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Although Teflon membranes are commonly used in guided tissue regeneration (GTR) technique, membrane exposure was reported to be a major complication with prevalence in the range of 70%-80%.⁹⁻¹² Exposed membranes appeared to be contaminated with oral bacteria which prevents new attachment and bone formation.¹³ In the present preliminary study, we suggest that PDCM might achieve tissue integration 14 days after implantation. It can be inferred that tissue integration of PDCMs with adjacent tissue may avoid the need for suturing during surgery and early membrane exposure in the GTR technique. This facilitates new attachment and a more proper use of PDCM in periodontal clinics. Our subsequent study will focus on comparisons of surface characteristics of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE) and PDCM.

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