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Peri-implant crevicular fluid proteome before and after adjunctive enamel matrix derivative treatment of peri-implantitis

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<u>Introduction:</u> The peri-implant crevicular fluid (PICF) is an easily accessible biological medium suitable for identifying and measuring biomarkers associated with peri-implant disease.

<u>Aim:</u> The aim of this study was to explore which PICF protein pattern is associated with the active peri-implantitis process.

<u>Methods:</u> Peri-implant crevicular fluid from 25 peri-implantitis sites were subjected to proteomic analysis using liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry before and at 3, 6 and 12 months after surgical treatment, to identify associations between PICF protein pattern and implant loss, bleeding on probing, pocket depth and enamel matrix derivative (EMD) treatment.

<u>Results:</u> The main findings, based on 3–12 months PICF using principal component analysis, were two major clusters of the subjects proteomic profiles. Cluster 2 differentiated from cluster 3 by 52 proteins ($R^2 = 90\%$, $Q^2 = 80\%$) and belonging to cluster 2 was associated with implant loss (p = 0.009) and bleeding on probing (p = 0.001). Cluster 3 was associated with implant survival and EMD treatment (p = 0.044).

<u>Conclusions:</u> We found that a specific PICF proteomic profile was more associated with active peri-implantitis process and implant loss.