

Acellular Dermal Matrix plug (Pressfit®) in the treatment of primary transphincteric anal fistula: a prospective study

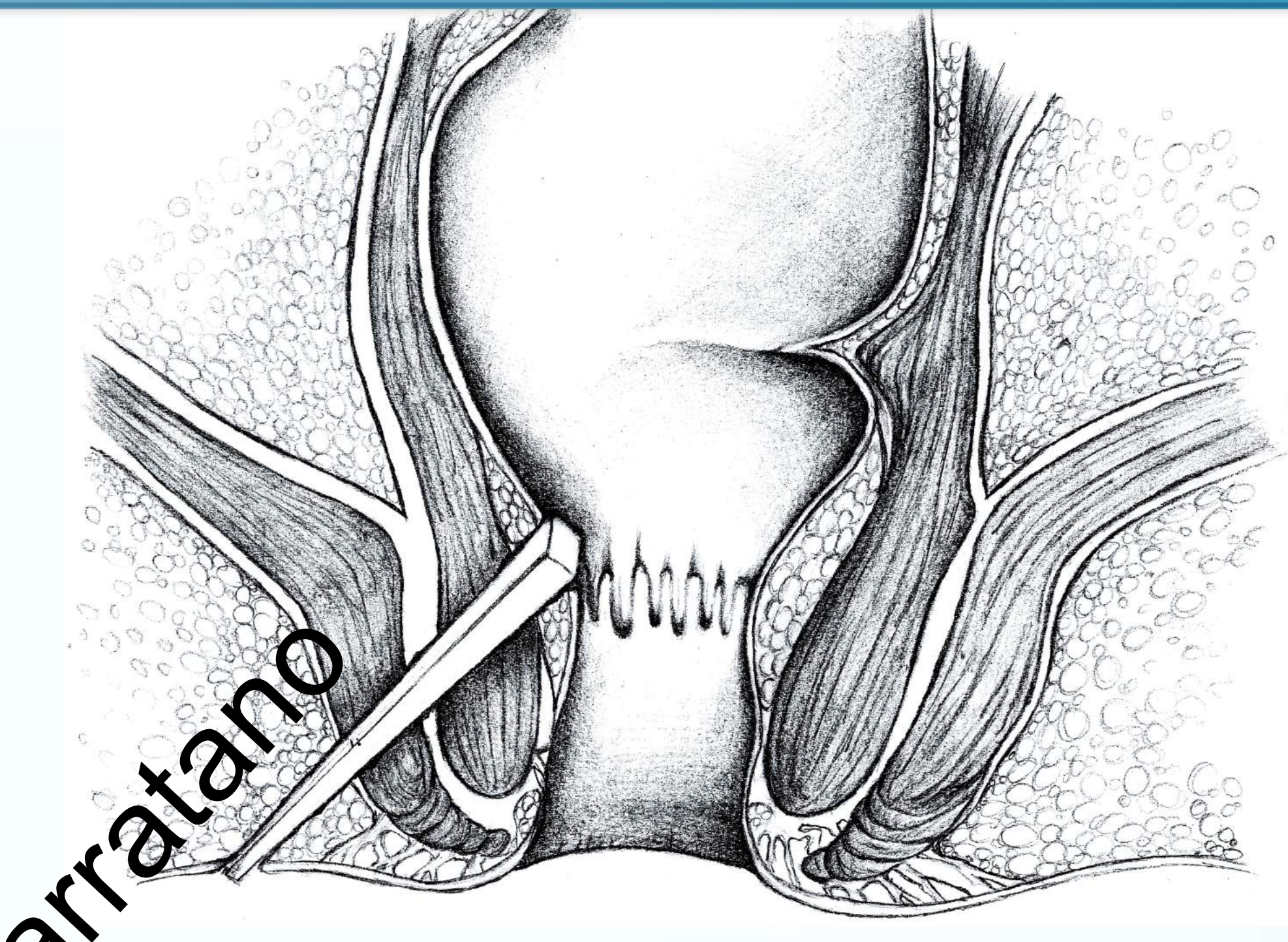
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Aim of the study

We report data of a prospective study designed to evaluate feasibility, early and long-term outcomes of Acellular Dermal Matrix (ADM) plug (Pressfit®) for primary anal fistula.

Materials and methods

- January 2014 - September 2015
- 15pts**, median age 40,5 years affected by **primary transphincteric anal fistula**
- Preop placement of a seton for a minimum period of two months
- The plug was surgically positioned through a “**press-fit**” technique



Results



Mean follow-up (range)	20 months (12-31)
Major complications (%)	0 (0%)
Recurrences (%)	3 (20%)
Mean healing time (range)	75 days (60-115)
Post-operative pain (%)	VAS 0-3: 13 (86%) VAS 4-7: 2 (14%) VAS 8-10: 0 (0%)
No impairment of continence was observed and no difference reported in Wexner Incontinence score before and after surgery	

Conclusions

The surgical treatment of anal fistulas still remains challenging and a sphincter-saving procedure is desirable. Our results suggest that ADM-plug is a simple, safe, not expensive, minimally invasive, sphincter-saving and potentially effective procedure in the treatment of anal fistula.

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