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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABG Air-bone gap

AC Air conduction

B Frequency at which the sound pressure curve showed the minimum value.

BC Bone conduction

ET Eustachian tube

ME Middle ear

P The frequency at which the phase curve showed the maximum value

P_{min} The minimum value in the sound pressure curve

PTA Pure tone audiometry

RF Resonance frequency

Z The frequency at which the sound pressure curve crossed the 0-10 dB line

θmax The maximum value of the phase curve.

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Rationale

By definition myringoplasty deals with repair of a tympanic membrane perforation only. The magnitude of the air- bone gap usually reflects the amount of sound transmission loss across the perforated tympanic membrane and the middle ear ossicular chain.

Post-operative assessment of middle ear transmission includes measurements of AC, BC thresholds and evaluation of middle ear pressure and compliance. After successful myringoplasty and in spite of a complete closure of the air-bone gap there may be still a non-compliant middle ear system as measured by single frequency tympanometry.

In order to overcome the limitations of single frequency admittance measurement, use of multifrequency tympanometry shows the middle ear resonance, stiffness and mass acoustic transmission. Combination of all three measurements AC, BC thresholds, mono and multifrequency tympanometry is expected to reveal the acoustical transmission through the grafted tympanic membrane.

Review of literature

The tympanic membrane is an inverted cone with curved sides. Based upon the mechanical principles of curved membranes, Helmholtz postulated that the tympanic membrane should transform relatively large displacements of the low force, occurring on both sides about midway between the manubrium and the clamped rim, into smaller displacements of larger force at the manubrium. (1, 2, 3) (Figure 1).

The study of the dynamics of the human tympanic membrane is important for better understanding the hearing mechanism of the normal and reconstructed middle ear. The methods reported to measure these vibrations includes capacitive probe, holography, laser interferometer, and a Mossbauer techniques. However, some of these methods are so sophisticated and others are so invasive, that their use is not widespread. (2-6)

The mode of vibration of the tympanic membrane was first measured by Von Bekesy in 1941. Measuring the vibration amplitude for 2 kHz - point by point- by using a capacitive probe, Bekesy concluded that the tympanic membrane vibrated like a stiff plate hinged superiorly around the ossicular axis of rotation. Kirikae using a microscope and photography found that at 0.1-0.8 kHz the vibration of the TM was greatest and symmetrical in a circular intermediate area surrounding the central zone of the TM. (1,7-10)