

Evaluation of bone gain through computerized microtomography images through use of different titanium meshes associated with particulate bovine bone graft and collagen membrane - study in rats

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Abstract

Quality and new bone amount is one of the major challenges in today's implantology. Titanium mesh has been demonstrating possibilities of bone reconstruction for vertical and height bone gain. However, morphology factors are discussed to ensure greater predictability. This study aimed to evaluate if there was quality and new bone volume difference by using titanium meshes with different pore size and thicknesses. Twenty-eight Wistar rats were randomly allocated into four main experimental groups, according to mesh pore size in μm : Group P300 (Neodent®; n = 7); Group P175 (Neodent®; n = 7); Group P85 (Bionnovation®; n = 7); Group P15 (Bionnovation®; n = 7). All femurs received bone graft (Bio-Oss Collagen Geistlich®) below titanium mesh. *In vivo* computerized microtomography analysis were made at baseline and 30 days after surgery. Histologic analysis comprehends 30 days samples. Results demonstrated no statistic difference between groups in bone volume ($p > 0.05$). Meshes with pore size $> 1 \text{ mm}$ demonstrated higher mineral bone density, comparing to meshes with pore size $< 1 \text{ mm}$ ($p < 0.05$). Despite limitations, this study concluded that thickness of titanium mesh did not interfere in bone formation process and that mesh pore size can interfere in bone quality depending on bone graft used.

Methods and Materials

Twenty-eight Wistar rats were randomly allocated into four main experimental groups, according to mesh pore size in μm : Group P3000 (Neodent®; n = 7); Group P1750 (Neodent®; n = 7); Group P850 (Bionnovation®; n = 7); Group P150 (Bionnovation®; n = 7). In all groups, each femur was subdivided into test and control: Test (T): Bio-Oss Collagen Geistlich® (BC) and collagen membrane (BioGide Geistlich®) were used; Control (C): only BC was used. *In vivo* computerized microtomography analysis were made at baseline and 30 days after surgery.

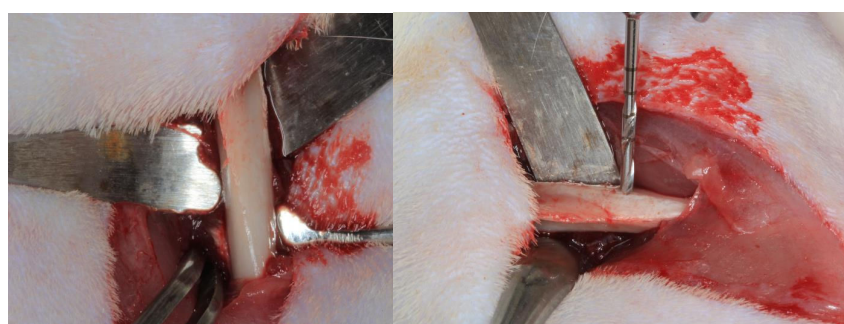


Figure 1. Femur exposed

Figure 2. Decorticalization

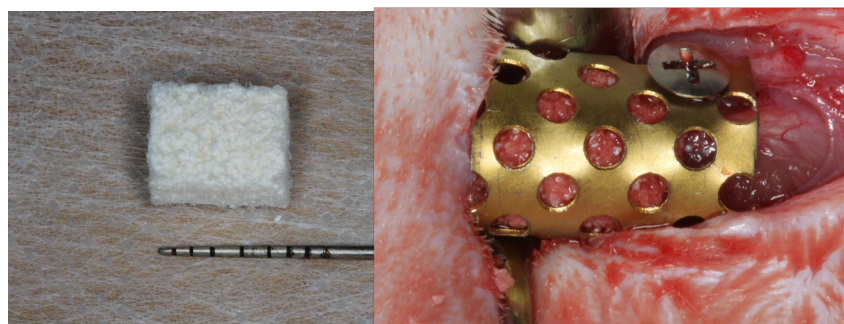


Figure 3. BioOss Collagen

Figure 4. Group P3000 mesh

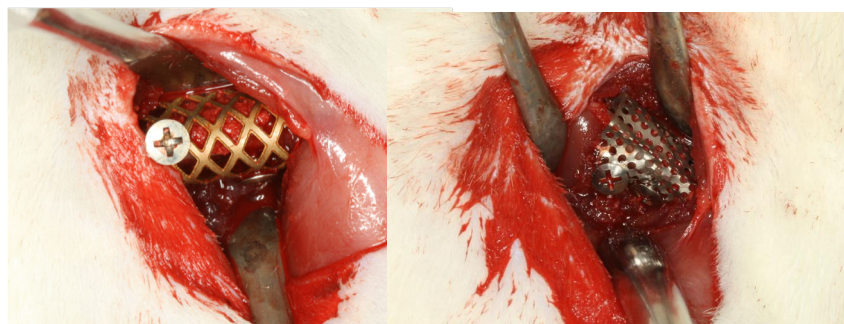


Figure 5. Group P1750 mesh

Figure 6. Group P850 mesh

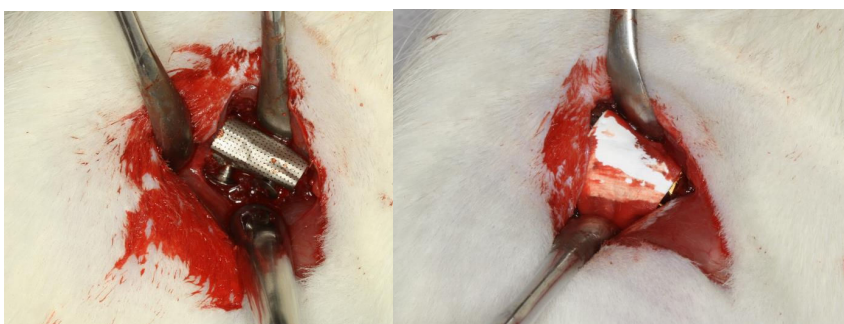


Figure 7. Group P150 mesh

Figure 8. Collagen membrane in test femur

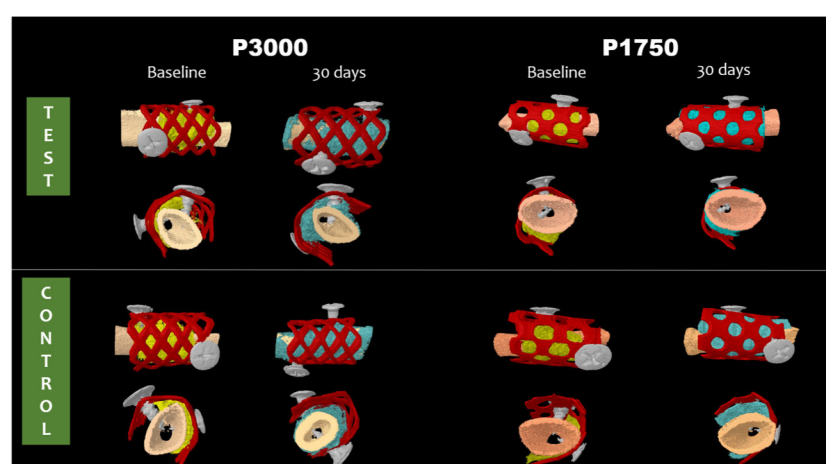


Figure 9. Micro CT 3D images of P3000 and P1750

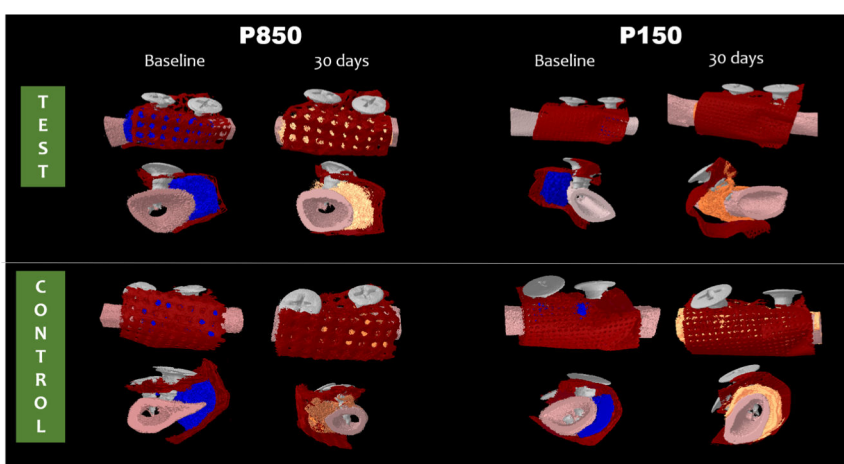


Figure 10. Micro CT 3D images of 850 and P150

Results

No statistic difference between groups in bone volume ($p > 0.05$). Meshes of group 1 demonstrated higher mineral bone density, when comparing to group 2 meshes ($p < 0.05$), regardless collagen membrane. Meshes with pore size $> 1 \text{ mm}$ demonstrated higher mineral bone density, comparing to meshes with pore size $< 1 \text{ mm}$ ($p < 0.05$).

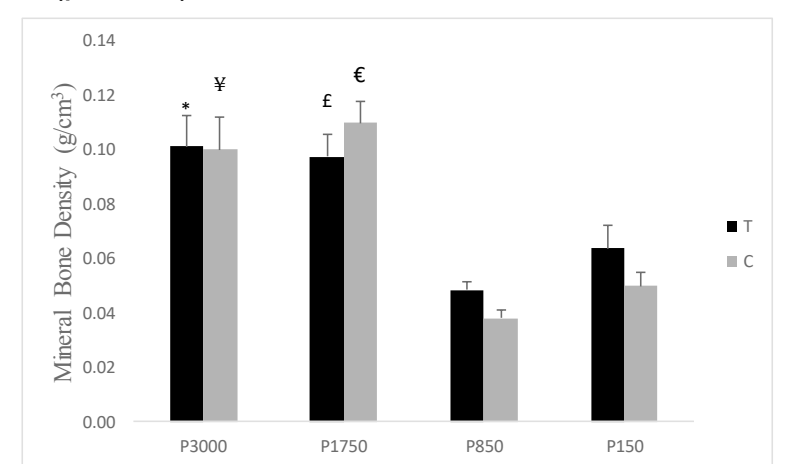


Figure 11. Mineral bone density

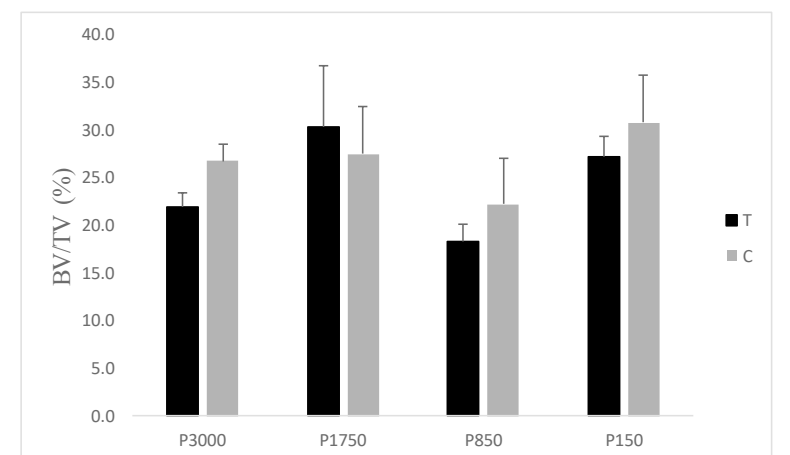


Figure 12. Percentual of bone volume

Background and Aim

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Conclusion

Despite limitations, this study concluded that thickness of titanium mesh did not interfere in bone formation process and that mesh pore size can interfere in bone quality depending on bone graft used. Additional use of collagen membrane on titanium mesh, associated with xenogen bone graft, did not determine formation of superior quality new bone.

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