

# The role of diode laser in the management of periodontitis among hemodialysis patients

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

The kidney is considered one of the important organs in maintaining the human body's normal functions, and any disturbance in its function negatively affects general health. Therefore, to avoid any dangerous complications among chronic kidney disease patients, hemodialysis is used to replace normal kidney function.

Oral tissues may also be affected by the disease, especially in its final stages and by the medication and hemodialysis process.

Periodontal (gum) disease is considered one of the most important manifestations associated with kidney disease. If left untreated, it may cause teeth loss and halitosis (bad breath) and increase the systemic inflammatory burden in the body. It is usually treated by scaling and root planing.

Recently, the application of dental lasers such as diode or Nd:YAG could improve the healing process and support periodontal tissues, which might be due to the laser's thermal antibacterial effects on oral tissues. The aim of this study is to assess the effect of diode laser as an adjacent treatment to scaling and root planing on oral and periodontal health among hemodialysis patients.

### Who can participate?

Patients aged 20-50 years with chronic kidney disease undergoing hemodialysis.

### What does this study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated to the two treatment methods: traditional scaling and root planing (SRP), and SRP + diode laser application. Oral health and hygiene instructions are provided for all patients.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Benefits may include periodontal health improvement, preventing tooth loss, and reduced inflammation. Patients will be more aware of their oral health and its importance for their quality of life. Possible risks might include some pain and discomfort after the laser application.

### Where is the study run from?

Damascus University (Syria)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?  
August 2021 to September 2023

Who is funding the study?  
Damascus University (Syria)

Who is the main contact?  
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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

164

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Diode laser as an adjacent treatment to scaling and root planing – oral and periodontal health among hemodialysis patients – a randomized single-blinded clinical trial

### Study objectives

h0: There are no statistical differences between both treatment groups (SRP vs SRP and diode laser) regarding the clinical studies indices.

h1: There are statistically significant differences between both treatment groups (SRP vs SRP and diode laser) regarding the clinical studies indices.

### Ethics approval required

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### Ethics approval(s)

approved 27/09/2021, Scientific ethics committee at Damascus University. (Baramkeh, Damascus, 4671, Syria; +963 (0)1133923223; [ap.srd@damascusuniversity.edu.sy](mailto:ap.srd@damascusuniversity.edu.sy)), ref: 3398

## Study design

Single-blinded randomized controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Study type(s)

Prevention, Treatment

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Periodontal disease among hemodialysis patients

## Interventions

This study is designed to compare traditional non-surgical treatment (scaling and root planing), and scaling and root planing with the use of diode laser 810 nm. This is a split-mouth design study in which both treatment groups were randomly selected for each half of the jaws for every patient.

## Intervention Type

Mixed

## Primary outcome(s)

Relative attachment level (RAL), defined as the distance from the highest point of the teeth (incisal edge in anterior teeth and occlusal edge in posterior teeth) to the bottom of the periodontal pocket. It approximately measures bone loss due to periodontal disease. Measured using a periodontal probe (UNC15) at baseline and after a 3-month follow-up appointment.

## Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Periodontal probing depth (PPD), defined as the distance from the free gingival margin to the bottom of the periodontal pocket. Measured using a periodontal probe (UNC15) at baseline and after a 3-month follow-up appointment.
2. Level of oral hygiene and periodontal health measured using the Simplified Oral Hygiene Index (SOHI) at baseline and after a 3-month follow-up appointment.

## Completion date

30/09/2023

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

1. Chronic kidney disease patients
2. Patients undergoing hemodialysis twice a week
3. Patients with more than eight teeth in each half of their oral cavity
4. Aged 20-50 years

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

20 years

**Upper age limit**

50 years

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

33

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Pregnancy
2. Diabetes patients
3. Patients who underwent an antibiotic therapy course in the last 6 months
4. Patients who underwent periodontal treatment in the last 6 months
5. Chemotherapy patients

**Date of first enrolment**

10/05/2022

**Date of final enrolment**

20/08/2023

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Syria

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

Damascus University

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03m098d13>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

University/education

**Funder Name**

Damascus University

**Alternative Name(s)**

University of Damascus, , DU

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Universities (academic only)

**Location**

Syria

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

The datasets generated and analyzed during the current study are available upon request from Samer ALTarsha (samertarsha@gmail.com).

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Available on request

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Other files</a>			07/08/2024	No	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>			07/08/2024	No	Yes