

## Role of Protease in Virulence of Periodontal Bacteria

Arnav Walia\*

### Abstract

*Periodontitis is a polymicrobial, multifactorial disease with the most toxic protease that aids in emigration and the degradation of the host. Unattended bacterial contamination leads to periodontitis, and extreme gum problems may also bring about missing teeth and also bleeding. Major microorganisms associated with periodontitis are p.gingivalis, t. Forsythia, p.aeruginosa and t. Denticola. Virulence plays a major role in microbial contamination where different proteases released by microorganism aids in spreading and also develop along with payment to the bacterial virulence. Virulence variables of cell-connected and secretory forms consist of proteolytic enzymes, as they are related to the destructive process of gum tissue via their enhanced level in the inflammatory sites. Microbial virulence depends on various variables, including adhesions, intrusion, synergism, commensalism, and adverse interactions. In the increment of periodontal illness, the direct devastation of gum cell structures and the disturbance of normal host defence reaction are also included.*

**Keywords:** Protease, periodontitis, virulence, polymicrobial, proteolytic

### INTRODUCTION

Microorganisms associated with severe periodontitis are p.gingivalis, p.aeruginosa, t.forsythia, and t.denticola [2]. These microorganisms launch numerous protease elements as a major virulence aspect. Proteases are enzymes that damage the peptide bonds of proteins( proteolysis). They are separated into exopeptidase and endopeptidase( proteinase) and likewise further branched, as shown in Figure 1 [1]. These enzymes can be gotten from plants, animals, as well as microbes in numerous problems. Proteases possess stable tasks at high temperatures and ionic stamina in organic solvent's visibility [4, 8]. Proteolysis can be utilized as a system of spreading and colony formation by pathogenic microorganisms, ultimately leading to host immune eradication or loss completely [2].

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

#### Proteolytic Activity Measurement

Tracking down protease can be executed via utilizing protein substratum and monitoring or disappearance of proteolytic virulence factors as well as their targeting sites as received Figure 2 [2]. Proteolytic activity discovery can additionally be made with a chairside test( test for identifying microbial pathogenicity) as well as a beta test(utilized to determine the proteolytic task of bacterial biofilm [1]. These tests measure positive for t.forsythia, T. Denticola as well as p.gingivalis. It also

reveals their high virulence [1] as presently utilized protease discovery techniques include' s natural substratum for measurement of in vitro microbial proteases task, i.e. casein, fibrin, elastin and gelatin. These substrates are added to microbial agar or solid growth media to discover the overall protease task. Clear halo development suggests bosoms of substratum around the swarms grown on agar [2]. A lot more details strategy to calculate proteolytic activity is the use of colourimetric or fluorometric identified peptide substratum, which resembles the recognition series of the protease of passion [3].

#### \*Author for Correspondence

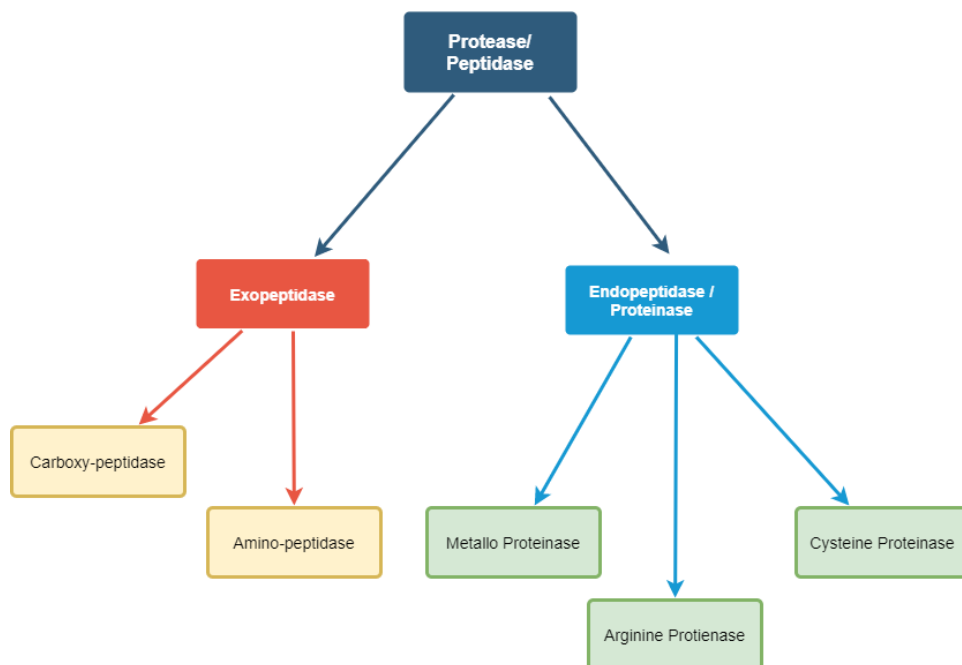
Arnav Walia  
E-mail: arnavwx@gmail.com

Student, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Amity University,  
Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Received Date: August 08, 2022  
Accepted Date: August 17, 2022  
Published Date: August 31, 2022

**Citation:** Arnav Walia. Role of Protease in Virulence of Periodontal Bacteria. Research & Reviews: A Journal of Dentistry. 2022; 13(2): 9–15p.

Additionally, the proteolytic task can be discovered via details of peptide substratum combined with fluorogenic or chromogenic labels. With the help of such substrates, one could potentially supply a fast and basic strategy for discovering protease-secreting bacteria.



**Figure 1.** The protease enzymes categorial flow chart.

S.No.	Protease name	Catalytic Type	Targets	Area Found	Microorganism
1.	Gingipain R(Rgp)	Cysteine	1.Kininogen 2.Coagulation factor(IX,X) 3. AMPs (LL-37) 3.1. histatin-5 3.2.dermaseptin 3.3. brevinin etc.) 4.Chemokines (IL-8) 5.Cytokines (IL-1β, IL-6, IL-12, TNF-α, IFN-γ	Periodontal cavity	P.gingivalis
2.	GingipainK(Kgp)	Cysteine	1.Neurotensin 2. Haemoglobin 3.Bradykinin 4. Chemokines (IL-8) 5. Cytokines (TNF-α)	Periodontal Cavity	P.gingivalis
3.	Periodontain	Cysteine		Periodontal Cavity	P.gingivalis
4.	Tpr	Cysteine	Breakpoint for translocation to form TRK-T1	Periodontal Cavity	Homo sapiens (Human)
5.	LasA	Cysteine	Mutagenesis	Periodontal Cavity	P. aeruginosa
6.	LasB	Cysteine	Hydrolysis of proteins	Periodontal Cavity	P. aeruginosa
7.	Karilysin	Cysteine	Elastin, fibrinogen and fibronectin	Periodontal Cavity	T.forsythia

**Figure 2.** Tabular description of protease and their respective microorganisms.  
**Bacterial Virulence**

For virulence, most microorganisms (s) count on peptidoglycan (pgn) synthesis and hydrolysis [2]. During degradation of bacterial cell wall surface, several pgn hydrolyzing enzymes (autolysin) are additionally produced. Pathogenic microorganisms likewise include d-amino acid [4] refining autolysin (peptidoglycan splitting parts), which because of this makes the procedure of hydrolyzation (cleavage of a substance with the enhancement of water, the hydroxyl group being incorporated in one piece and the hydrogen atom in the other) as well as synthesis much easier [2] as our body tends to repair any broken cells, vessel or any open wound using clot development procedure, this process consists of fibrinogen, fibrin and also coagulation factors which helps in embolisms development [2], thus are a typical target of microbial proteases [2].

### **Periodontal Microorganism (s)**

*P. gingivalis* (a periodontal pathogen) is a novel course of cysteine proteinase [14], *p.gingivalis* is majorly interested in the devastation of the periodontal connective cells, which consequently triggers host protein destruction by *p.gingivalis*-linked protease(s). Majorly entailed protease(s) is gingipain(s) [2], *p.gingivalis* conquers underneath the individual's gum line [12], gingipains weaken macrophage cd14, hence hindering stimulation of the leukocytes via the lipopolysaccharide (LPs) receptor, as well as consequently helping with sustained colonization of *p. Gingivalis* [11]. *p.gingivalis* are linked to the destruction of the periodontal cells and also disturbance of host defence reaction [10]. Involvement of gingipains is additionally possible by employing induction of unexposed matrix metalloproteinase (involvement of gingipains is also feasible via the introduction of latent matrix metalloproteinase fusion in fibroblasts<sup>55</sup> as well as activation of the zymogens [5]. synthesis in fibroblasts<sup>55</sup> and activation of the zymogen. (prothrombin, inactive zymogen prothrombin (pt) is the non-active zymogen to the serine protease alpha-thrombin, which in the coagulation cascade is accountable for clot development by transforming fibrinogen to fibrin. Pt has been shown to exist in the calcified bone matrix, and alpha-thrombin has been linked to numerous bone resorbing conditions of inflammatory origin, such as rheumatoid joint inflammation and periodontitis [6].

### **P.gingivalis Virulence**

*P.gingivalis* includes autoproteolytic/cysteine proteinases, specifically arg-gingipains(s), lys-gingipains(s), i.e. proteases having arginyl and lysyl deposits. Arg-gingipain includes hrpg, rgp2, rgpa, gingipainr2 and also argingipains beyond lys-gingipains consists of kgp, lys-gingipains. Proteases of *p.gingivalis* can weaken different healthy proteins:- consisting of collagen, fibrin, fibrinogen, fibronectin, and plasma proteinase preventions. Bacterial virulence system of gum microorganisms is done by giving defence against striking peptidases of human or bacterial origin [9] necessary continuous development and virulence promoting nutrients supply are given by gingipains by the development of oedema formation and production of gingival crevicular liquid (GCF) at contaminated sites [11]. bacterial proteolytic virulence elements produced at the site of contamination entail direct host tissue eradication, hemorrhagic tendency and impaired dispensation of the contamination by the host body immune system. For that reason, throughout contamination of the host, the expression and secretion of proteases offer bacteria a transformative dominance over non-protease-secreting microorganisms [2].

### **Proteolysis as Virulence Element**

Microbial proteases function as virulence variables by offering crucial amino acids to organisms, derogatory host immune healthy proteins, revealing host cell cytotypes, contributing to adhesion to host cells [10] and likewise interferes with normal host defence reaction through degradation of immunoglobins, enhancing factors [7] and destruction of adherents joints of epithelial cells which better triggers gingival epithelial cells invasion device [8] *p.gingivalis* escapes interior proteinases inhibitors to show virulence task. They likewise influence collagen. Collagen is the essential standard protein in the extracellular structure of the different connective tissues in the body. As the essential segment of connective tissue, it is the most abundant protein in cosy-blooded animals, making up 25% to 35% of the entire body's web content. Our numerous vital structural cells structure involves most bountiful collagen: - collagen i, a major element of the supporting framework of teeth [10] whereas collagen iv

is the primary collagen component of basement membrane layer [15, 16] direct epithelium/basal lamina intrusion is done by both *p.gingivalis* and *t.forsythia* in which fimbriae plays an essential role in virulence [1, 10] periodontal virus *p. Gingivalis* at first conquer the gingival margin by attaching directly to saliva-coated teeth, *p.gingivalis* originally colonize the gingival margin by affixing straight to saliva-coated teeth using binding to type I collagen, which is the main sustaining structure of teeth likewise interacting with the components of added cellular matrix and also by directly binding to epithelial cells which line the gingival margin [10] macrophages and various other cell types such as epithelial cells, respiratory tract smooth muscular tissue cells as well as endothelial cells generates interleukin 8 (il-8) a chemokine. Endothelial cells keep il-8 in their storage blisters, the Weibel-palate bodies. In human beings, the interleukin-8 healthy protein is encoded by the *cxcl8* genetics. Il-8 synthesized and released from fibre release biological cells ~, ie. Fibroblasts, endothelial cells, and likewise epithelial cells, in addition to leukocytes and lymphocytes. These arbitrators are important factors in boosting and enhancing swelling and the damage of host gingival cells [12]. Humans generate's host proteinases that include hne as well as catg [12], whereas, on the other hand, *p.gingivalis*, a periodontal virus, creates different cysteine proteases. *P.gingivalis* can not extensively break down healthy proteins, so the existence of periodontal enzyme rapidly inactivates alpha1-proteinase inhibitor, which results in raised degrees of hne, clinically spotted a major prospective virulence considered gum condition for *p. Gingivalis* [8]. *p.gingivalis* gets its amino acid/ nitrogen requirements through the breakdown of host proteins by proteinases secreted by polymorphonuclear leukocyte (pmn). The feature of PMNs is mostly linked with the elimination of bacterial contaminations. It includes an elaborate interaction with cytokines, created by epithelial cells- fibroblasts, macrophages, and likewise lymphocytes. This then further triggers neighbourhood dysregulation of cytokine network, which inevitably brings about the disturbance of host protection action and further results in dysfunction of pmns [15].

*P. Gingivalis* releases potent virulence elements, which disrupt the features of pmn and hence disturbance of pmn is related to the initiation and advancement of gum illness. *P.gingivalis* pressures produce particular proteolytic enzymes, and also their task shown is immunoprecipitated by adding particular antibodies to the enzymes, as shown in table Figure 3. Activation of chemotactic factors such as c5a (6) and also il-8,2 which set off pmns to move towards the microbe [12]. Also, the bottom of chemotactic receptors from the pmn area is done via *rgp( s)( gingipain r)* as well as *kgp( gingipain k)*, which avoids complete transfer and also phagocytosis [12], the outcome being death and also the disintegration of these cells and the release of their powerful proteolytic and likewise oxidative enzymes, including elastase, cathepsin g, and myeloperoxidase [12]. *rgp* deficient mutants play a significant duty in the disruption of pmn features, hemagglutination as well as fimbriation by the organism [14] loss of connective tissues, alveolar bone loss and persistent inflammatory disease are additionally exhibited by irritated gingival tissues, all of that includes the participation of boosted crevicular fluid, and substantial pmn [12].

### Inflammatory Aspects

Tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), a proinflammatory cytokine, promotes the production of chemotactic signals (il-8), which leads to the recruitment of pmns to infected sites. Moreover, likewise boosts signals which enhance the pmn feature [12]. Exposure of TNF- $\alpha$  is discovered and demonstrated in sites(i.e., crevicular fluid and gingival cells) of customers with periodontitis through enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay or in situ hybridization technique. [12] members of the gingipain member of the family can deteriorate tnf- $\alpha$  [12]. The gingipain cysteine proteinases cannot just cut the n terminus of tnf- $\alpha$ ; however, furthermore, by splitting the polypeptide at various inner deposits located within the molecule, thus disturbing the proinflammatory cytokine non-active [12], the bacterial cysteine proteinases elaborated by *p. Gingivalis* can taking in tnf- $\alpha$ , a crucial inflammatory conciliator [12]. Cleavage factors made by *p.gingivalis* within the tnf- $\alpha$  particle show the loss of the tnf- $\alpha$  cytolytic activity [12]. Several inflammatory activities in gum disease are triggered by thrombin manufacturing which is triggered by *gingipain r*, and it is not related to homeostasis [11]. Cytokine network disruption at the contamination site by *p.gingivalis* creates destruction tnf- $\alpha$ , the immunoblot analysis destruction

entails three cysteine proteases of *p.gingivalis* consisting of arg-specific gingipains help as well as *rgp2* and also lys-specific *kgp* [16], this device is utilized by other virulent microorganisms not just for survival but likewise for expansion and spreading. Swelling at the contaminated site is also induced by early-colonizing gram-positive germs. It better subjects type I collagen and extracellular matrix healthy proteins for communication with *p. Gingivalis* [10].

Culture supernatant	Proteolytic activity (%)	
	Z-Phe-Arg-MCA	Boc-Phe-Ser-Arg-MCA
<i>P. gingivalis</i> 381	100.0	100.0
ATCC33277	60.8	78.0
W50	90.4	99.1
SU63	56.9	63.6
14018	91.4	98.2
1112	66.4	70.3
GAI 7802	72.7	82.8
<i>Prevotella intermedia</i> ATCC25611	0.2	0.2
<i>Prevotella melaninogenica</i> ATCC25845	0.1	0.1
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> RIMD0230001	0.2	0.2
ATCC25285	0.3	0.9
<i>Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans</i> ATCC29522	0.3	0.2
ATCC29523	0.5	1.0
<i>Streptococcus mutans</i> 6715	0.9	0.9
<i>Streptococcus sanguis</i> ATCC10557	0.2	0.2
<i>Escherichia coli</i> W3350	0.2	0.1
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> B2245	0.1	0.1
Brain heart infusion broth (control)	0.2	0.2
Trypticase soy broth (control)	0.0	0.0

**Figure 1.** Tabular description of culture supernatant and respective proteolytic activity.

*P. Gingivalis* viruses provoke inflammatory reactions at contaminated sites and advertise swelling procedures employing toll-like receptors, likewise can contaminate syncytiotrophoblasts, chorionic trophoblasts, decidual cells, and also amniotic epithelial cells. By hematologic path, microorganisms conquer the placenta and provoke fetal problems. Mom's immunological condition plays a vital function in it. Also, they enhance a variety of cytokines or matrix metalloproteases (mmps). These vital proteases are involved in devastating gum conditions, even preterm birth [17, 7].

Gingipain r( *rgp2*) could considerably lower the degree of the 17-kDa *tnf-a* band in just 10min, at an e: s proportion of 1:25. It also reduced the task by 75% in 10min, whereas *hrgp*, as well as *kgp*, weaken in 240min (4hrs). *Rgp* deficient mutants play a major function in the disruption of polymorphonuclear leukocyte (pmn) features as well as the hemagglutination as well as fimbriation by the microorganism [14] *rgp* mutant *rgp2* also triggered dissolution at *arg32*, a residue crucial for the biological task since a saved replacement at this position leads to a loss of activity [13].

### The Function of *rgp* and Also *kgp* in Virulence

*Rgp( s)*, particularly *rgpa*, are potent activators of the clotting elements and mainly activate prothrombin in plasma [11]. In contrast, protease *kgp* is among the highest effective fibrinogen/fibrin destroying enzyme of the gingipains in human plasma. In addition, it is also associated with the bleeding propensity at the unhealthy gingiva, interrupting host defence mechanisms [14]. *Rgp( s)* are potent vascular permeability enhancement factors. *Hrgpa* [*rgp* mutant] and *rgpb* [gingipain r2] cause this task via plasma prekallikrein activation, and subsequent bradykinin( *bk*) release/ activation of the blood coagulation system [11] *bk* is connected with the advancement of swelling resulting in alveolar bone loss/bone traction by causing prostaglandin production in gum ligament's cells and osteoblasts. *Rgp* can quickly turn on proteinases involved in the complement by virulence strategies such as kallikrein/kinin pathway, coagulation/fibrinolytic paths, and cleavage after arginyl-x residues [15]. *kgp* plays an essential function in the microorganism by haemoglobin adsorption, heme buildup and in the blood loss

tendency in gum pockets [14], restraint of antiseptic activity of pmns. The extreme fibrinolytic activity of kgp shows up to make fibrinogen uncuttable and might contribute to a propensity for bleeding in the gum pockets of periodontitis clients. This may, as a result, stand for another virulence that assists in the microbial survival and invasion of host tissues [14] kgp virulence methods involves degradation of fibrinogen, inactivation of host plasma proteinase preventions, and deregulating the waterfall pathways [13]. Proteolytic tasks of both rgp and also kgp are involved in the pathogenesis of progressive periodontal conditions using adhering to mechanisms:-

1. Straight weakening architectural proteins of the gum tissues
2. Disrupting the host defence mechanism
3. Triggering or promoting the expression of hemagglutinins
4. Handling as well as translocating bond particles
5. Causing or promoting swelling with the manufacturing of chemical mediators [14].

## CONCLUSION

Chronic periodontitis establishes a meaningful community health issue, specifically in China. *Treponema denticola* is an individual of the bacterial variety precariously complicated concerning this affliction. Therefore, work was created in this place study to design a method for securing DNA from gingival fluid and to discover *T. denticola* genes by PCR methods. For this purpose, samples were composed of 30 subjects accompanying harsh periodontitis and 20 victims accompanying gentle periodontitis. A group of 50 athletic things dressed as a control. Following the seclusion of DNA from the gingival fluid by attractive microbeads, the material was resolved for the closeness of 16S rRNA by unoriginal and all-inclusive absolute-opportunity PCR codes. These recently grown methods recognized the vicinity of *T. denticola* as a whole sample from periodontitis subjects. Quantitative analysis of copy numbers explained that the bacterial count was maximal in the harsh periodontitis group and middle in the temperate periodontitis group. A minimal number of microorganisms were present in active controls. Besides being expeditious, correct and distinguishing, the projected procedure removes the need for anaerobic bacterial sophistication, making it appropriate in a usual dispassionate background.

*Porphyromonas gulae*, an animal-derivative periodontal bacterium, signifies various resentment determinants, containing fimbria, lipopolysaccharide (LPS) and proteases. We earlier stated that allure obtusive adeptness was contingent on fimbriae types. In addition, *P. gulae* LPS raised angering reactions through toll-like receptors. The present study was administered to study the difficulty of *P. gulae* proteases in bacterial and host containers in any branch of natural science. *Porphyromonas gulae* strains presented a skill to unite rodent erythrocytes and still explained co-collection accompanying *Actinomyces viscosus*. At the same time, the protease inhibitors antipain, PMSF, TLCK and leupeptin belittled *P. gulae* proteolytic exercise, happening in the hindrance of haemagglutination and co-collection accompanying *A. viscosus*. In addition, distinguishing proteinase inhibitors were erect to humiliate bacterial container development. *Porphyromonas gulae* shy Ca9-22 container conception in a heap of contamination- and period-reliant way.

Additionally, *P. gulae*-persuaded decreases in container contact and cling-connected proteins were followed by an apparent change in container language rules from well contaminate curved. In contrast, restriction of protease action obviated shame of proteins, in the way that E-cadherin,  $\beta$ -catenin and about a focus adherence kinase, and likewise obstructed hindrance of container conception. Together, these results signify abolition of the number of human proteins in the way that  $\gamma$ -globulin, fibrinogen and fibronectin, by *P. gulae* proteases, suggesting that a novel protease complex provides bacterial resentment. In conclusion, *P. gulae* proteases are attainable critical resentment determinants connected with colonization and endurance of ravaging microorganisms, in addition to host defence and fabric devastation. They concede possibility is the main healing mark.

Additionally, earlier verdicts that bacterial attack and basic angering answers are arbitrated by *P. gulae* resentment determinants, in the way that fimbriae and LPS. The present verdicts plan that *P. gulae* can be complicated in two together the pathogenesis and ongoing demeanour of periodontal affliction. Additional studies are wanted to ratify the unions of protease functions and periodontal pathogenesis straightforwardly.

## REFERENCES

1. Popova C, Dosseva-Panova V, Panov V. Microbiology of periodontal diseases. A review. *Biotechnology & Biotechnological Equipment*. 2013 ;27(3):3754-9.
2. Kaman WE, Hays JP, Endtz HP, Bikker FJ. Bacterial proteases: targets for diagnostics and therapy. *European journal of clinical microbiology & infectious diseases*. 2014 ;33(7):1081-7.
3. Flores-Gallegos AC, Delgado-García M, Ascacio-Valdés JA, et al. Hydrolases of halophilic origin with importance for the food industry. In *Enzymes in Food Biotechnology 2019* : pp. 197-219.
4. Grishin DV, Zhdanov DD, Pokrovskaya MV, Sokolov NN. D-amino acids in nature, agriculture and biomedicine. *All Life*. 2020 ;13(1):11-22.
5. Franco C, Patricia HR, Timo S, et al .Matrix metalloproteinases as regulators of periodontal inflammation. *International journal of molecular sciences*. 2017;18(2):440.
6. Li T, Tachibana K, Kuroki M, Kuroki M. *Experimental Studies. Radiology*. 2003;229:423-8.
7. Walia M, Saini N. Relationship between periodontal diseases and preterm birth: Recent epidemiological and biological data. *International Journal of Applied and Basic Medical Research*. 2015 ;5(1):2.
8. Nelson D, Potempa J, Kordula T, Travis J. Purification and characterization of a novel cysteine proteinase (periodontain) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis*: evidence for a role in the inactivation of human  $\alpha$ 1-proteinase inhibitor. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 1999 ;274(18):12245-51.
9. Goulas T, Ksiazek M, Garcia-Ferrer I, et al. A structure-derived snap-trap mechanism of a multispecific serpin from the dysbiotic human oral microbiome. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 2017 ;292(26):10883-98.
10. Chung WO, Hansen SR, Rao D, Dale BA. Protease-activated receptor signaling increases epithelial antimicrobial peptide expression. *The Journal of Immunology*. 2004 ;173(8):5165-70.
11. Imamura T. The role of gingipains in the pathogenesis of periodontal disease. *Journal of periodontology*. 2003 ;74(1):111-8.
12. Calkins CC, Platt K, Potempa J, Travis J. Inactivation of tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  by proteinases (gingipains) from the periodontal pathogen, *Porphyromonas gingivalis*: implications of immune evasion. *Journal of biological chemistry*. 1998 ;273(12):6611-4.
13. Kadowaki T, Yoneda M, Okamoto K et al. Purification and characterization of a novel arginine-specific cysteine proteinase (argingipain) involved in the pathogenesis of periodontal disease from the culture supernatant of *Porphyromonas gingivalis*. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 1994 ;269(33):21371-8.
14. Okamoto K, Nakayama K, Kadowaki T, et al. Involvement of a lysine-specific cysteine proteinase in hemoglobin adsorption and heme accumulation by *Porphyromonas gingivalis*. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 1998 ;273(33):21225-31.
15. Henriksen K, Karsdal MA. Type I collagen. In *Biochemistry of collagens, laminins and elastin* . Academic Press .2016: pp. 1-11.
16. Karsdal M. *Biochemistry of collagens, laminins and elastin: structure, function and biomarkers*. Academic Press; 2019.
17. Franco C, Patricia HR, Timo S, Claudia B, Marcela H. Matrix metalloproteinases as regulators of periodontal inflammation. *International journal of molecular sciences*. 2017 ;18(2):440.