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# Visualization of combined perio-endo lesions by means of MRI

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## Introduction

Up to now, evidence based radiographical parameters that allow a reliable prognosis of combined perio-endo lesions before treatment, do not exist. Therapeutical changes of the periradicular tissues can be detected by means of conventional radiographic procedures only several months after performing the endodontical treatment or re-treatment. The present pilot study aims to investigate the visibility of perio-endo lesions in MRI.

## **Material and Methods**

Three patients, in whom one or more combined perio-endo lesions were diagnosed and from whom apical or panoramic x-rays existed, were examined with a 3 tesla MRI Scanner (Magnetom Trio, Siemens, Erlangen, Germany) in the Department of Neuroradiology. The investigations were performed with special head and neck coils with a fat-saturated t2-sequence (t2\_STIR\_fatsat) at a voxel size of 0.6/0.6/0.6 mm.

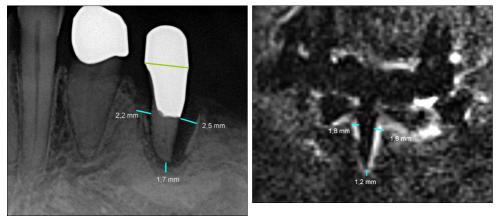


Fig 1: Measurement of the periodontal space Fig 2: Measurement of the periodontal space in x-ray in MRI

#### Results

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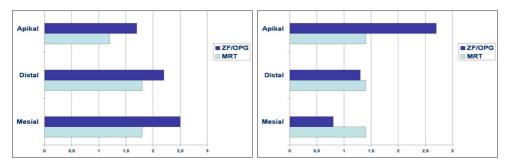


Fig 3: Width-values of the periodontal space Fig 4: Width-values of the periodontal space for the first patient for the second patient

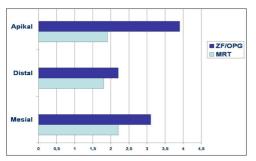


Fig 5: Width-values of the periodontal space for the third patient

## Conclusions

Perio-endo lesions can be detected in MR Images. In order to assess therapeutical changes after endodontical treatment or retreatment in MR Images earlier than in conventional x-rays, further investigations need to be performed.

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