# Host-Modulation Therapy in Dentistry: An In-depth Overview

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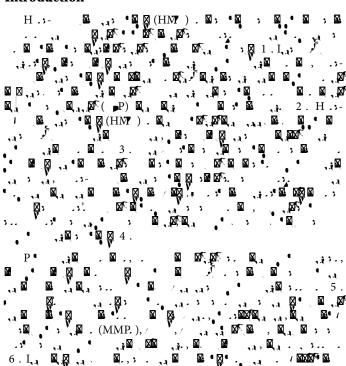
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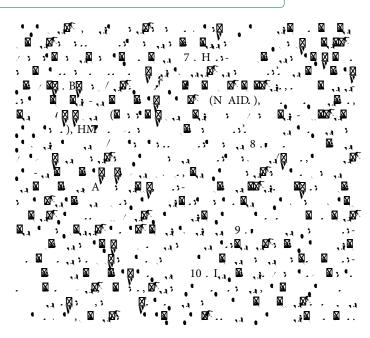
#### **Abstract**

Host-modulation therapy (HMT) in dental medicine refers to a therapeutic approach that targets the host's immune response, rather than directly targeting the microbial agents causing diseases. This treatment modality has garnered increasing attention in the management of periodontal diseases, including gingivitis and periodontitis, as it can modify the host's infammatory response to microbial challenge. HMT aims to alter the balance of host-derived infammatory mediators, thereby reducing tissue destruction and promoting periodontal healing without the use of antibiotics or antimicrobial agents. Periodontal diseases are often driven by a deregulated immune response to bacterial biofIm accumulation, leading to chronic infammation, tissue degradation, and eventual tooth loss. While conventional therapies such as scaling and root planing focus on mechanically removing bacterial biofIms, host-modulation therapy seeks to control the destructive infammatory processes through pharmacological or non-pharmacological interventions. Various agents, including non-steroidal anti-infammatory drugs (NSAIDs), bisphosphonates, statins, and low-dose doxycycline, have been studied for their ability to modulate infammatory pathways, such as matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and cytokine activity.

The potential advantages of host-modulation therapy include reduced reliance on antibiotics, the ability to target specific aspects of the infammatory response, and the promotion of tissue regeneration. However, its use remains controversial, with concerns about long-term safety, side effects, and the need for further evidence to guide its widespread clinical adoption. This abstract reviews the current state of host-modulation therapy in periodontal treatment, examining both its mechanisms of action and the clinical outcomes of its application. The future of HMT holds promise, with ongoing research focused on enhancing its eff cacy and understanding the precise roles of host factors in periodontal disease progression.

#### Introduction



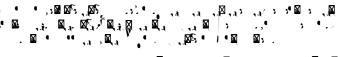


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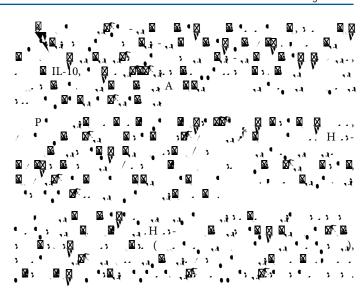
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## Mechanisms of host-modulation therapy



## Clinical applications of host-modulation therapy

### **Treatment of chronic periodontitis**

