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Role in the osseointegration of titanium dental implants, of bioactive surfaces based on biomolecules: A systematic review and meta-analysis of in vivo studies

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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Search strategy: The electronic databases PubMed/MEDLINE, WOS and EMBASE were searched until May 2022, with the terms Medical Subject Headings (MeSH): "titanium dental implants", "surface properties", "bioactive surface modifications", "biomolecules", "BMP", "antibacterial agent", "peptide", "collagen", "growth factor", in combination with "osseointegration", "bone apposition", "osteogenic", "osteogenesis", "new bone formation", "bone to implant contact", "bone regeneration" and "in vivo studies". The Boolean operators AND/OR were used to refine the search. In addition, relevant studies in the gray literature and reference lists of included studies were also examined (cross-referenced).

Participant or population: Subjects received endosseous implantation.

Intervention: Implants with incorporated bioactive surfaces based on biomolecules.

Comparator: Implants with conventional etched surfaces (SLA type).

Study designs to be included: Preclinical studies in unmodified experimental animal models.

Eligibility criteria: a) Studies regarding Ti implant surfaces coated with biomolecules; b) Studies reporting evaluation of the effect of biomolecular coatings on bone formation or osseointegration; c) Studies published in English.

Information sources: PubMed, EMBASE, Web Of Science.

Main outcome(s): Three categories of biomolecular coatings have been evaluated in this review: (1) peptides, (2) BMPs and (3) extracellular matrix. The initial electronic search yielded 10,697 references. After eliminating duplicates and irrelevant articles based on their title and abstracts, 84 articles were selected, of which, after eliminating those that did not meet inclusion criteria (in vitro studies, systematic reviews, modified animals...), 26 full texts were selected.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The included studies were evaluated according to the ARRIVE (Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments) guidelines, which include a total of 23 items. Each item was evaluated by reviewers N.L.-V. and A.L.-V. who attributed scores of 0 (not reported) or 1 (reported) by performing a complete count of all included studies. The SYRCLE risk of bias tool (an adapted version of the Cochrane RoB tool with specific biases in animal studies) was used to assess the methodology of the scientific evidence in all selected studies.

Strategy of data synthesis: Studies that made no reference to the research question were removed and the titles and abstracts of the articles selected were obtained and entered in an Excel spreadsheet. Two reviewers (N.L.-V. and A.L.-V.) selected the titles and abstracts independently. Discrepancies in terms of study inclusion were discussed between the two mentioned reviewers until consensus was reached. Subsequently, full texts of the selected studies were obtained for their review and inclusion.

Subgroup analysis: Peptides, BMPs and Components of the extracellular matrix. The meta-analysis was performed using RevMan software [Review Manager (RevMan) (Computer program). Version 5.4.1, The Cochrane Collaboration, 2020].

Sensitivity analysis: Not applicable.

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