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5. ცხრილები საჭიროა წარმოადგინოთ ნაბეჭდი სახით. ყველა ციფრული, შემაჯამებელი და პროცენტული მონაცემები უნდა შეესაბამებოდეს ტექსტში მოყვანილს.

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7. სამამულო ავტორების გვარები სტატიაში აღინიშნება ინიციალების თანდართვით, უცხოურისა – უცხოური ტრანსკრიპციით.

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9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.

10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.

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## COMPARISON BETWEEN PRE- AND POST-OPERATIVELY BOTOX INJECTION IN SECONDARY WOUNDS HEALING

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### Abstract.

Tension impacts wound healing and scarring. Tissue stress reduces blood flow and promotes fibroblastic response in wound treatment. Botox injections reduce tension. A total of 18 male albino rats weighing 250–350 grams each got 1 IU of Botox and saline injected into a subcutaneous muscle in the center of each 1.5 CM two circles with 4.5 CM a gap between them. Group A seven days pre-operatively; group B, after wound incidence. The study compared Botox-treated wounds to those treated immediately after surgery. Group A animals were surgery-ready after 7 days, removed full-thickness skin. Group B got Botox and saline in separate cages following full-thickness skin excision. Each group had three equal subgroups. Each group had immunohistochemistry tests on days 3, 7, and 14. and histological test on day 14 only, Skin biopsies following euthanasia showed significant variations between A and B groups. On day three, the group A showed increase significantly MMP-9 expression than B group. On day 7, the group A displayed a significant increase CD31 expression, suggesting significant new blood vessel development than group B. On day 14, both groups showed strong MMP-9 and CD31 expression, demonstrated greater endothelial cell, and keratinocyte proliferation resulted in very well re-epithelialization. Botox injection before surgery improved wound healing and reduced fibrosis and scarring.

**Key words.** Botox, Wound, CD31, MMP-9, Surgery.

### Introduction.

The primary objective of local wound management is to accelerate skin physiological and anatomical continuity, which keeps wounds moist, avoids external infections, and maintains tissue homeostasis. It decreases edema and increases circulation, saving time and money while also improving the quality of life [1,2].

Botulinum toxin-induced muscle paralysis may persist 2–6 months. A to F Clostridium botulinum serotypes generate this toxin called BTX-A which has effectively treated eyelid spasms, speech stuttering, and hyperactive facial muscles for almost two decades [3,4]. Understanding these effects has made this toxin popular lately. BTX-A affected skin grafting and wound contraction in 2014 research. BTX-A injection reduces wound contraction, impacts inflammatory cells, increases collagen fibers, and reduces fat cells and hair follicles [5,6].

Park et al. examined how BTX-A affected abdominal-rectal muscle graft survival in rats with midline vertical scars in 2014. BTX-A injection improved abdominis rectus flap circulation [7]. BTX-A prevented peripheral vasoconstriction and prolonged mouse dermal flap longevity in another investigation. The BTX-A subgroup exhibited higher survival rates than the control group. The BTX-A group had good blood flow and unconstructed arteries throughout the week. BTX-A pretreatment raised flap retention and blood flow [8,9].

Since BOTOX® is commonly used for therapeutic and cosmetic purposes, our study examined how car accident wounds and other injuries heal in areas previously received Botox injections and in the regions that receive injections immediately following surgery.

### Materials and Methods.

**Animals:** Eighteen healthy-looking male albino rats, four to six months old and 250-350 gm in weight, were divided into two main groups (n=9) according to the method and subdivided into three subgroups according to the healing periods (3rd, 7th, and 14th) days after surgery. They were isolated in clean cages at 18–22°C. They received equal quantities of grain, fruit, and vegetables and water. Researchers monitored health. The rats were separated into two groups A (pre-surgery Botox injection), with its control AC and B (post-surgery Botox injection) with its control BC. and given two wounds on their dorsum, one near the head for Botox and one near the tail for saline.

#### Group A include two steps procedure:

**Step one of the research:** we injected group A with Botox in the targeted location seven days before surgery. Animals preparation include the rats received general anesthesia (intra-peritoneal ketamine and xylazine) and each rat's dorsum was marked, shaved, and sterilize the two identical circular wounds, 1.5 cm in diameter and 4.5 cm between them [10]. BTX-A (1U) (1U=0.2ml) was injected into the subcutaneous muscle of all group A animals through the center of a circle [11] to relax the muscles (The maximum of the paralytic effect 1-4 weeks after injection) [12]. Another circle of 0.2ml normal saline was injected similarly.

**Step two of the research:** On the seventh day following injection, group A wounds had full-thickness skin removal (Figure 1).

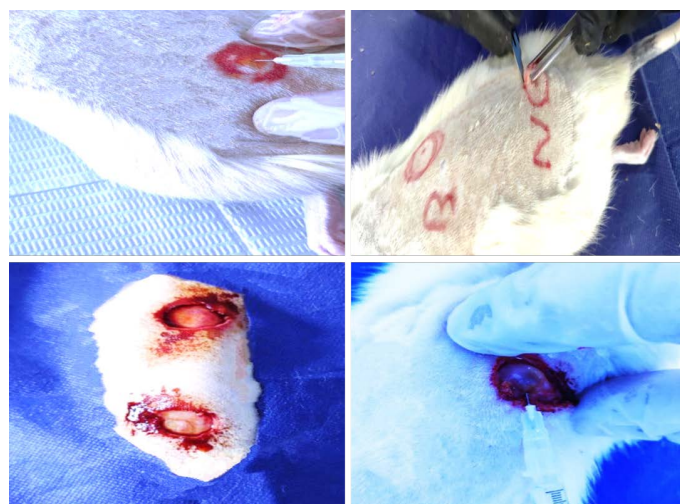


Figure 1. Surgical procedure steps.



In group B the same process applied here except injection of BTX-A and saline were done (post-operatively) immediately after surgery. To prevent wound infection, compression bandages were used to compress the surgical site and washed with normal saline and wiped with 10% povidone-iodine. All experimental animals were kept in separate cages. Immunohistochemical evaluation of wounds on the 3rd, 7th, and 14th and histological analysis on day 14 only of healing.

**Immunohistochemical and histopathological examination:**

Tissue samples of the resulted wounds were taken from animals that were killed on days 3, 7, and 14. The tissue was fixed, processed, and stained with (hematoxylin and eosin), MMP-9, and CD31 [13,14].

**Matrix metalloproteinase 9 (MMP-9):** Matrix metalloproteinase-9 is the primary enzyme responsible for extracellular matrix breakdown in chronic wounds, inflammation, wound healing, and the release of tissue-bound cytokines and growth factors may all be monitored by measuring the levels of (MMP-9). Its expression is linked to the presence of inappropriate collagen deposition during the healing of wounds [15].

**Cluster of differentiation31 (CD31):** CD31 is a molecule that connects platelets to vascular endothelium. CD31's primary function in immunohistochemistry is to identify endothelial cells in tissue sections. Cell-cell adhesion is facilitated by CD31, which aids in the development of new blood vessels, it may be used as a biomarker for the degree of angiogenesis [16,17].

**Results.**

In immunohistochemical finding (MMP-9), on the day three group A had moderate (++) expression in the cells underneath the epidermis of wounds, both groups B and AC wounds expressed weak MMP-9 (+), two wounds of group BC had negative expression (-), and one had weak expression (Tables 1-4, Figures 2-9).

**Table 1.** MMP9 and CD31 means expression intensity scores in the skin specimens from control and treatment groups of the pre-and post-surgery groups.

Time period	Group	MMP9 (Median)	CD31 (Median)
3 <sup>rd</sup> day	AC	1	0
	A	2	2
	BC	0	1
	B	1	2
7 <sup>th</sup> day	AC	1	1
	A	2	3
	BC	1	1
	B	2	2
14 <sup>th</sup> day	AC	2	1
	A	3	3
	BC	2	1
	B	3	3

Data expressed as Median of the scores, A= pre-surgery treatment group, AC= pre-surgery control group, B= post-surgery treatment group, and BC= post-surgery control group. The scores represent: 0 (-) negative expression, 1 (+) mild positive expression, 2 (++) moderate positive expression, and 3 (+++) strong positive expression

**Table 2.** Comparisons of the intensity means scores of MMP9 and CD31 immunohistochemistry expression between the control group and the treatment group within pre-surgery at the same day.

Time period	MMP9 (P-value)	CD31 (P-value)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	0.025*	0.068
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	0.025*	0.034*
14 <sup>th</sup> Day	0.025*	0.034*

Mann-Whitney U test was used for the comparisons between groups at p≤0.05. (\*): Significant difference.

**Table 3.** Comparisons of the intensity means scores of MMP9 and CD31 immunohistochemistry expression between the control group and the treatment group within post-surgery at the same day.

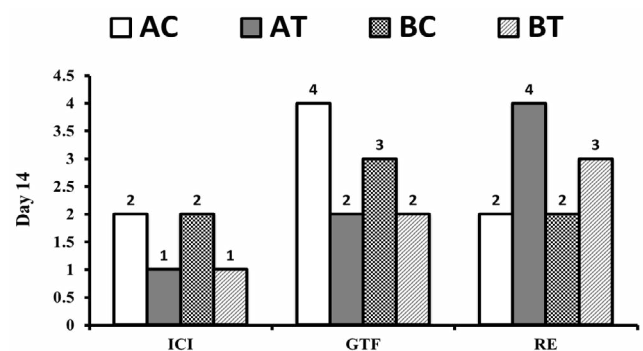
Time period	MMP9 (P-value)	CD31 (P-value)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	0.099	0.114
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	0.114	0.025*
14 <sup>th</sup> Day	0.025*	0.025*

Mann-Whitney U test was used for the comparisons between groups at p≤0.05. (\*): Significant difference.

**Table 4.** Comparisons of the intensity means scores of MMP9 and CD31 immunohistochemistry expression between the treatment groups within pre and post-surgery at the same day.

Time period	MMP9 (P-value)	CD31 (P-value)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	0.025*	0.197
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	0.197	0.025*
14 <sup>th</sup> Day	1	0.114

Mann-Whitney U test was used for the comparisons between groups at p≤0.05. (\*): Significant difference.

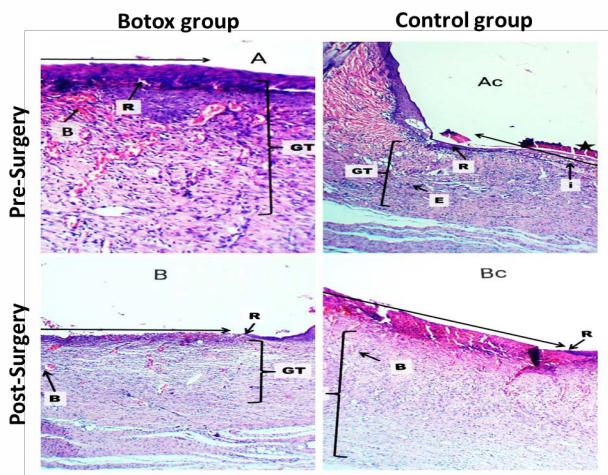


**Figure 2.** The histopathological descriptive median scores of the inflammatory cell's infiltration ICI, granulation tissue formation GTF, and re-epithelialization RE of the control and treatment groups of the pre- and post-surgery groups at day 14 of the study period.

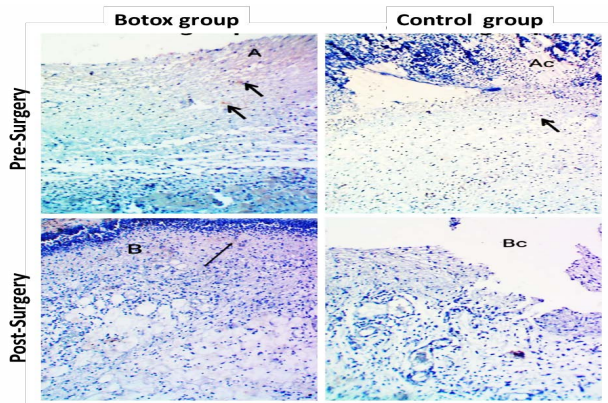
On the day seven, groups A and B wounds showed moderate expression of MMP-9, one specimen of group A showed strong expression while one specimen of group B showed weak expression, both group AC and BC showed weak expression of MMP-9 in the cells below the epidermis (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

On the day fourteen treatment groups had similar strong MMP-9 expression while both control groups showed moderate expression (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

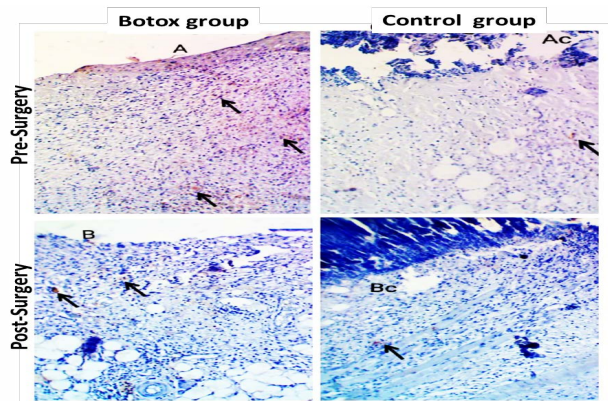
While in immunohistochemical finding (CD31), on the day three both treatment groups displayed moderate CD31 expression in two wounds, one specimen of group A had intense (+++) CD31 expression and one of group B expressed light (+) (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).



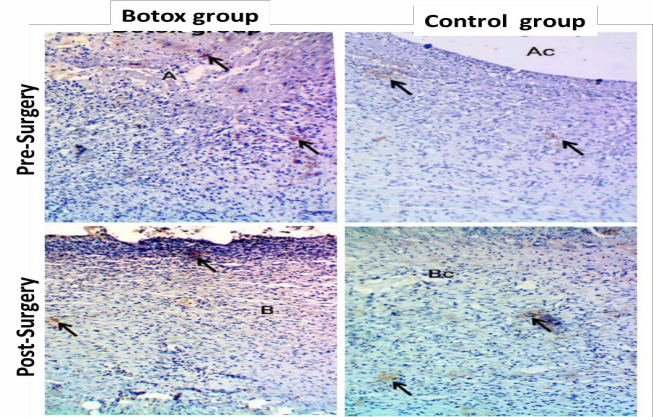
**Figure 3.** Histological sections of rat skin (after 14 days) showed inflammatory cells infiltration (i), destruction of epithelium layer of skin with re-epithelialization (R) granulation tissue (GT) and newly formed blood vessels (angiogenesis) (B) fibroblast cells (E). H&E stain, 40X magnification.



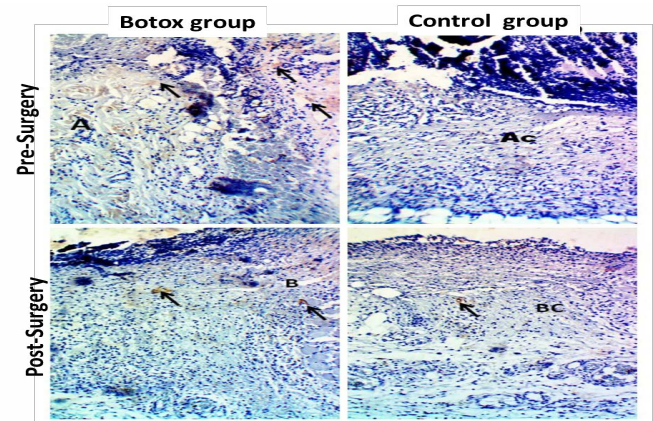
**Figure 4.** Microphotograph of the wounds site of pre-surgery treatment A, pre-surgery control AC, post-surgery treatment B, and post-surgery control BC groups after three days immunohistochemistry for MMP-9 showed expression of MMP-9 of all groups in the cells below the epidermis. 100x magnification.



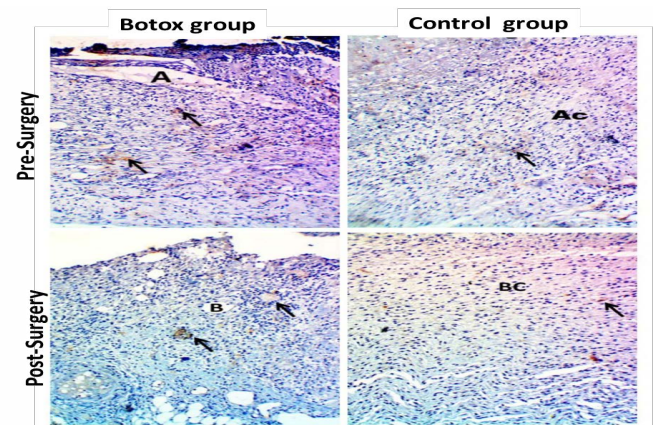
**Figure 5.** Microphotograph of the wounds site of pre-surgery treatment A, pre-surgery control AC, post-surgery treatment B, and post-surgery control BC groups after seven days immunohistochemistry for MMP-9 showed expression of MMP-9 of all groups in the cells below the epidermis. 100x magnification.



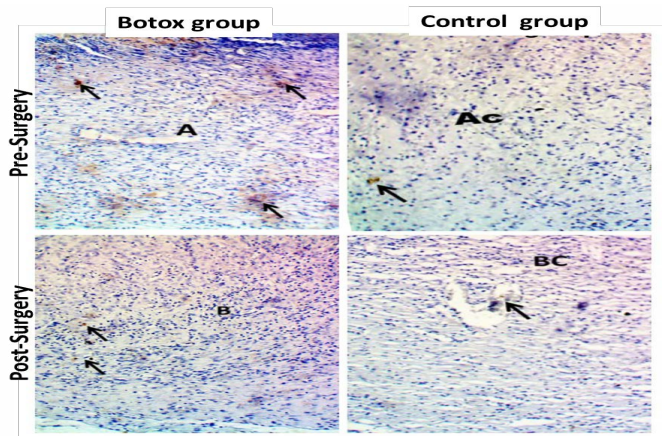
**Figure 6.** Microphotograph of the wounds site of pre-surgery treatment A, pre-surgery control AC, post-surgery treatment B, and post-surgery control BC groups after fourteen days immunohistochemistry for MMP-9 showed expression of MMP-9 of all groups in the cells below the epidermis. 100x magnification.



**Figure 7.** Microphotograph of the wounds site of pre-surgery treatment A, pre-surgery control AC, post-surgery treatment B, and post-surgery control BC groups after three days immunohistochemistry for CD31 expression of angiogenesis for all groups in the cells below the epidermis. 100x magnification.



**Figure 8.** Microphotograph of the wounds site of pre-surgery treatment A, pre-surgery control AC, post-surgery treatment B, and post-surgery control BC groups after seven days immunohistochemistry for CD31 expression of angiogenesis for all groups in the cells below the epidermis. 100x magnification.



**Figure 9.** Microphotograph of the wounds site of pre-surgery treatment A, pre-surgery control AC, post-surgery treatment B, and post-surgery control BC groups after fourteen days immunohistochemistry showed CD31 expression of angiogenesis for all groups in the cells below the epidermis. 100x magnification.

The BC group showed light CD31 expression in all specimens while explained group AC absent (-) expression in two wounds and light expression in one of them (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

On the day seven, AC group wounds expressed light CD31 protein. One specimen lacked wound expression. Group A wounds showed strong CD31 protein expression. BC group wounds showed light protein expression in all wounds. B group wounds showed moderate CD31 protein expression in cells below the epidermis (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

After 14 days, AC group wounds revealed light expression of CD31 protein while one specimen displayed moderate expression in the wound field. Group A wounds, cells below the epidermis expressed intense cd31 protein. BC group wounds displayed light cd31 protein expression. B group wounds revealed moderate production of cd31 protein in cells below the epidermis, whereas one specimen displayed intense expression (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

The histological finding on the day fourteen groups A and B had no inflammatory cell infiltration. Only one specimen demonstrated low wounds field inflammatory cell infiltration. Groups AC and BC showed minimal wounds field inflammatory cell infiltration (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

Angiogenesis and fibroblast cells in granulation tissues were limited in all groups A and B wounds. Group AC specimens have extensive wounds granulation tissue development. Group BC wounds had moderate granulation tissue development (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

Group A specimens demonstrated full-field re-epithelialization. Group B specimens demonstrated uneven re-epithelialization over the wounds field. AC and BC specimens demonstrated re-epithelialization over half of the wounds field (Table 1-4, Figure 2-9).

## Discussion.

Reduce tension in large wounds that are too large for suturing is very important [18]. Tension lowers blood flow and stimulates fibroblastic response, affecting wound healing and scarring [19,20]. Muscular contracture elimination can get better skin

wounds. Botulinum toxin type A paralyzes striated muscle for 2–6 months. For almost 20 years, people have safely utilized it in therapeutic setting [21]. On day 14, H.&E. stain showed that all groups had less inflammatory cells due to normal healing process [18].

Group A had better re-epithelialization and skin regeneration than group B because BTX-A injection before skin surgery reduces sympathetic nor-epinephrine production, improving circulation and wound healing [22].

A and B wound healing and re-epithelialization were better than AC and BC the reason was keratinocyte and endothelial cell migration and proliferation increased blood vessel sprouting, re-epithelialization, and remodelling after one IU Botox injection agreed with [22,23].

The 3rd day immunohistochemical study with cluster of differentiation (CD31) showed no significant difference between groups because angiogenesis occurs mostly during wound healing's proliferation phase [24]. Group A had a significant increase in cd31 expression on day 7 because BTX-A releases proangiogenic cytokines, such as VEGF, that stimulate endothelial cell proliferation, migration, and differentiation (angiogenesis) from the wound site's preexisting vessel bed [18,25]. The two groups reached the peak of BTX-A impact on the 14th day, therefore cd31 increased but was insignificant [12]. After 3 days, group A had a significant increase in MMP-9 gene expression compared to groups B, BC, and AC due to the impact of BTX-A on wound healing through elevated MMP-9 levels, which have anti-inflammatory properties. MMP-9 gene expression was similar in groups B and BC due to near BTX-A administration time. On day 7, the median scores of groups A and B are not significantly different due to BTX-A effectiveness convergence [12].

MMP-9 modulates ECM breakdown and deposition, fibroblast activity, and collagen networks to prepare wounds for re-epithelialization, hence treatment groups had more MMP-9 gene expression than controls [26,27]. On day 14, both treatment groups had similar MMP-9 expression and a significant increase compared to control groups because BTX-A affects wound MMP-9 levels, the MMP-9 secreted by keratinocyte cells at this stage, which alter keratinocyte migration and proliferation from the stratum Basale layer of the epidermis in wound edges, resulting in re-epithelialization and skin regeneration. BTX-A reduces wound border tension by denervating underlying muscles, improving wound healing [22,28-30]. In addition to these aforementioned variation in the response could be also associated with the variation in the status of localized milieu of oxygen supply, immunomodulatory cytokine, cellular structure and behaviours [31-33].

## Conclusion.

The results revealed that both the procedures showed significant improvement of secondary intention wounds and gave a satisfactory result of healing acceleration in terms of re-epithelialization and skin regeneration. We can recommend that the Botox injection may be considered as an alternative modality of therapy to enhance wound healing. The best method is Botox injection prior to the wound incidence.

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