANKL/OPG in postmenopausal women with physical training. They found that OPG increased and RANKL decreased, so bone resorption was inhibited. Chung et al.¹⁹¹ studied the effect of vibration 35 Hz 0.3g 20 minutes/days to enhance bone formation during bone healing in rat. They found that RANKL/OPG system increased. Lau et al.¹⁹⁴ study the effect of low-magnitude, high-frequency vibration in regulation of osteoclasts via osteocytes indicated that vibration could stimulate osteocytes response at the transcription level. And Maximum response of COX-2 level was at 90 Hz about 334% and RANKL decreased at 60 Hz. about 55%. In the condition medium, found that the amount of sRANKL lower in the vibration groups and decreased osteoclast formation and resorption. So, osteocyte responds to vibration and producing the soluble factors that affected to decrease osteoclast formation. The study of Wu et al.¹⁹⁵ about the effect of low magnitude high frequency vibration on osteoclast differentiation in vitro found that low magnitude high frequency vibration decreased the amount of RANKL-induced TRAP-positive multinucleated cells and mRNA expression showed that decreased TRAP and Cathepsin-K in vibration group at 45 Hz (0.3g) for 15 minutes. Moreover, the vibration could inhibit expression of c-Fos in the RANKL-treated RAW264.7 cells. Therefore, the RANKL-induce osteoclast differentiation of RAW264.7 cells was inhibited by low magnitude high frequency vibration that showed the anabolic effects of low magnitude high frequency vibration to the bone. In addition, Hou et al.¹⁹² studied micromechanical vibration-enhanced osteogenic response of osteoblasts. They found that the vibration at different amplitude at 40 Hz 30 minutes/day reduced the expression of RANKL and increased the expression of OPG. The study of Nishimura et al.⁴⁴ on vibration combined with orthodontic force can enhance the rate of orthodontic tooth movement via expression of RANKL in mice. They found that the expression of RANKL increased in vibration group and the rate of tooth movement was increased. However, it can be concluded that the studies on the expression of RANKL/OPG to vibration are still unclear, especially the mechanobiology.

Gap of knowledge

1. No consensus about the clinical effect of vibratory stimuli on the rate of canine distalization.
2. No study on the biological response to the combination of orthodontic force and vibration especially, RANKL/OPG ratio in human.

Objective**General objective**

To investigate the effect of varying vibratory frequencies on the rate of canine distalization.

Specific objective

1. To study the outcome of different frequencies on the secretion of RANKL/OPG during canine distalization.

Research questions

1. Do different frequencies of vibration affect to rate of canine distalization?
2. Are there any differences in the secretion of RANKL/OPG when orthodontic force is applied with and without vibratory stimuli?
3. Do different frequencies vibratory affect the secretion of RANKL/OPG ratio during canine distalization?

Hypothesis

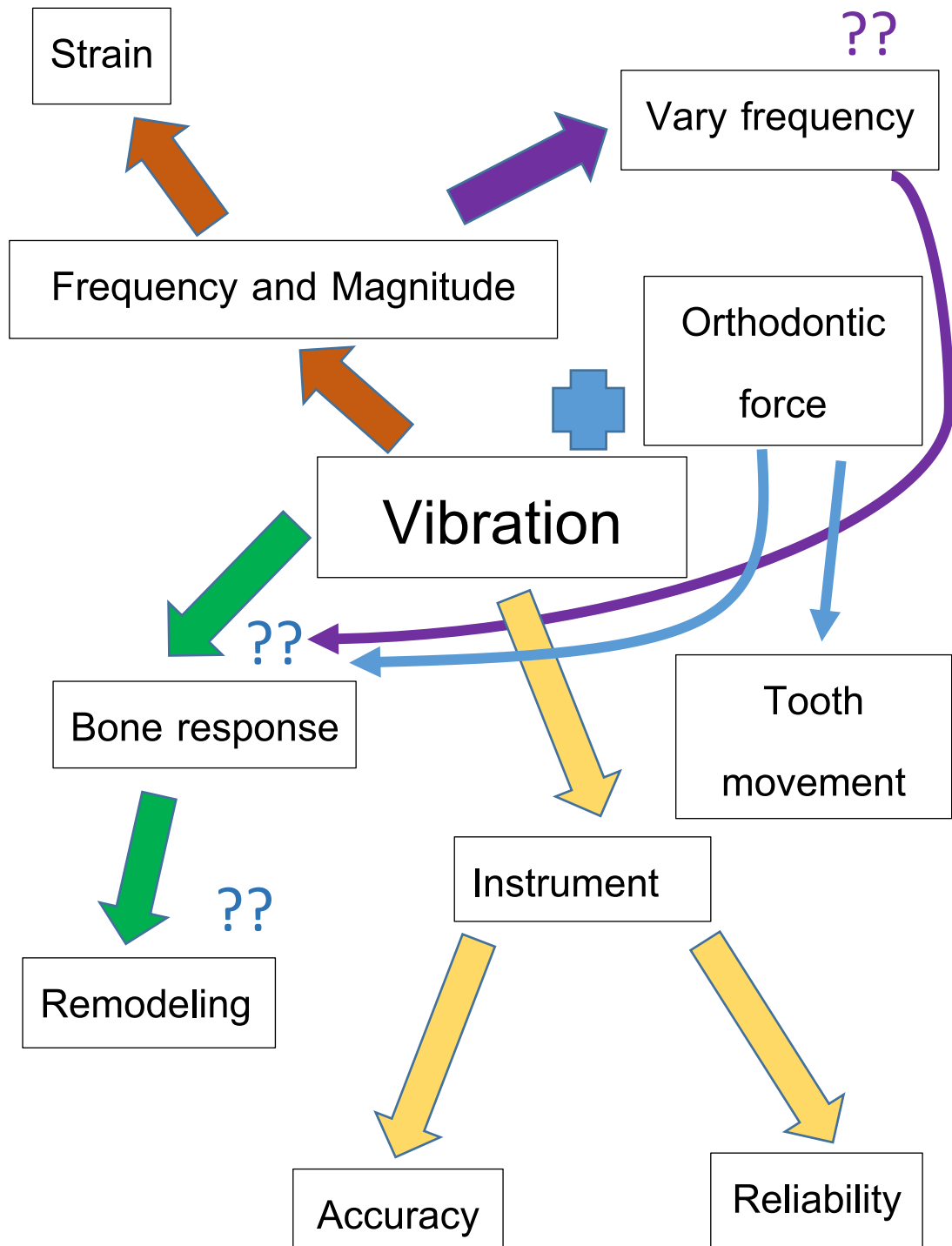
1. The rate of canine distalization is not significantly different from varied vibratory frequency groups.
2. No significant difference in the secretion of RANKL/OPG when orthodontic force is applied with or without vibratory stimuli.
3. The secretion of RANKL/OPG during canine distalization is not different between varied vibratory frequency groups.

Significance of study:

The vibratory stimulation combined with conventional orthodontic treatment has superior advantages over orthodontic treatment only which are

1. The combination of vibratory stimulation in orthodontic treatment may lead to the change of RANKL/OPG ratio, which possibly alters the bone response stimulated from different vibratory frequencies.
2. The suitable vibratory frequencies for the acceleration of tooth movement can be defined.

Conceptual framework



CHAPTER 2

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Materials and Methods

The Ethics Committee on Human Research of the Faculty of Dentistry, Prince of Songkla University approved this randomized controlled clinical trial (RCT) for clinical research in human (ethical approval No. EC5805-21-9-HR) and the Thai Clinical Trial Registry Database was used to register the data of research (*TCTR20170707004*).

Subjects

The G*power program version 3.1 was used to calculate the sample size on the outcomes of three different methods on the canine distalization rate.¹⁹⁶ The mean differences among the first method, second method, and third method were 0.35, 0.58 and 0.81 mm/month, respectively (difference in standard deviations = 0.34 mm/month, significance level = 0.05, power = 0.90). A minimum subject was required in each group that was 15 subjects per group. Then, the subjects were gathered until 20 per group to make for dropout. Therefore, a total of subjects in this study were involved about 60 subjects.

Participants were recruited from Orthodontic Clinic, Faculty of Dentistry, Prince of Songkla University during August 2015 and December 2017. The inclusion criteria were 18 to 25-year-old subject who were planned for upper first bicuspid extraction and canine distalization with good general and oral health, no signs of gingival inflammation or periodontal disease, and no history of anti-inflammatory, immunosuppressive, bisphosphonates or steroid drug use within the 6 months before beginning treatment. Subjects who were unable to continue treatment or presented periodontal problems during the study were excluded. All participants who met the inclusion criteria and were informed of the purpose and nature of study had signed an informed consent before participating in the study.

Vibratory devices

The vibratory stimuli were generated from custom made vibrators which were modified from electric toothbrush (Fig. 4) (Dr. Phillips[®] FRESH-EX, Tego Dental & Chemical Co., Ltd, Bangkok, Thailand). The brush was removed from each device. The tip was covered with 2 mm-thick ethylene-vinyl-acetate (BIOPLAST[®], Scheu[™]-Dental, Iserlohn, Germany) (Fig. 5A, 5B,

and 5C). The power of these devices was used with alternating electric current (220 V) (Fig. 4). The magnitude of vibratory device was generated 0.1 g (g-force, where g = earth's gravitational field, acceleration at 9.81 m/s^2). The different frequencies were set and confirmed, calibrated, standardized with a vibration sensor (MTI-2100 Fotonic™ sensor instruments; MTI Instruments, Inc. Albany, NY, USA) (Fig.6A) and an oscilloscope. (Fig. 6B) The accuracy and reliability of each device were confirmed by operating the devices for 20 min, five times. The average percentage coefficients of variation of these vibratory devices were 0.06 ± 0.01 and 0.03 ± 0.01 , respectively for the 30 Hz and 60 Hz devices. While, Intra-class correlation extended from 0.993 and 0.995. Thus, the vibratory devices can be considered to have produced the determined frequency with high accuracy and reliability.



Figure 4. Showed the electrical circuit of the vibration

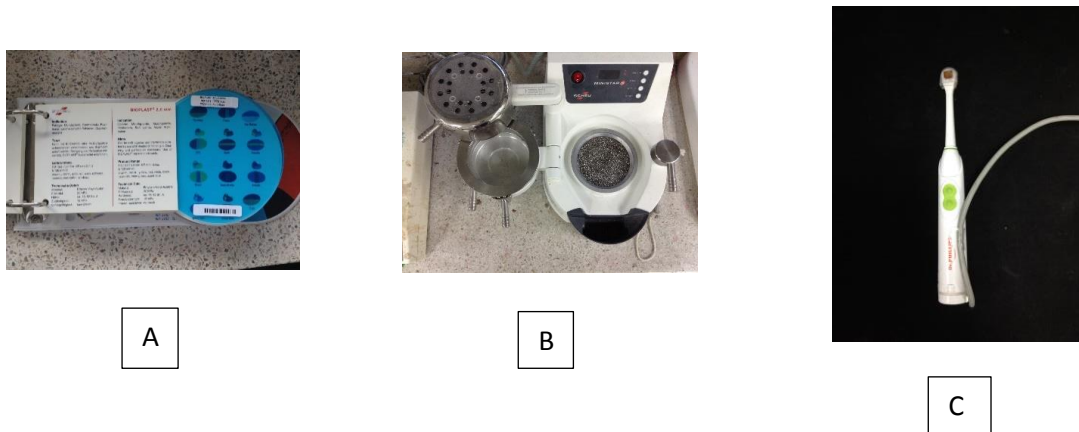


Figure 5. (A) Showed the Ethylene-Vinyl-Acetate or BIOPLAST[®]. (B) Showed the vacuum machine (MINISTAR SCHEU[®]). (C) Showed the vibratory after modified the tip of electrical toothbrush

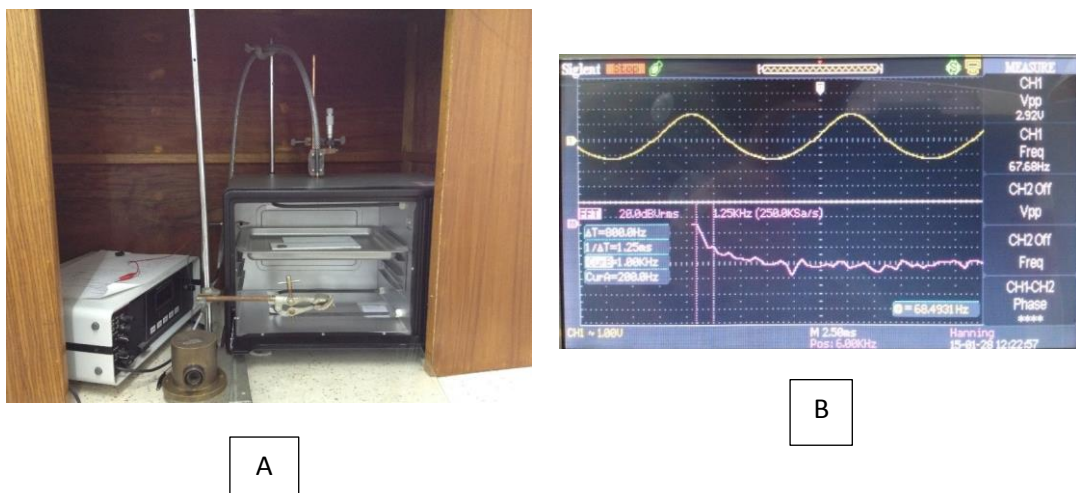
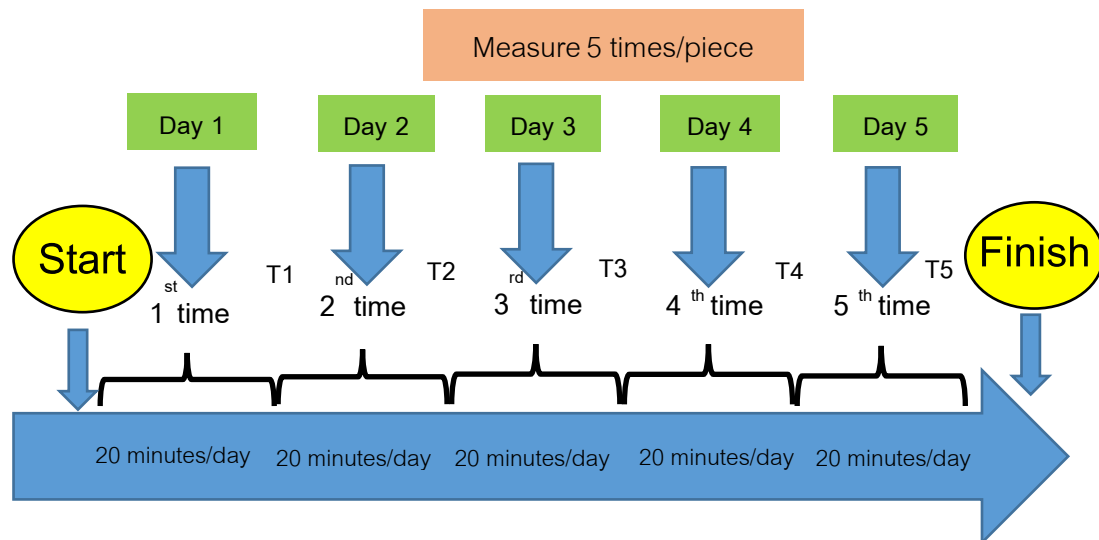


Figure 6. (A) showed the MTI-2100 Fotonic[™] sensor to measure the accuracy and reliability of the vibrator. (B) showed the oscilloscope for interpretation of the signal from MTI-2100 Fotonic[™] sensor

The schedule of reliable test



Randomization

Randomization for this three-arm parallel RCT with a 1:1:1 allocation ratio was accomplished following the CONSORT 2010 guidelines (Fig. 7). A card shuffling method¹⁹⁷ was used to randomly allocate the 60 subjects into three groups: (1) canine distalization + 30 Hz vibratory stimuli (30 Hz group), (2) canine distalization + 60 Hz vibratory stimuli (60 Hz group), or (3) canine distalization only (control group).

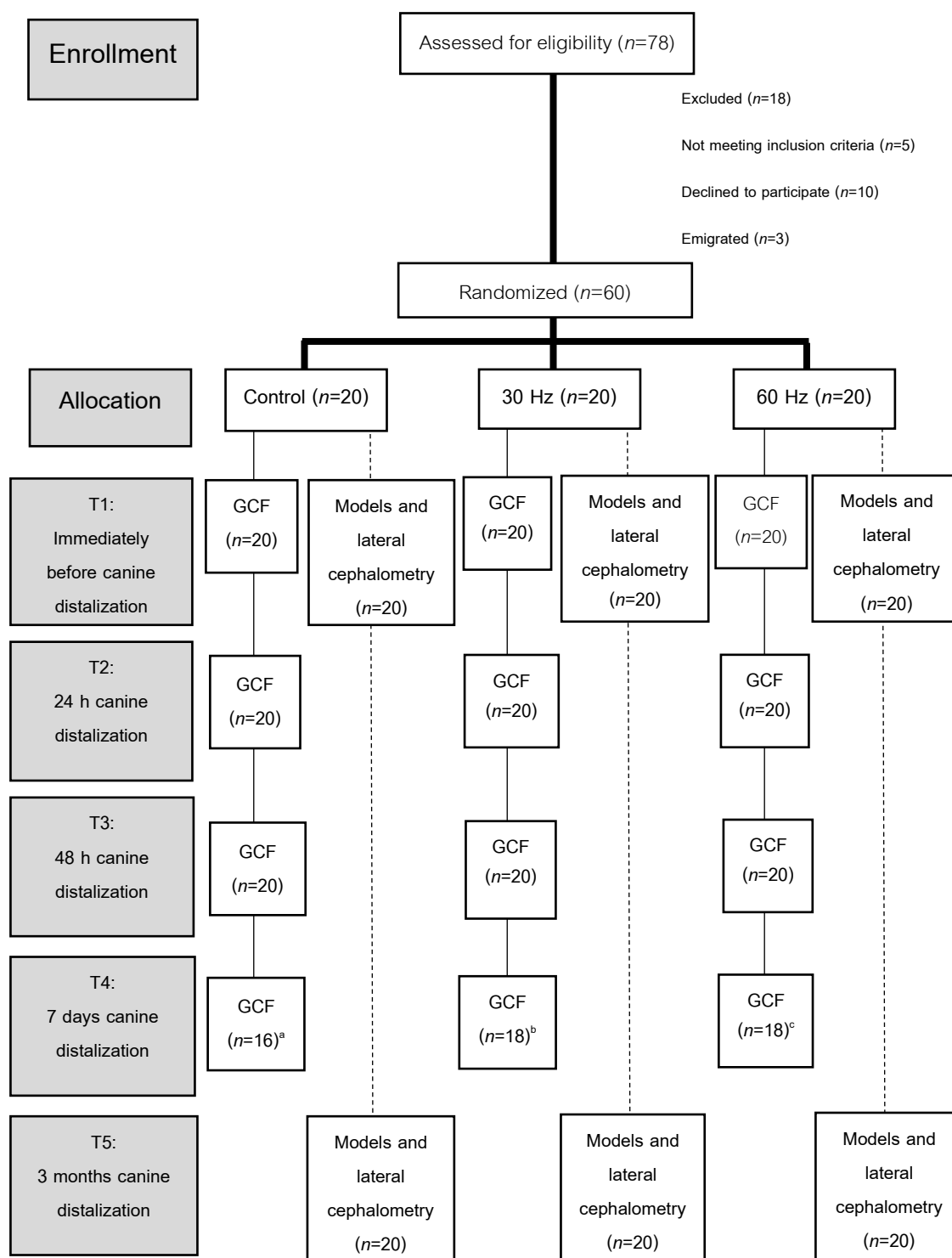


Figure 7. CONSORT diagram of subject randomization and data collection and analysis.

GCF = gingival crevicular fluid, ^a One, two, and one subject(s) in the control group were absent on days 3, 4, and 5 respectively, ^b One and one subject in the 30 Hz group were absent on days 3 and 6, respectively, ^c One and one subject in the 60 Hz group were absent on days 3 and 4, respectively. Solid lines indicate the per-protocol analysis; dashed/broken lines indicate the intention-to-treat analysis.

Intervention protocol

All subjects were treated by the first investigator. Two weeks after the first premolar teeth were extracted, 0.022-inch slot pre-adjusted edgewise appliances (Roth™ system; Ormco, CA, USA) were bonded from the right second molars to the left second molars. All subjects received the same sequence of archwire from 0.012-inch, 0.014-inch, 0.016-inch, 0.016 × 0.016-inch, 0.016 × 0.022-inch nickel-titanium (NiTi) archwires, to 0.016 × 0.022-inch stainless steel (SS) archwires. When the teeth were well aligned and levelled, the four incisors were tied together using a 0.001-inch SS ligature wire. All posterior teeth on each side were also colligated together. The maxillary arch was maintained with a 0.016 × 0.022-inch SS archwire for 4 weeks before the start of canine distalization.

To distalize the maxillary canine, 60 g of force was used and generated from a NiTi closed-coil spring. The spring was clasped to the hooks of maxillary second molar buccal tube and the canine bracket. The spring was reactivated every four weeks. A force gauge (Ortho Organizers, Inc., San Marcos, CA, USA) was used at each visit to confirm the force remained constant throughout the study period.

A card shuffling method was also applied to randomly define the side investigated (left or right) for each subject. During the first part of the study (days 1–7 after initiation of distalization), the first investigator recalled all subjects to attend every day at about the same time for application of vibratory stimuli and data collection. For the subjects in experimental group (the 30 Hz and 60 Hz groups), the archwire on maxillary arch was removed and the head of the vibratory device was gently touched at the mesio-incisal line angle of the designated canine and turned on for 20 minutes (Fig. 8). In the control group (received orthodontic treatment only), The subjects were received the same procedure again, except the vibratory device was only touched and not turned on. The analysis of this part was used with a per-protocol analysis. Some subjects missed a single appointment. They were excluded from this part of the study analysis.

For the second part of the study (days 8 to 90), intention-to-treat analysis was applied. Every subject was taught how to use the vibratory stimuli device by themselves and was given a vibratory device with the allocated frequency. The subjects were received a daily reminder message via the subjects' mobile phones to encourage compliance. Each subject was also given a log book to self-record the start and finish times of the vibratory stimulus intervention each day. Reminder messages via mobile phone and log books have been

claimed to be effective reminding tools in several medical compliance studies.^{198, 199} During this stage, the first investigator recalled subjects every 4 weeks for activation NiTi closed-coil spring and data collection.



Figure 8. Applied the vibratory device using light touch on the mesio-incisal line angle of the canine

Data collection

The first investigator collected the data of this study at five timepoints (Fig. 7): immediately before canine distalization (T1); 24 h (T2); 48 h (T3); 7 days (T4); and 3 months after started canine distalization (T5).

Gingival crevicular fluid collection and analysis

Clinical preparation started with the teeth from which GCF was collected (T1, T2, T3 and T4) were isolated according to the method of Offenbacher et al.²⁰⁰ At the mesial and distal sides of the maxillary canines, PerioPaper strips (Oraflow Inc., Smithtown, NY, USA) were put in the gingival sulcus to collect GCF. (Fig. 9) The PerioPaper strips were quantified the GCF volume with Periotron 8000 (Siemens Medical Systems, Inc., Iselin, NJ, USA). The commercial RANKL and OPG enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay kits (Duoset[®] ELISA Development Kits; R&D Systems, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA) was used to analyse the concentrations of RANKL and OPG. The GCF samples were pulled together. The protease

inhibitor (60 μ l; SantaCruz™ Biotechnology; Santa Cruz, CA, USA) and sterile phosphate-buffered saline (60 μ l; pH 7.4) were used to dilute the GCF samples and the samples were shaken gently for 20 min at 4 °C, and centrifuged (3,000 g at 4 °C for 15 min). After that, the samples were analysed in duplicate samples to define the concentrations of RANKL and OPG.



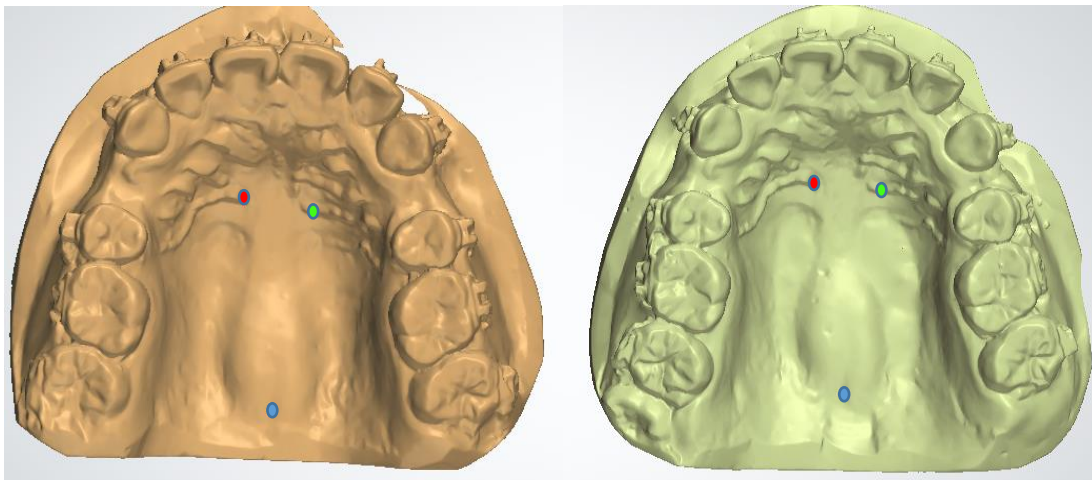
Figure 9. Showed gingival crevicular fluid collection

Study models

Alginate impressions (ALGINoplast® Kulzer GmbH; Leipziger StraBe 263450, Hanau, Germany) were taken at T1 and T5. Impressions were poured with orthodontic stone to fabricate study models. All models were scanned using an Orthodontic 3D Scanner (R700 model, 3Shape, Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc., Copenhagen, Denmark). The digital models were superimposed with Ortho Analyzer software (3Shape Ivoclar Vivadent Inc.) based on a modified version of the technique designated by Jang et al.²⁰¹ by three points on the model at the right and left medial third palatal rugae and fovea palatine, as shown in Figure 10.

The rates of canine and molar movement were investigated from distance from T1 to T5 divided by the 3-months treatment time, in which the distance was measured from the change of canine cusp tip and central pit of molar. (Fig. 11).

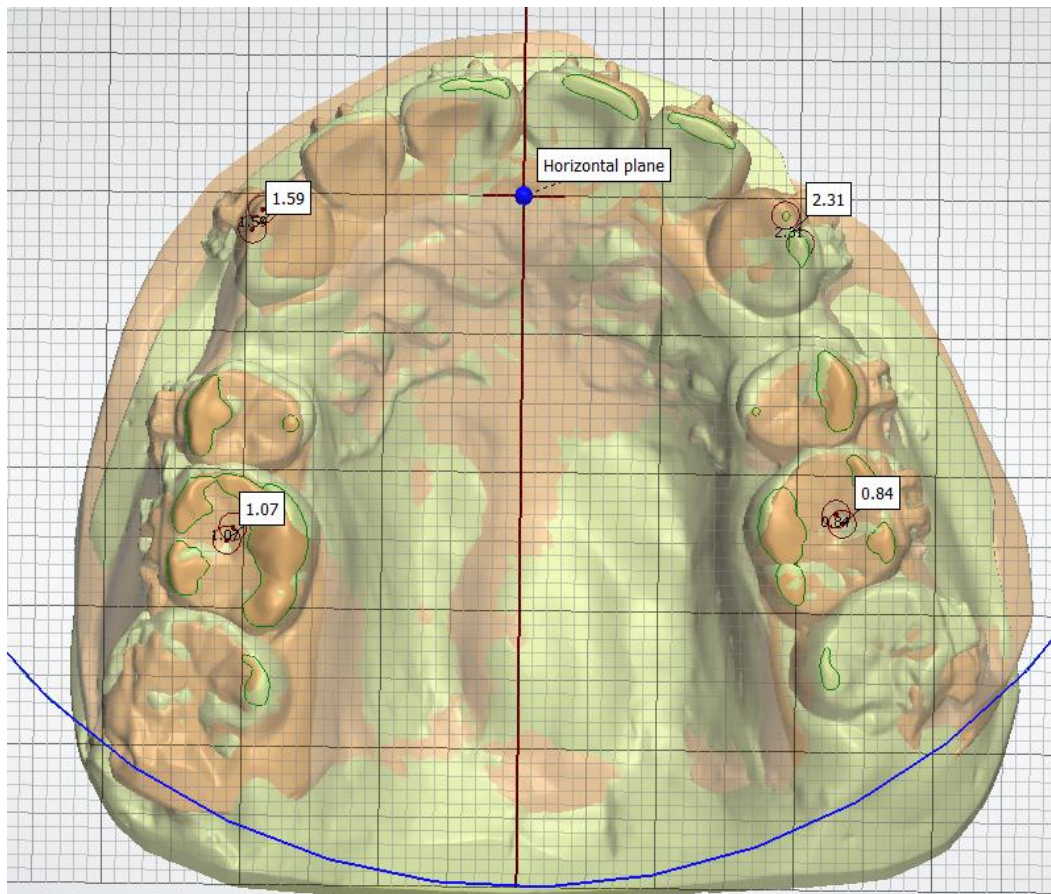
The rotation of canine was examined from the angle formed with two reference lines. The first line was constructed from the middle of the incisive papilla to the midpoint between the left and right fovea palatine. The second line passed through the mesio-labio-incisal point angle to disto-labio-incisal point angle of the canine (Fig. 12, 13). Angular changes between two timepoints were compared.



Before canine retraction model

Final canine retraction model

Figure 10. Showed three reference points for superimposition



Model superimposition

Figure 11. Showed model superimposition and distance of canine and molar movement

Before canine retraction model

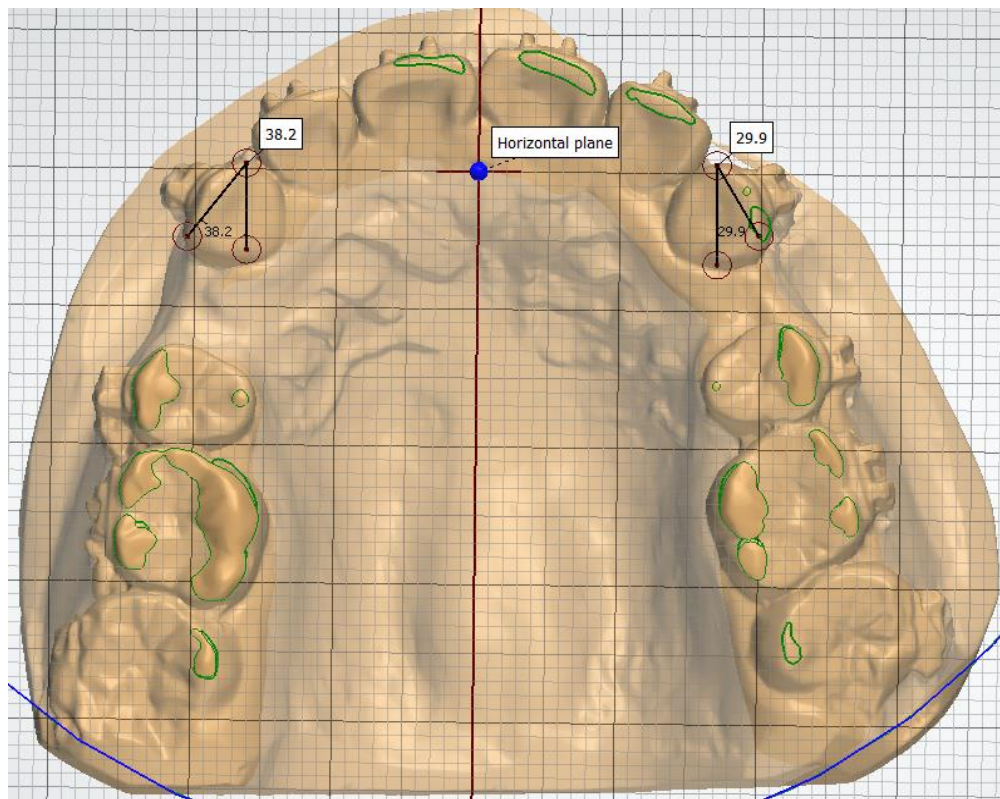


Figure 12. Showed the angle of canine before canine movement

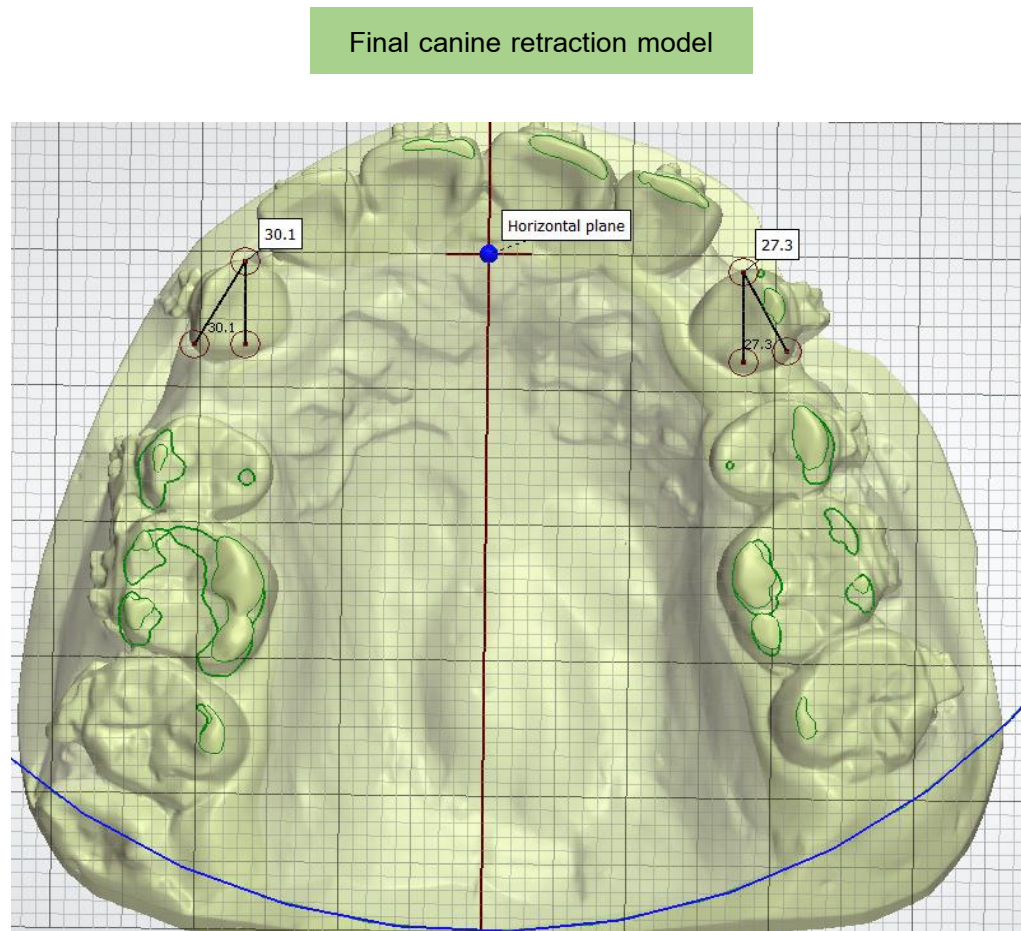


Figure 13. Showed the angle of canine after finished canine movement

Lateral cephalograms

Lateral cephalograms were taken at T1 and T5 with the same machine (Gendex GXDP-700TM; Hatfield, PA, USA) using reference jigs made of 0.016" × 0.022" SS wire inserted on the canine bracket and second molar tube.

The canine and second molar angulation changes were calculated from the angles formed with the palatal plane (anterior nasal spine [ANS]-posterior nasal spine [PNS]) and the reference jigs on each tooth. The angulation changes between T1 and T5 were assessed (Fig. 14).

Blinding

The first investigator and subjects were aware of the received vibratory stimuli or not. However, the subjects who received the vibratory stimuli were blinded to the frequency of vibratory stimuli that they were randomized to receive. All records were labelled and rearranged to conceal the co-researchers who made data analysis to the group allocations.

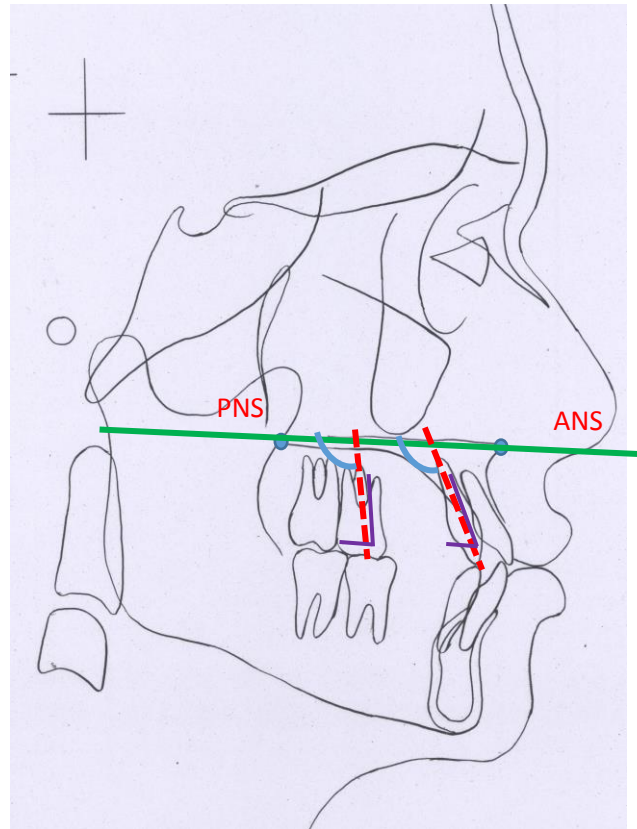


Figure 14. Showed reference points, planes and angulations of cephalometric analysis

Statistical analysis

Some outcome variables indicated that were abnormally distributed by Shapiro-Wilk tests. Consequently, the appropriated statistics analysis was applied. Initial cephalometric values, age, and sex were analysed with One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and the Chi-square test to compare between groups. The analysis of GCF and all clinical parameters within-group changes between timepoints and between-group changes at each timepoint were examined with Kruskal–Wallis tests followed by Dunn’s tests for post-hoc comparisons. The random errors and the reliability measurement were assessed by Dahlberg’s formula²⁰² and intraclass correlation coefficients (ICCs), for all cephalometric and model data. Ten measurements records were randomly selected and remeasured again by the same investigator after an interval of 4 weeks. The significant level was established at 0.05 for all investigation. Method error did not exceed 0.5 mm and 0.5° for linear variables and angular variables measurement, respectively. The reliability of repeatability of measurement was acceptable at ICC = 0.86-0.99.

CHAPTER 3

RESULTS

The experimental protocol is presented in the CONSORT diagram in Figure 7. The sixty subjects recruited were randomly allocated to three groups in equal numbers. In the first part study (per-protocol analysis), eight subjects missed one or more appointment in 7 days experiment. They were excluded from the analysis. Subsequent, 18 subjects in the 30 Hz group, 18 subjects in the 60 Hz group, and 16 subjects in the control group. For the second part study (intention-to-treat analysis), eight subjects were excluded from the first part. They were recruited to the second part for analysis at the T1 and T5 data collection.

The subject's characteristics in each group are shown in Table 4. Age, sex or initial cephalometric values before treatment were not significantly presented difference between groups. ($P > 0.05$).

Within group comparisons exhibited that the concentration of RANKL at T1 was significantly inferior than at T2, T3, or T4 ($P < 0.000$, $P < 0.001$, and $P < 0.003$, respectively) on the compression side in the control group. While, the concentrations of RANKL and OPG and the RANKL/OPG ratio were not significant difference between groups at any time point on the tension and compression sides ($P > 0.05$). Similarly, the between-group comparisons of RANKL and OPG and the RANKL/OPG ratio concentrations were not significantly different at any time point on both sides ($P > 0.05$; Table 5; Fig. 15A and 15B)

With respects to the measurement of model and lateral cephalometric, the canine movement rates (0.82, 0.87, and 0.83 mm/month; $P > 0.05$), the molar movement rates (less than 0.2 mm/month in every group ($P > 0.05$), canine rotation and tipping and molar tipping ($P > 0.05$; Table 6) were not significant difference between the 30 Hz, 60 Hz, and control groups.

Table 4. Comparison of the initial characteristics of the patients in the 30 Hz and 60 Hz vibration intervention groups and control group

Variable	30 Hz (<i>n</i> = 20)	60 Hz (<i>n</i> = 20)	Control (<i>n</i> = 20)	<i>P</i> -value
	(Mean ± SD)	(Mean ± SD)	(Mean ± SD)	
Sex (M:F)	3:17	5:15	5:15	0.675 ^a
Age (years)	21.6±2	22.1±2.5	20.9±1.7	0.189 ^b
SN-GoMe (degrees)	34.9±4.1	34.4±5.1	33.4±4.2	0.574 ^b
FMA (degrees)	26.1±3.1	25.8±4.4	24.7±4	0.438 ^b
Occl-SN (degrees)	17.2±3.1	16.3±4.4	15.7±3.9	0.433 ^b
SNA (degrees)	83.9±3.1	84.1±2.8	84.1±3.6	0.978 ^b
SNB (degrees)	79.9±3.3	79.7±3.1	80.9±3.7	0.475 ^b
ANB (degrees)	4.0±2.3	4.4±2.4	3.4±1.8	0.321 ^b
Overjet (mm.)	3.9±1.2	4.3±1.3	3.6±1.2	0.187 ^b
Overbite (mm.)	2.8±1.1	2.8±1.2	2.8±1.3	0.989 ^b

^a Chi-Square analysis

^b One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA)

Table 5. Concentrations of RANKL and OPG and RANKL/OPG ratio for the 30 Hz and 60 Hz vibration intervention groups and control group

Timepoint	Group	RANKL (pg/mL)		OPG (pg/mL)		RANKL/OPG	
		Median (IQR)		Median (IQR)		Median (IQR)	
		Compression	Tension	Compression	Tension	Compression	Tension
T1	30 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	144.96	184.37	272.36	241.11	0.54	0.81
		(62.64, 365.51)	(152.02, 270.99)	(206.53, 546.95)	(136.26, 430.61)	(0.18, 1.06)	(0.62, 1.02)
	60 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	208.85	192.67	351.26	226.63	0.62	0.88
		(154.18, 409.97)	(84.70, 379.65)	(114.28, 1083.32)	(166.07, 273.96)	(0.40, 1.87)	(0.32, 1.39)
Control (<i>n</i> = 16)	189.48	189.02	340.99	190.32	0.45	0.61	
		(132.20, 278.21)	(131.80, 291.52)	(228.19, 465.30)	(130.49, 328.51)	(0.33, 0.83)	(0.50, 2.23)
	<i>P</i> -value ^a	0.226	0.984	0.866	0.744	0.396	0.967
T2	30 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	311.31	207.57	316.86	284.25	0.86	0.68
		(177.20, 543.85)	(130.67, 334.22)	(237.74, 534.54)	(168.39, 391.17)	(0.51, 1.27)	(0.48, 1.15)
	60 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	376.04	227.81	390.89	331.78	0.84	0.62
		(224.75, 607.32)	(122.62, 334.88)	(258.01, 1203.47)	(192.97, 591.50)	(0.38, 1.44)	(0.34, 1.39)
Control (<i>n</i> = 16)	450.34	290.68	300.58	366.04	1.31	0.76	
		(239.34, 817.51)	(127.94, 647.14)	(154.09, 599.68)	(215.19, 525.35)	(0.43, 3.25)	(0.30, 2.20)
	<i>P</i> -value ^a	0.347	0.534	0.388	0.205	0.534	0.927

Table 5. (CONTINUED)

Timepoint	Group	RANKL (pg/mL)		OPG (pg/mL)		RANKL/OPG	
		Median (IQR)		Median (IQR)		Median (IQR)	
		Compression	Tension	Compression	Tension	Compression	Tension
T3	30 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	269.69	230.24	341.27	292.28	0.84	0.64
		(168.91, 490.96)	(75.28, 522.55)	(178.61, 483.30)	(209.52, 427.69)	(0.60, 1.45)	(0.43-1.10)
	60 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	340.96	262.81	449.57	348.55	0.76	0.62
		(185.43, 430.53)	(178.21, 398.96)	(293.87, 1025.73)	(290.49, 895.61)	(0.46, 1.24)	(0.34, 1.11)
Control (<i>n</i> = 16)	425.34	307.78	550.99	372.62	1.03	0.84	
		(314.23, 570.54)	(257.86, 596.09)	(234.80, 901.44)	(208.75, 637.83)	(0.39, 1.54)	(0.54, 1.73)
	<i>P</i> -value ^a	0.182	0.186	0.238	0.386	0.853	0.407
T4	30 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	287.84	291.12	293.79	274.04	0.89	0.63
		(210.02, 705.63)	(199.98, 419.84)	(233.55, 642.47)	(148.38, 444.40)	(0.61, 1.24)	(0.33, 2.15)
	60 Hz (<i>n</i> = 18)	356.48	269.96	438.60	339.36	0.68	0.53
		(173.41, 874.98)	(86.86, 436.06)	(169.65, 1306.86)	(271.96, 669.72)	(0.37, 3.22)	(0.30, 1.16)
Control (<i>n</i> = 16)	428.63	263.74	508.06	398.72	0.53	0.78	
		(204.60, 635.58)	(195.64, 418.43)	(280.49, 804.44)	(185.68, 869.59)	(0.35, 2.53)	(0.23, 2.18)
	<i>P</i> -value ^a	0.929	0.834	0.466	0.229	0.889	0.612

^a *P*-values (between groups) calculated using the Kruskal-Wallis test

Time-points measured from initiation of canine distalization. T1 = Immediately before canine distalization, T2 = 24 h canine distalization, T3 = 48 h canine distalization, T4 = 7 days canine distalization

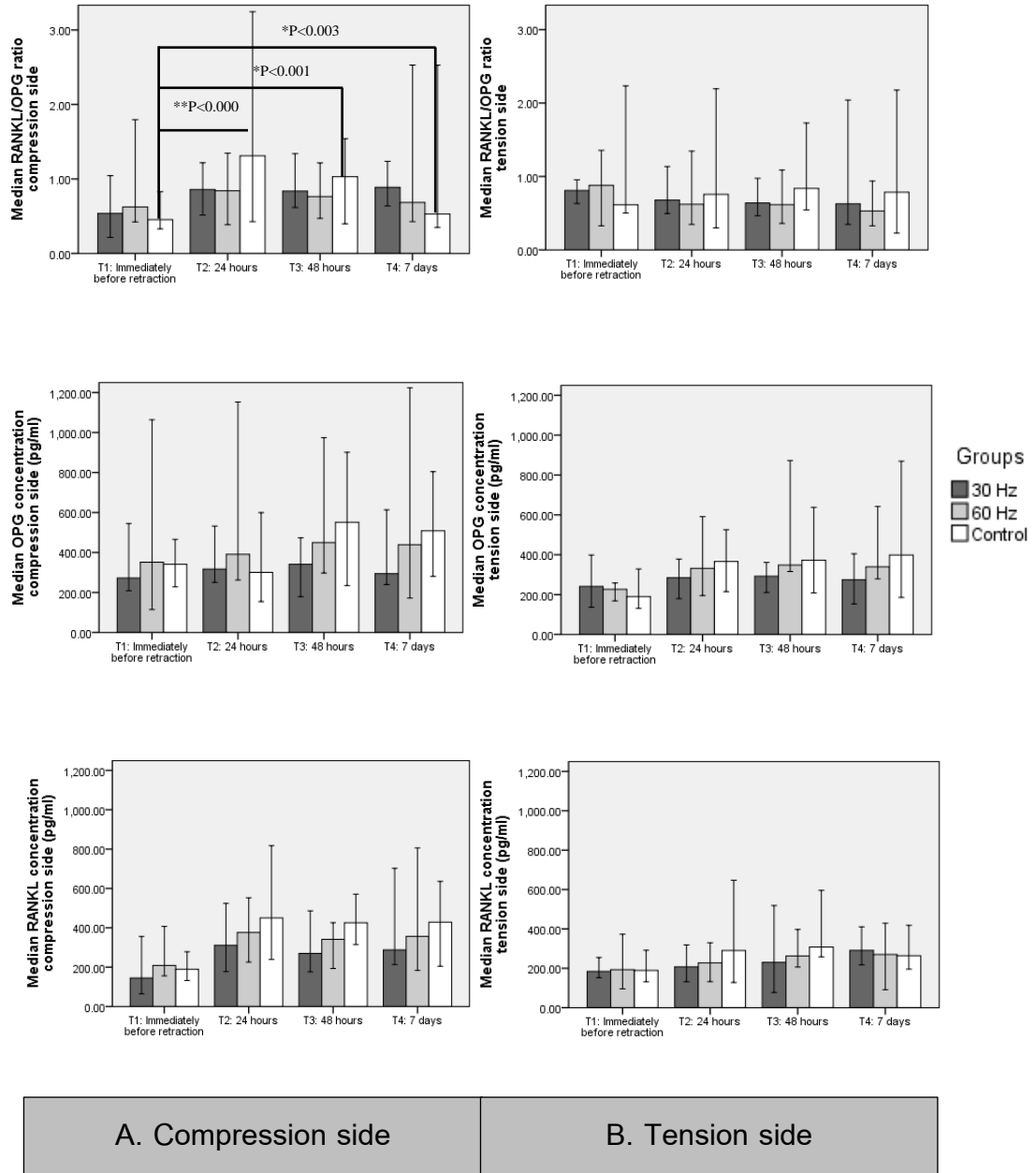


Figure 15. Concentrations of RANKL and OPG in GCF and the RANKL/OPG ratio on the (A) compression side and (B) tension side in the 30 Hz, 60 Hz, and control groups
P* < 0.005, *P* < 0.001, Kruskal-Wallis test and Dunn's post-hoc test

Table 6. Rates and angular changes in tooth movement for the 30 Hz and 60 Hz vibration intervention groups and control group

Variable	30 Hz (<i>n</i> = 20) Median (IQR)	60 Hz (<i>n</i> = 20) Median (IQR)	Control (<i>n</i> = 20) Median (IQR)	<i>P</i> - value ^a
Rate of canine movement (mm/month)	0.82 (0.58, 1.03)	0.87 (0.63, 1.10)	0.83 (0.71, 1.02)	0.688
Rate of molar movement(mm/month)	0.18 (0.12, 0.23)	0.19 (0.12, 0.24)	0.15 (0.10, 0.17)	0.107
Canine rotation changes (degrees)	10.0 (7.8, 13.1)	8.5 (7.3, 12.1)	10.9 (7.0, 13.2)	0.647
Canine angulation changes (degrees)	5.0 (4.0, 6.4)	5.0 (3.1, 6.9)	5.3 (4.0, 6.0)	0.748
Molar angulation changes (degrees)	2.0 (0.6, 3.9)	2.3 (1.0, 2.9)	2.0 (1.0, 2.5)	0.776

^a Kruskal-Wallis test

CHAPTER 4

DISCUSSIONS

The ability of different frequencies of vibratory stimulus to accelerate orthodontic tooth movement has been assessed in several clinical studies.^{52-55, 180} The results of these studies even those that used the same frequencies of vibration are controversial. Moreover, comparisons between studies must be made with caution due to the difference of the vibration protocols, subject characteristics, mechanics of tooth movement, and outcomes measurement.

In this study, both 30 and 60 Hz vibratory stimulus did not increase the secretion of inflammatory cytokines and accelerated the rate of canine distalization. The trivial effects of 30 Hz vibratory stimuli are in concordance with several clinical studies that investigated the ability of vibratory stimulus to alleviate dental irregularities,^{48, 49, 51} but are in different results to some animal studies.^{43, 44} A rat study revealed that 30 Hz vibratory stimuli significantly increased rate of molar movement (by 1.45-fold) compared to the control side.⁴³ When the frequencies were increased to 60 and 120 Hz, the molars moved 2.1- and 2.4-fold faster than the control teeth, respectively; 60 Hz vibration also increased the levels of RANKL released and osteoclast numbers in animal models.^{43, 44} No acceleratory effect was observed in a different mouse study when the vibratory stimuli was as low as 5-20 Hz.⁴⁷ This may indicate orthodontic tooth movement may be exerted a dose-response relationship by vibration. To our knowledge, no other studies had studied the effect of 60 Hz vibration on the orthodontic tooth movement rate in humans, though a RCT studies showed 125 Hz vibration significantly accelerated canine distalization as well as IL-1 β secretion.⁵³ This study found 30 and 60 Hz vibration had no acceleratory effects, with a lack of significant differences of RANKL and OPG concentrations between the control and experimental groups at each time point on both the compression and tension sides. These findings may indicate 30 and 60 Hz vibration applied in combination with light orthodontic force have not affected or lacked to activate increasing release of inflammatory cytokines from PDL and alveolar bone cells when compared to orthodontic force only. Further studies are desired to prove the dose-response relationship both vibratory stimuli and the orthodontic tooth movement rate in the clinical setting.

In our control group, RANKL concentrations on the compression side were significantly different at 24 h, 48 h and 7 days after initiation of distalization compared to the initial baseline concentration. The peak concentrations of RANKL were observed at 24 h, in agreement with Nishijima et al.¹⁰² Nevertheless, in our study, the RANKL concentration at 24 h was not significantly different from at 48 h or 7 days. These results could indicate that light continuous force may continuously activate RANKL secretion on the compression side if the force is not lost and is kept constant.¹¹² Note that high variation of the inflammatory cytokine concentrations is observed between samples that may be responsible for the insignificant within-group and between-group differences. The high variation in the RANKL and OPG concentrations in our study may be due to these cytokines were collected from GCF, which only permits the soluble forms of these cytokines to be analysed. Cytokine concentrations could vary depending on their ability to dissolve in GCF, which may also vary between individuals. The cytokine concentration measurement of animal studies are more exact because non-soluble membrane-bound cytokines and soluble cytokines can be determined.²⁰³ But, membrane-bound cytokines analysis in humans study is immoral.

In the normal situation, the force from the mechanical stimuli to the teeth was moved to the PDL and the alveolar bone. Loss of mechanical stimuli leads to atrophy of periodontal ligament for instance decreased periodontal space, distortion of mechanoreceptor structure and vascular constriction^{204, 205} and also cancellous bone reduction and impede cortical bone formation.²⁰⁶ According to the mechanostat theory of Frost 1990,^{207, 208} proposed that minimum effective strain (MES) could predict adaptation of bone changes to mechanical loading. When the mechanical loading was applied on the periodontium. The modelling and remodelling process was arisen. The modelling process was occurred on the overloading, but remodelling process was occurred on underloading. So, strains from mechanical loading for modelling process that occurred on the tension side was above 1,500-3,000 microstrains that showed increased OPG concentration and decreased RANKL concentration on the tooth movement. The mechanical strains were between 300-1,500 microstrains indicated that bone formation equalled to the resorption to maintain bone architecture. While, mechanical strains above 3,000 microstrains was appeared on the compression side implied that RANKL concentration was increased and accelerated inflammatory process, increased microfracture and created resorption. Therefore, alveolar bone homeostasis regulated by mechanical stimuli for maintaining the alveolar bone structure and alveolar processes during existence. In

addition, the results did not show significant difference between experimental and control groups. Because the intensity of vibration could not stimulate periodontal ligament to secrete inflammatory mediators for bone resorption followed the theory's Frost mechanostat.

In contrary to the situation of periodontal diseases, the patients presented with periodontal disease indicated that inflamed periodontal tissues increased inflammatory cytokines especially RANKL lead to the formation of osteoclasts. Osteoclasts was formed the monocyte/macrophage lineage and stimulate bone resorption. Therefore, osteoclastic activity increased without bone formation to homeostasis bone structure and occurred bone loss in periodontitis patients.^{209, 210} When orthodontic force was applied could arouse root resorption, pocket deepening, reduction of alveolar bone or attachment loss.^{211, 212} So, RANKL concentration in periodontitis patient was found more than in the healthy patient that presence of plaque induced inflammation.

In order to precisely explore the effect of frequency, two other factors, i.e., the magnitude and duration of vibration, were controlled. We used a magnitude of 0.1 g (0.0007 N), which is very low compared to the protocols used in other human studies.^{48-52, 54, 55, 180} Using a low magnitude of mechanical vibration ensures no significant supplementary force is provided in addition to the orthodontic force, thus the effect of varying the frequency could be determined more precisely. Moreover, the use of higher magnitudes of vibration may increase patient discomfort and increase the risk of pathogenic effects to the periodontal structure.⁴³ In terms of the duration of application of vibration, we followed the protocols from the previous studies and approved by the majority of previous studies to do comparisons possible. According to one animal study,⁴³ varying the duration of exposure to vibratory stimulus had no effect on the rate of tooth movement. It would be interesting to further investigate the effect of varied frequencies combined with varied magnitudes and durations of vibratory stimulus on the rate of orthodontic tooth movement.

This study has a number of strengths. The analysis of expression of inflammatory cytokines was conducted via per protocol analysis. Thus, patient's compliance was eliminated.^{213, 214} The intention-to-treat basis was used to examine measurements of tooth movement, which reduces the accidentally overoptimistic results by exclusive of non-compliers and instead allowing some events may arise in clinical setting.^{213, 214}

Given that compliance may vary between person, this study could be improved by embedding a time recorder into the vibratory stimulus device. Therefore, we may be able

to examine the effect of vibratory stimulus on the rate of orthodontic tooth movement stratified by the amount of time the patients used the device to apply vibratory stimulus.

Based on our results, the null hypothesis revealed that no significant difference in the secretion of RANKL, OPG, RANKL/OPG ratio and rate of canine distalization when orthodontic force is applied with or without vibratory stimuli was accepted. However, information from a 3 months experiment cannot be inferred to apply to the entire orthodontic treatment course. A long-term investigation is essential to precisely determine the effect of vibratory stimulus on the rate of orthodontic tooth movement.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS

The 30 Hz and 60 Hz vibration applied with 60 grams canine distalization 20 minutes/day for 7 days did not affect the expression of RANKL, OPG and RANKL/OPG ratio. With 3-month application, the effect on the rate of canine and molar movement, canine and molar angulation and canine rotation were not found.

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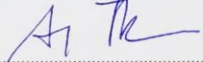

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