MicroMatrix® and Cytal® Wound Matrix 3-Layer Facilitate Closure of Traumatic Scalp Avulsion Injury After Previous Failed Attempts with Other Methods

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Case Information

**Age:** 56 | **Sex:** Female | **BMI:** 30.0

**ACell® Product(s) Used:**
- MicroMatrix
- Cytal Wound Matrix 3-Layer

**Case Outcome**
Management with MicroMatrix and Cytal devices resulted in a vascularized wound bed within 15 days, allowing for use of a split-thickness skin graft for closure. Skin graft demonstrated greater than 90% acceptance, and the patient had no complications or readmissions.

Clinical Presentation and Case Background

A 56-year-old female patient presented to the emergency department with a traumatic scalp avulsion injury of the forehead to mid-skull following a motor vehicle accident. The patient was initially managed by maxillofacial surgery. Primary closure with a local skin flap was attempted but failed after necrosis of the skin flaps developed.

The wound was then managed with application of a matrix wound dressing (cross-linked bovine tendon collagen and glycosaminoglycan) and negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT), which was unsuccessful in achieving a granulated wound bed after three weeks.

Management of Wound

The patient was admitted for debridement with the wound measuring approximately 7 cm x 10 cm and exposed bone observed. The treatment plan was to utilize ACell’s Cytal and MicroMatrix wound devices to prepare the wound for definitive closure with a split-thickness skin graft. Approximately 6,000 mg of MicroMatrix and one 7 cm x 10 cm Cytal Wound Matrix 3-Layer device were applied to the wound. The devices were covered with a non-adherent dressing and a hydrogel dressing. The patient was discharged two days post-application and dressings were changed weekly on an outpatient basis.

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Outcome of Management and Follow-up

Following the application of MicroMatrix and Cytal, a healthy vascularized wound bed was formed over the exposed bone within 15 days.

Three weeks post-application, the wound bed was covered with a split-thickness skin graft. After three weeks, the skin graft demonstrated greater than 90% acceptance.

There were no complications and no readmissions.

Why this Patient was a Candidate for ACell Products

Primary closure with a local skin flap had failed, as had use of an alternative advanced wound dressing and NPWT. Following debridement, this patient had a large complex wound with exposed bone. While closure with a split-thickness skin graft was planned, the treating physician initiated wound management with MicroMatrix and Cytal with the goal of facilitating a vascularized tissue bed in preparation for the skin graft.

ACell Product Summary

Approximately 6,000 mg of MicroMatrix and one 7 cm x 10 cm Cytal Wound Matrix 3-Layer device were applied directly to the wound following debridement after NPWT device removal. The Cytal sheet was cut to fit the wound.

Source

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