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Personalized Periodontal Treatment Protocols based on Oral Microbiome AI Analysis

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Abstract

Periodontal disease is a multifactorial inflammatory condition influenced by complex interactions between the oral microbiome, host immune responses, environmental factors, and individual genetic susceptibility. Conventional periodontal treatment protocols often rely on standardized clinical assessments, which may not adequately address patient-specific microbial variations and differences in therapeutic response. Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and microbiome sequencing technologies have enabled the development of personalized periodontal treatment strategies based on comprehensive microbial profiling. AI-driven analytical models can identify disease-associated microbial patterns, predict disease progression, estimate treatment outcomes, and support individualized clinical decision-making by integrating microbiological, clinical, and patient-related data. These personalized protocols facilitate targeted antimicrobial therapy, optimized non-surgical and surgical interventions, risk-based maintenance schedules, and continuous monitoring through digital health technologies and biomarker assessment. The integration of AI with oral microbiome analysis also enhances diagnostic precision, supports early detection of periodontal dysbiosis, and promotes preventive care through evidence-based recommendations. Despite challenges related to data standardization, algorithm validation, ethical considerations, and clinical implementation, this emerging approach represents a significant advancement toward precision periodontics. Personalized periodontal treatment protocols based on AI-assisted oral microbiome analysis have the potential to improve therapeutic effectiveness, minimize unnecessary interventions, and achieve more predictable long-term periodontal health outcomes while supporting patient-centered dental care.

Keywords: Artificial intelligence, oral microbiome, precision periodontics, personalized treatment, periodontal disease, machine learning, microbial biomarkers, predictive analytics, periodontal diagnosis, digital dentistry.

A. Introduction

Periodontal disease is a chronic inflammatory condition affecting the supporting structures of the teeth and remains one of the leading causes of tooth loss worldwide. Its development is influenced by a complex interplay between pathogenic microorganisms, host immune responses, environmental factors, and systemic health conditions. Conventional periodontal diagnosis and treatment primarily rely on clinical parameters such as probing depth, clinical attachment loss, bleeding on probing, and radiographic findings. Although these approaches are effective for disease management, they often fail to account for significant interindividual variations in microbial composition and treatment response, highlighting the need for more personalized therapeutic strategies (Patel, 2021; Kikuchi et al., 2022).

The oral microbiome has emerged as a critical determinant of periodontal health and disease. Advances in molecular sequencing technologies have demonstrated that shifts in the composition and function of oral microbial communities are closely associated with periodontal disease initiation, progression, and recurrence. Consequently, microbiome profiling offers valuable opportunities for individualized risk assessment, disease prediction, and targeted therapeutic interventions (Belibasakis et al., 2019).

Artificial intelligence (AI) has further transformed periodontal research by enabling the analysis of complex microbiome datasets that are difficult to interpret using conventional statistical methods. Machine learning and deep learning algorithms can identify microbial signatures, predict disease progression, estimate treatment outcomes, and support clinical decision-making through the integration of microbiological, clinical, and patient-specific information (Singh, 2022; Kikuchi et al., 2022). The incorporation of biosensors and lab-on-a-chip technologies further facilitates real-time biomarker detection, enhancing personalized diagnosis and continuous periodontal monitoring (Steigmann et al., 2020).

Recent evidence also indicates that microbial biomarkers can predict periodontal treatment response, enabling clinicians to design individualized treatment protocols that maximize therapeutic effectiveness while minimizing unnecessary interventions (Chew et al., 2023). Collectively, the integration of AI, oral microbiome analysis, and precision periodontics represents a promising paradigm for delivering personalized periodontal care and improving long-term clinical outcomes (Patel, 2021; Singh, 2019).

B. Oral Microbiome, Artificial Intelligence, and Personalized Periodontal Therapy

The oral microbiome is a dynamic ecosystem composed of bacteria, fungi, viruses, and archaea that collectively influence periodontal health and disease. In a healthy state, microbial

communities exist in balance with the host immune system. However, ecological dysbiosis characterized by an increased abundance of pathogenic microorganisms such as *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *Tannerella forsythia*, and *Treponema denticola* contributes to chronic inflammation and periodontal tissue destruction (Belibasakis et al., 2019). Understanding these microbial signatures has become fundamental to the development of personalized periodontal care.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has enhanced microbiome analysis by processing large sequencing datasets and integrating microbial, clinical, and patient-specific information to identify disease patterns that are difficult to recognize using conventional methods. Machine learning algorithms can stratify patients according to periodontal risk, predict disease progression, and estimate treatment responses, thereby supporting precision-based clinical decision-making (Singh, 2022; Kikuchi et al., 2022). These predictive models facilitate individualized treatment planning rather than relying solely on standardized therapeutic protocols.

Personalized periodontal therapy combines AI-driven microbiome analysis with biomarker assessment, digital diagnostics, and clinical findings to optimize patient management. This approach enables tailored preventive strategies, targeted antimicrobial therapy, customized maintenance intervals, and continuous monitoring using biosensors and lab-on-a-chip technologies (Steigmann et al., 2020). Furthermore, microbial biomarkers have demonstrated promise in predicting treatment response, allowing clinicians to refine interventions and improve long-term periodontal stability (Chew et al., 2023). Precision periodontics therefore represents a transition toward evidence-based, patient-centered care that accounts for individual biological variability (Patel, 2021).

Table 1. Role of Oral Microbiome and AI in Personalized Periodontal Therapy

Component	Clinical Role	Benefit	Key References
Oral microbiome profiling	Identifies microbial dysbiosis	Early diagnosis and risk assessment	Belibasakis et al. (2019)
AI and machine learning	Predicts disease progression and treatment response	Personalized clinical decision-making	Singh (2022); Kikuchi et al. (2022)
Biosensors and biomarker analysis	Real-time monitoring of disease activity	Continuous patient monitoring	Steigmann et al. (2020)
Precision treatment planning	Individualized therapy based on microbial profile	Improved therapeutic outcomes	Patel (2021); Chew et al. (2023)

C. Personalized Periodontal Treatment Protocols

Personalized periodontal treatment protocols integrate oral microbiome profiling, artificial intelligence (AI), and patient-specific clinical information to optimize therapeutic outcomes. Unlike conventional approaches that apply uniform treatment strategies, precision periodontics tailors interventions according to microbial composition, disease severity, host immune status, systemic conditions, and individual risk factors (Patel, 2021; Kikuchi et al., 2022). AI algorithms analyze complex microbiome sequencing data together with periodontal measurements to identify dysbiosis patterns, predict disease progression, and recommend individualized treatment plans (Singh, 2022).

AI-assisted microbial profiling facilitates targeted periodontal therapy by identifying dominant pathogenic species associated with active disease while preserving beneficial commensal microorganisms. Based on these analyses, clinicians can personalize scaling and root planing protocols, select appropriate adjunctive antimicrobial agents, determine maintenance intervals, and monitor therapeutic responses more accurately (Belibasakis et al., 2019). Furthermore, microbial biomarkers and biosensor technologies provide continuous assessment of periodontal inflammation, enabling dynamic modification of treatment protocols according to real-time biological changes (Steigmann et al., 2020). Recent evidence also indicates that specific microbial biomarkers can predict treatment responsiveness, supporting individualized prognostic assessment and long-term disease management (Chew et al., 2023).

Table 2. Components of AI-Based Personalized Periodontal Treatment Protocols

Treatment Component	AI/Microbiome Contribution	Clinical Benefit	Supporting Reference
Patient risk assessment	Integrates microbiome and clinical data	Early identification of high-risk patients	Kikuchi et al. (2022)
Microbial profiling	Detects periodontal pathogens and dysbiosis	Targeted antimicrobial therapy	Belibasakis et al. (2019)
Treatment planning	Machine learning predicts optimal interventions	Individualized periodontal care	Patel (2021); Singh (2022)
Biosensor monitoring	Real-time biomarker surveillance	Continuous evaluation of treatment response	Steigmann et al. (2020)
Prognostic prediction	Biomarker-based response estimation	Personalized maintenance schedules	Chew et al. (2023)

Although Singh (2019) primarily discussed biologically guided regenerative approaches in endodontics, the emphasis on biomaterial-supported personalized treatment reflects the broader transition toward individualized therapeutic strategies applicable across modern dental care.

D. Clinical Applications, Challenges, and Future Perspectives

Artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted oral microbiome analysis has significant clinical applications in precision periodontics by enabling individualized diagnosis, risk assessment, and treatment planning. AI algorithms can integrate microbial sequencing results with clinical periodontal parameters to identify disease-specific microbial signatures, stratify patients according to disease risk, and recommend customized therapeutic interventions (Belibasakis et al., 2019; Kikuchi et al., 2022). This approach supports targeted antimicrobial selection, personalized maintenance schedules, and early intervention for patients at high risk of disease progression (Patel, 2021). Furthermore, microbial biomarkers identified through AI analysis can help predict treatment response, allowing clinicians to modify therapy based on patient-specific biological profiles (Chew et al., 2023). The incorporation of biosensors and lab-on-a-chip technologies further enhances chairside monitoring by enabling rapid detection of biomarkers associated with periodontal inflammation and microbial dysbiosis (Steigmann et al., 2020).

Despite these advances, several challenges limit widespread clinical implementation. Variability in oral microbiome composition across individuals and populations complicates the development of universally applicable AI models. Standardization of microbiome sampling, sequencing protocols, and data interpretation remains necessary to improve model reliability (Belibasakis et al., 2019). Additional concerns include limited availability of large, high-quality datasets for algorithm training, integration of AI platforms into routine dental practice, cost of advanced sequencing technologies, and ethical issues related to patient data privacy (Singh, 2022; Kikuchi et al., 2022). Although AI has demonstrated substantial promise in dentistry, further clinical validation is required before widespread adoption.

Future developments are expected to integrate oral microbiome profiling with genomics, salivary biomarkers, biosensor technologies, and real-time clinical decision-support systems to create comprehensive precision periodontal care models (Steigmann et al., 2020; Kikuchi et al., 2022). Advances in explainable AI, predictive analytics, and personalized medicine will further improve diagnostic accuracy, optimize treatment selection, and enhance long-term periodontal outcomes (Patel, 2021; Singh, 2022). Additionally, biologically driven regenerative strategies and bioactive therapeutic approaches may complement personalized periodontal protocols, promoting more predictable tissue healing and disease control (Singh, 2019).

E. Conclusion

Personalized periodontal treatment protocols based on oral microbiome AI analysis represent an important advancement in precision dentistry by shifting periodontal care from generalized treatment approaches to individualized, evidence-based management. The integration of AI with oral microbiome profiling enables more accurate diagnosis, improved risk prediction, and customized therapeutic planning, thereby enhancing clinical decision-making and treatment outcomes (Belibasakis et al., 2019; Kikuchi et al., 2022). Emerging technologies, including microbial biomarker analysis, biosensors, and predictive AI models, further support continuous disease monitoring and personalized maintenance strategies (Steigmann et al., 2020; Chew et al., 2023). Although challenges related to data standardization, clinical validation, and implementation remain, ongoing advances in artificial intelligence and precision periodontics are expected to improve the accuracy, efficiency, and long-term success of periodontal therapy. Collectively, these innovations have the potential to establish personalized periodontal care as a fundamental component of future dental practice, delivering more predictable and patient-centered clinical outcomes (Patel, 2021; Singh, 2022).

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