Evaluation Of Palatal Rugae Patterns And Gender Determination With Malocclusion In Indian Population

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Abstract:

Introduction: Palatal Rugae Is The Array Of Transverse Ridges Which Is Present On Anterior Region Of Hard Palate, Either Side Of Median Palatal Raphe. Rugoscopy Which Promotes Sex Determination And Identification Of Individual Due To Its Perenity And Stability As It Is Not Altered During Growth. Thus, The Study Aimed To Analyze The Association Of Rugoscopy And Dental Malocclusion Along With Gender Determination. Materials And Methods: The Study Setting Was Organized In A Dental College, 17 Dental Casts Were Collected And Segregated As Malocclusion And Normal Occlusion And The Rugae Patterns Were Determined Based On Classification Of Kapali And Thomas And Kotze And The Collected Data Was Calculated In Spss Version 23.0. Results: The Results Suggest That In Individuals The Maximum Number Of Rugae Were Seen Among Men With Mean Value 70. Based On The Occlusion, The Dominating Pattern Was Fragmented Rugae (20%) And Curve(25%) Whereas In Malocclusion The More Predominant Pattern Was Primary And Wavy. Based On Gender Wavy (Mean-27) And Secondary Rugae (Mean- 32) Was Predominantly Found For Females Whereas In Males Primary Rugae (Mean-28) And Wavy (Mean-31) Was Found Predominant. Accordingly The Most Predominant Pattern Observed Among The Individuals Was Secondary Rugae (Mean- 55) And Wavy (Mean- 58). Conclusion: Thus The Predominant Pattern Among Individuals Was Secondary Rugae And Wavy And Based On Gender Females Had Predominant Secondary Rugae And Males Had Primary Rugae And Wavy Pattern.

Keywords: Palatal Rugae Pattern, Rugoscopy, Gender Determination, Malocclusion, Dental Casts, Innovative Technique, Eco- Friendly.

Introduction:

Forensic Science Involves The Identification Of The Cause For The Tragedies With The Individual Affected Or Involved In The Violence (1). This Science Of Identification Involves Many Reliable Primary Means Such As Fingerprint Determination, And Dna Evaluation Among Which Palatal Rugae Is Seen To Be A Potent Ideal Parameter Of Forensic. Palatal Rugae Is The Array Of Transverse Ridges Which Is Present On Anterior Region Of Hard Palate (2) (3). It Is Otherwise Called Plicae Palatinae Transversae. Palatoscopy Or Rugoscopy Is The Study Of Pakatal Rugae Patterns Which Promotes Sex Determination And Identification Of Individual Due To Its Perenity And Stability As It Is Not Altered During Growth. Rugae Patterns Are Developed At The Third Month Of Intrauterine Which Initially Occupies More Length Of Palatal Shelves At The Course Of Its Elevation (4) (5). Malocclusion Refers To The Irregular Location Of The Teeth. Because Tooth Development Begins In The Womb, It Is Thought To Be Linked To Hereditary Factors (6). Because Both The Palatal Rugae And Tooth Formation Occur In The Foetus, They Are Thought To Be Linked. It's Now Been Discovered That It Can Function As A Precursor Messenger For A Variety Of Congenital Disorders And Malocclusions (7).

Thomas And Kotze Proposed The Classification Of Palatal Rugae Based On Rugae Measurement: Primary Ruga (Less Than 5 Mm), Secondary Ruga (3–5 Mm), And Fragmented Ruga. (2–3 Mm)(8). In Other Classification Of Palatal Rugae Based On Its Shape And Direction It Has Been Classified As Curve, Wavy, Circular, Straight, Diverging (Away From The Median Raphe) And Converging (Towards The Median Raphe)(9). Similarly, Malocclusion Is Divided Into Three Types Based On The Angle: Class I, Class Ii, And Class Iii (10). Malformations Such As Deep Bite, Proclination, Cross Bite, Scissor Bite, Crowding, And Spacing Are Also Present..

A Recent Study Done By Shetty D Et Al In 2013 Had Reported That Though The Bony Structures Changes After Orthodontic Treatment The Rugae Is Secured Without Changes Which Makes It Unique For Every Individual And Acts As An Indicator In Forensic Odontology (11). Similarly, Rajan Vp Et Al In 2013 The Palatal Rugae Patterns Were Discovered In Youngsters Aged 5 To 15 Years Old, And Their Uniqueness Was Documented. (12) Whereas Another Recent Study Done By Chong Ja Et Al In 2020 Declared That Though Rugae Pattern Shows Individual Characteristics It Has Similarity Among Siblings (Hereditary Factor) Which Is Influenced By Environmental And Genetical (12).

The Current Study Exclusively Detects The Association Between Palatal Rugae And Malocclusion Along With Sex Determination, As Pervious Researches Are Based Either Only On Association Of Paltal Rugae And Malocclusion Or Palatal Rugae Over Sex Determination. According To The Palatal Rugae Study, There Are Less Studies In The Research Field, Thus This Is A Unique Contribution To The Field. We Can't Generalise The Results Because Our Sample Size Is So Small. As A Result, We're Striving To Make A Contribution To The Field Of Research. Comprehensive Knowledge And Research Experience Is Present In Our Team Which Has Translated Into High Quality Publications (13–20),(21),(22),(23),(24,25),(26),(27),(28–32) The Current Study Attempted To Investigate The Relationship Between Rugoscopy And Malocclusion, As Well As Gender Determination.

Materials And Methods:

With A Sample Size Of 17 Dental Casts, The Current Investigation Was Conducted In A Private Dental College And Hospital. Malocclusion And Class I Normal Occlusion Were Separated. The Institutional Review Board Gave Their Approval To The Project. The Dental Casts Were Gathered And Segregated According To The Certified Dentist's Diagnosis, And Their Rugae Patterns Were Photographed With A Digital Camera. The Rugae Patterns Such As Curve, Wavy, Circular, Straight, Diverging, Converging And Depending On Size Primary, Secondary, Fragmented Of Right And Left Rugae Patterns To Median Raphe Were Taken For Outcome Measure And Observed The Rugae Pattern And Counted And Measured With A Measuring Scale To Differentiate Primary, Secondary And Fragmented Rugae Patterns. The Total Rugae Count And Mean Rugae Count Were Calculated Using A Computer In Microsoft Excel, And The Significance Of The Differences Between The Groups Was Determined Using The Chi

Square And T Test In Spss Version 23.0. From One End To The Median Raphe, The Rugae Patterns Are Tallied. The Mean Palatal Rugae Count Of Each Sample Was Computed After The Digital Rugae Counts Were Evaluated..

Result:

In The Current Study Based On The Obtained Results The Frequency Distribution Of Primary Rugae Pattern Greater Than 3mm Was 15% For 5mm Among The Individuals, Whereas The Frequency Distribution Of Primary Rugae Pattern Lesser Than 3mm Was 46.67% For 2mm And 3mm Among The Individuals .The Percentage Of Frequency Distribution Of Fragmented Rugae Was Found To Be 35% For 1mm And 2mm Dimensioned Rugae Respectively. The Percentage Of Frequency Distribution Of Secondary Rugae Patterns Greater Than 3mm Was Absent In 80% Of Participants Whereas 43.75% Individuals Had Secondary Rugae Patterns Of Dimension 2mm . 95% Of Participants Had A Unification Convergent Pattern, Whereas 55% Individuals Did Not Have A Unification Divergent Pattern. 30% Participants Had Class 1 Normal Occlusion Whereas 15% Had Class 3 Subdivision, 15% Had Class 1 Malocclusion (Crowding) And 25% Had Class 2 Division 1 . Association Between Classes Of Occlusion And Gender Showed The Majority Of The Class 1 Normal Occlusion (24%) Among Female Participants Than Male Participants Which Was Not Statistically Significant With P Value 0.410 (>0.05) (Figure 1). Correlation Was Determined Between Curved Rugae Pattern And Occlusion Which Showed The Majority Of The Class 1 Normal Occlusion (25%) Had Curved Rugae Pattern Than Malocclusion. Pearson's Chi Square Test Shows P Value Is 0.023(<0.05). Hence It Is Statistically Significant (Figure 2). Association Between The Classes Of Occlusion And Fragmented Rugae Pattern Which Showed The Majority Of The Class 1 Normal Occlusion (20%) Had Two Fragmented Rugae Patterns Than Malocclusion With P Value 0.047(<0.05). Hence It Is Statistically Significant (Figure 2).



Error Bars: 95% CI

Figure 1: The Bar Graph Represents The Percentage Distribution Of Classes Of Occlusion Association Between Male And Female. The X-Axis Represents The Gender And The Y-Axis Represents The Frequency Of Distribution Of Occlusion. Blue Denotes Class 3 Subdivision, Green Denotes Class 2 Division 1, Beige Denotes Class 2 Division 1, Purple Denotes Class 1 Spacing, Yellow Denotes Class 1 Normal Occlusion And Red Denotes Class 1 Malocclusion. Majority Of The Class 1 Normal Occlusion (20%) Was Seen Among Female Participants Than Male Participants. The Difference Is Statistically Not Significant (Chi Square Test; P Value = 0.410- Statistically Not Significant).



Error Bars: 95% CI

Figure 2: The Bar Graph Represents The Frequency Distribution Of Classes Of Occlusion Associated With Curved Rugae Pattern. The X-Axis Represents The Occlusion And The Y-Axis Represents The Percentage Of Curved Rugae Patterns. Blue Denotes Absence Of Curved Rugae, Green Denotes One Curved Rugae Pattern, Beige Denotes Two Curved Rugae Patterns And Purple Denotes Three Curved Rugae Patterns. Majority Of The Class 1 Normal Occlusion And Class 2 Division 1 (25%) Had Two Curved Rugae Patterns Than Malocclusion. The Difference Is Statistically Significant (Chi Square Test; P Value = 0.023 - Statistically Significant).



Error Bars: 95% CI

Figure 3: The Bar Graph Represents The Frequency Distribution Of Classes Of Occlusion Associated With Fragmented Rugae Patterns. The X-Axis Represents The Occlusion And The Y-Axis Represents The Percentage Of Fragmented Rugae Patterns. Blue Denotes Absence Of Fragmented Rugae, Green Denotes One Fragmented Rugae Pattern, Beige Denotes Two Fragmented Rugae Pattern And Purple Denotes Three Fragmented Rugae Patterns. Majority Of The Class 1 Normal Occlusion (20%) Had Two Fragmented Rugae Patterns Than Malocclusion. Pearson's Chi Square Test Shows P Value Is 0.047(<0.05). Hence It Is Statistically Significant.

Discussion :

The Results Suggest That In Individuals The Maximum Number Of Rugae Were Seen Among Menwith Mean Value 70. Based On The Occlusion Dominating Pattern Was Fragmented Rugae (20%) And Curve(25%) Whereas In Malocclusion The More Predominant Pattern Was Primary And Wavy. Based On Gender Wavy (Mean-27) And Secondary Rugae (Mean- 32) Was Predominantly Found For Females Whereas In Males Primary Rugae (Mean-28) And Wavy (Mean- 31) Was Found Predominant. Accordingly The Most Predominant Pattern Observed Among The Individuals Was Secondary Rugae (Mean- 55) And Wavy (Mean- 58).

Palatal Rugae Patterns Are Unique For Every Individual As Per Previous Studies Done By Gaikwad R Et Al., 2019 Reported That Rugae Pattern Helps In Significant Determination Of Sexual Dimorphism (33) Which Is Contraindicated Based On Current Study As Males And Females Have Predominant Primary Rugae Pattern And Secondary Rugae Pattern Without Any Statistical Significance Whereas The Author Farheen Fathima Et Al., 2019 Declared That The Association Of Palatal Rugae Patterns With Gender Determination Did Not Have Any Statistical Significance Which Is Related To The Results Of Present Study But The Current Study Had Reported The Predominance Of Pattern Based On Gender Which Was Lacking In Previous Literature (34).The Other Study States That The Rugae Patterns Classification Which Is Contreversial To Results Of The Present Study (33) .

In The Current Study Majority Of Rugae Patterns Were Found Among Class 1 Normal Occlusion Individuals Than Malocclusion Which Was Also Found In Study Done By Farheen Fathima Et Al., 2019. Similarly Kapoor Et Al., States That The Mean Palatal Rugae Was Greater Among Class 1 Normal Occlusion Than Other Four Malocclusions (35).

The Present Study Had Determined The Parameters Based On Kapali And Thomas And Kotze Classifications Whereas Murdoch Am Et Al., 2009 (36) And Gondivikar Et Al., 2011(37) Had Determined Only Gender With Palatal Rugae Pattern Or By The Usage Of Any Of The Rugae Pattern Classification. Hence This Study Had Determined The Kapali's Classification, Thomas And Kotze Classification And Gender Determination Among The Individuals Which Makes It A Unique Study As Previous Studies Had Not Considered All Together.

The Limitations Of The Study Are Less Sample Size, Error On Measurement Or Error On Entry Of Data, Inclusion Of More Criterias Etc.Hence More Studies Has To Be Done To Generalize The Results Wheres The Future Scope Of The Study Is That Depending On The Predominance Of Pattern The Malocclusion Can Be Determined Prior And Given A Prior Treatment To Control The Prevalence And Gender Determination Can Be Determined If More Sample Are Added And Significance Are Achieved.

Conclusion

The Findings Of The Study Suggests Significant Difference In The Classes Of Occlusion Between Curved And Fragmented Rugae Patterns Will Help In Prior Determination Of Different Occlusion And Based On The Occlusion Dominating Pattern Was Fragmented Rugae And Curve Whereas In Malocclusion More Predominant Pattern Was Primary And Wavy. Based On Gender Wavy And Secondary Rugae Was Predominantly Found For Females Whereas In Males Primary Rugae And Wavy Was Found Predominant. Accordingly The Most Predominant Pattern Observed Among The Individuals Was Secondary Rugae And Wavy. Hence More Studies Have To Be Done To Generalize The Results.

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