

# Pharmacokinetic comparison of two doxycycline-gels for topical subgingival application

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**Introduction**

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**Objectives**

The aim of this split-mouth-study was to compare the pharmacokinetic profile of two different doxycycline-gels (DOXY and ATRI) for topical subgingival application. Pharmacokinetics of both doxycycline-gels were analyzed in GCF and saliva.

**Material and Methods**

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- Clinical examinations at baseline:  
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 Pocket probing depth [PPD]  
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| Patient No./ | Tooth<br>a=ATRI<br>d=DOXY | PD<br>[mm] | CAL-V<br>[mm] | GI | PII | amount of<br>applied doxy-<br>cycline-gel [g] |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|----|-----|---|
| 1            | a:14                      | 6          | 8.5           | 2  | 2   | 0.0612  |
|              | d:25                      | 6          | 7.5           | 2  | 0   | 0.0726  |
| 2            | a:15                      | 7.5        | 11.5          | 0  | 0   | 0.1996  |
|              | d:24                      | 7          | 9             | 2  | 0   | 0.0334  |
| 3            | a:14                      | 6          | 7.5           | 2  | 0   | 0.2836  |
|              | d:25                      | 5          | 6.5           | 2  | 0   | 0.0115  |
| 4            | a:22                      | 5          | 8.5           | 2  | 2   | 0.0161  |
|              | d:13                      | 5          | 6.5           | 2  | 0   | 0.0464  |
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| 7            | a:15                      | 6          | 7             | 2  | 3   | 0.0337  |
|              | d:21                      | 9          | 13            | 2  | 1   | 0.0105  |

|                 |         |     |      |      |      |        |
|-----------------|---------|-----|------|------|------|--------|
| 8               | a:14    | 8   | 7.5  | 2    | 1    | 0.0876 |
|                 | d:24    | 6   | 6    | 2    | 2    | 0.0101 |
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|                 | d:25    | 8   | 7.5  | 2    | 0    | 0.0432 |
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|                 | d:21    | 5   | 4    | 2    | 0    | 0.022  |
|                 | a: 6.75 |     | 8.30 | 1.60 | 1.00 | 0.088  |
| arithmetic mean | d:6.50  |     | 7.95 | 2.00 | 0.50 | 0.027  |
| std. dev.       | a:1.06  |     | 1.87 | 0.84 | 1.16 | 0.087  |
|                 | d:1.35  |     | 2.73 | 0.00 | 0.85 | 0.021  |

Table 1: Clinical parameters and applied amount of doxycycline

- In each patient, the site for the first application of the antibiotic gel was randomly chosen from the two contralateral teeth. 14 days after the topical application of the first antibiotic gel, the application of the second gel in the contralateral defect took place.
- Samples of sulcus fluid and saliva were drawn baseline, 2, 5 and 24 hours after application, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 11 days after application.
- HPLC-Analysis (Table 2).

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**injected volume:** 100  $\mu$ l

**mobile phase:** water-acetonitrile-70 % HClO<sub>4</sub>  
(699;298;5;2.5 V/V)  
Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (0.6 mmol/l) and oxalate (5 mmol/l)

**flowrate:** 0.7 ml/min

**wavelength:** 260 nm

**pump:** L-6200 A intelligent  
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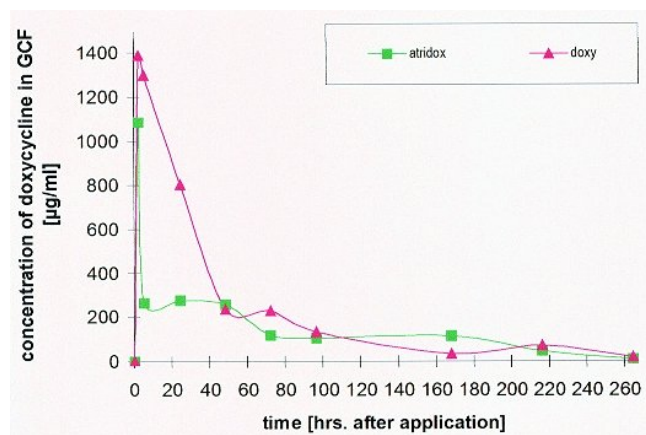


Fig. 1: Time-dependent changes of doxycycline in GCF after application of ATRI- and DOXY-gel

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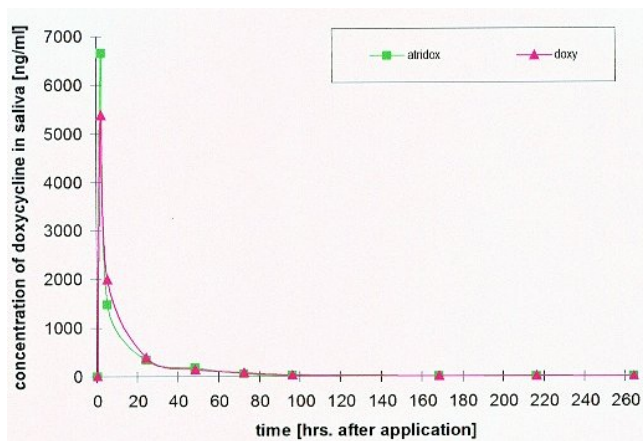


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## Discussion and Conclusions



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 detector: L-7455 (Merck Hitachi)

Fig. 1 Time-dependent changes of doxycycline in GCF after application of ATRI- and DOXY-gel

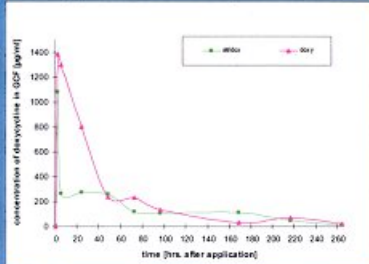


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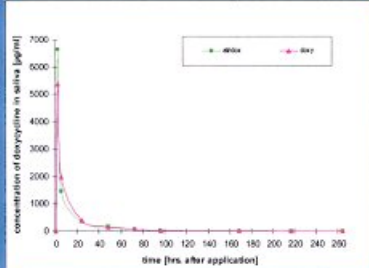
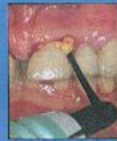


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