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- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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# THE IMPACT OF SYSTEMIC DRUGS ON DENTAL IMPLANT OSSEOINTEGRATION: A REVIEW

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### Abstract.

The process of osteointegration of dental implants is a biological process. Systemic therapy can interfere with this process, affecting the growth and breakdown processes of the bone and ultimately leading to implant failure. This literature review focuses on specific groups of systemic drugs that directly impact osteointegration.

Materials and methods: The research in electronic literature was conducted using the National Library of Medicine's PubMed/MEDLINE database from March 2000 to February 2024. The following MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) terms were used: "implant osseointegration," "bisphosphonates," "non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs," "glucocorticoids," "proton pump inhibitors," and "selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)." This search yielded 1,258 articles on implant osseointegration. Among these, 30 articles met our criteria for implant osseointegration and bisphosphonates, 2 articles for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), 7 articles for glucocorticoids, 14 articles for proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), and 14 articles for selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs).

Conclusion: Clinicians considering implant therapy should be mindful of potential medication-related implant failures. The present systematic review has identified an association between proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), glucocorticoids, and bisphosphonates with an increased implant failure rate.

**Key words.** Osteointegration, Bisphosphonates, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, SSRIs, proton pump inhibitors, dental failure.

### Introduction.

In the past three decades, there has been a notable rise in demand for dental implants as a solution for tooth loss, largely due to advancements in endodontic treatment. Dental implants offer immediate restoration of function and aesthetics for patients who have lost teeth [1]. However, it's important to recognize that dental implants may not be suitable for every patient. As clinicians, we must meticulously evaluate patients, considering not only their dental health but also their systemic conditions and medications. Systemic diseases and medications used in their treatment can significantly impact the osseointegration process of dental implants [2,3]. Therefore, thorough assessment and consideration of these factors are imperative to ensure successful treatment outcomes.

Data on drug use incidence in the USA from 2000 to 2008 revealed a notable increase in the utilization of various therapies [4]. The percentage of Americans who had taken one, two, or five prescription medications saw significant growth during this period. Specifically, the percentage of individuals receiving one medication increased from 44% in 2000 to 48% in 2008. Similarly, the percentage of those receiving two medications rose from 25% to 31%, while the percentage of individuals taking five medications increased from 6% to 11% over the same period [4]. Hence, to mitigate the risk of dental implant failures and address the influence of medications on the osseointegration process, thorough pre-operative assessment is essential.

### Materials and Methods.

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The articles were chosen by evaluating the titles and abstracts of those containing the term "drug impact osteointegration" in the title. Articles pertaining specifically to clinical applications within general dentistry and its various application fields were manually searched in relevant prominent journals. Additionally, the reference lists of included studies were screened with no language restrictions. The inclusion criteria established for this review were as follows: all case reports, case series, original research papers, review papers, in vivo studies, and controlled clinical trials examining the influence of medications on the osseointegration process, along with comprehensive preoperative assessments utilized in dentistry-related studies.

### Osteointegration.

The process of osseointegration of dental implants is a biological phenomenon that leads to a direct bond between the jawbone and the implant surface, excluding the incorporation of connective tissue [5]. This process progresses through distinct stages including hemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and

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remodeling. It is imperative for the success of osseointegration to eliminate introgenic or systemic biological factors that could adversely affect the bone-implant connection.

Certain systemic drugs that we have analyzed and found to have an impact on the process of osseointegration of dental implants include:

- Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)
- Bisphosphonates
- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- Glucocorticoids
- Proton pomp inhibitors

### Bisphosphonates.

These drugs are commonly prescribed for the treatment of various bone pathologies such as osteoporosis, multiple myeloma, Paget's disease, and bone metastases. They significantly interfere with the process of osseointegration due to their effects on bone metabolism at the cellular level. Specifically, these medications inhibit the osteoclast cell cycle, thereby preventing bone resorption, which is essential for the initiation of new bone formation [3,6].

The method of administration for these therapies is typically oral or intravenous. One characteristic of these treatments is their long duration of action, as they are retained within the bone. For example, Alendronate, a prominent drug in bone pathology, can remain effective for up to 10 years. However, despite their efficacy in treating bone disorders, these medications can pose significant complications during oral surgical procedures such as implant placement or tooth extraction. One notable complication is osteonecrosis of the jaw, which has been documented in cases where patients undergo oral surgery. Even after 8 weeks post-surgery, healing may not occur, leading to bony exposure of the jaw. It's important to note that this complication can occur even in patients who have not undergone radiotherapy in the maxillofacial region [7].

The treatment protocol for such cases necessitates individualized approaches, albeit challenging. However, adhering to preventive procedures can significantly mitigate complications, including the risk of osteonecrosis. These preventive measures encompass administering antibiotics, local irrigation with antimicrobial solutions, thorough wound cleaning, application of plasma rich in platelets, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Based on a comprehensive literature review, it is imperative for patients to undergo routine oral cavity examinations [6,7]. Whenever possible, minimally invasive procedures should be favored. In cases requiring dental implant placement, it is recommended to discontinue systemic drug therapy three months before and three months after the intervention. Additionally, the application of a temporary prosthesis is advised to safeguard against potential postoperative wound injuries.

According to the Maxillofacial and Oral Surgical Association, dental implants are contraindicated in patients undergoing intravenous bisphosphonate therapy. However, for patients receiving oral bisphosphonate therapy, the contraindication for implant placement varies depending on the duration of treatment. Patients who have recently initiated oral bisphosphonate therapy or have been under treatment for up to three years are not necessarily contraindicated for implant placement. However,

for those who have been undergoing therapy for a prolonged period, such as 10 years, the incidence of bone osteonecrosis becomes evident [8].

As a preventive measure, prophylactic antibiotic therapy should be administered, with a combination of penicillin or metronidazole along with a broad-spectrum antibiotic such as a quinolone. Additionally, mouthwash containing Chlorhexidine 0.12% should be used twice daily for two weeks. Given the prolonged retention of bisphosphonate therapy in bone tissue, monitoring the level of Type 1 collagen Carboxy-terminal telopeptide in the blood is crucial. Elevated levels of this telopeptide indicate collagen degradation, necessitating preventive measures [9]. Surgeons must possess comprehensive knowledge of these drugs, including their pharmacological, pharmacodynamic, pharmacokinetic, and mechanistic aspects, to effectively manage patients undergoing bisphosphonate therapy.

Based on scientific studies analyzed by Freitas and collaborators in 2016, comprising 15 studies including 8 retrospective, 1 prospective, and 6 other cases, a total of 1339 patients were analyzed, with 3748 implants placed. Among these, 152 implants failed, and 78 cases of osteonecrosis were reported [10]. These findings underscore the importance of distinguishing between patients undergoing intravenous and oral administration of bisphosphonates when considering invasive oral surgical interventions, including dental implants. Intravenous administration presents a contraindication for such procedures, whereas for patients under oral administration, it is crucial to assess the duration of therapy and implement preventive measures to mitigate the risk of osteonecrosis prior to oral surgical interventions [10]. The risk of developing bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw and experiencing implant failure or loss is higher in patients receiving intravenous bisphosphonate therapy. Therefore, it is crucial to conduct a thorough analysis of the patient's complete medical history. If bisphosphonate therapy is confirmed, the duration of treatment and the route of administration must be carefully considered [11].

### Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are a class of medications known for their anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic effects. In oral surgical interventions, NSAIDs are primarily utilized for managing postoperative pain. Their mechanism of action involves the inhibition of cyclooxygenase enzymes (COX1, COX2, and COX3), which directly interferes with the synthesis of prostaglandins and thromboxane. Prostaglandins serve as inflammatory mediators that play a crucial role in bone metabolism. Therefore, the inhibition of their synthesis by NSAIDs can disrupt the repair mechanisms of bone tissue [11-13].

According to a long-term study by Marquez-Lara et al., analyzing the effects of peri-operative non-steroidal anti-inflammatory therapy, dental implant osseointegration failures were observed [14]. Out of 197 implants that failed over an extended period, 44% of the failures occurred in patients who received NSAID therapy before the operation, while 38% occurred in patients who did not receive any nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication [12,13]. Additionally, the group

receiving NSAID therapy exhibited a 3.2 times higher rate of bone loss compared to the group not receiving NSAID therapy, with a loss of less than 30% of the total bone height [14,15].

### Proton pump inhibitor drugs.

Proton pump inhibitor drugs, such as Omeprazole, Pantoprazole, and Esomeprazole, are commonly prescribed for the treatment and prevention of gastrointestinal pathologies such as peptic ulcers, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), and Heliobacter pylori infection [16]. These medications function by suppressing stomach acidity through the inhibition of the proton pump (H+/K+ ATPase). Notably, this proton pump is not limited to the gastrointestinal tract but also exists in the bones of the body [17].

These drugs exert their indirect effects on bone density and the osseointegration process of dental implants through multiple mechanisms. By inhibiting stomach acid production, they disrupt calcium homeostasis, leading to decreased calcium absorption. Consequently, this reduction in calcium absorption contributes to a decline in bone density. Moreover, proton pump inhibitors also affect the activity of osteoclasts, further impacting bone metabolism and potentially interfering with the osseointegration process of dental implants [18,19].

During our literature review, we examined various scientific studies focusing on patients receiving proton pump inhibitor (PPI) therapy. For instance, Wu conducted a study involving 799 patients who received a total of 1773 dental implants, with 133 implants in 58 PPI users and 1640 implants in 741 non-users [19]. The study found that implant failure occurred at a rate of 6.8% in PPI users compared to 3.2% in non-users. Additionally, Ursomanno conducted a study examining bone level loss in 635 patients with a total of 1480 implants. Among PPI users, a bone level loss of 1.60 mm was observed, whereas non-users experienced a loss of 1.01 mm [20].

In another study conducted by Charcovic, which involved 999 patients and a total of 3559 dental implants, 178 implants were reported to have failed. Among these failures, 12.0% (30 out of 250) occurred in PPI users, while 4.5% (148 out of 3309) occurred in non-users [21].

Ultimately, decisions regarding the placement of dental implants in patients using PPIs should be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the individual patient's overall health status, risk factors, and the potential benefits and risks of the procedure. Close collaboration between the patient's dental and medical providers is essential in ensuring the best possible outcomes [22,23]. PPIs inhibit proton pumps not only in the stomach but also in osteoclasts within bone. This inhibition reduces the acidification necessary for bone resorption, impairing osteoclast function and disrupting normal bone remodeling. Over time, these effects can lead to decreased bone density and an increased risk of fractures and osteoporosis. Therefore, the impact of PPIs on bone health is an important consideration, particularly for patients requiring long-term PPI therapy [21-23].

### Glucocorticoid drugs.

The glucocorticoid drugs work by inhibiting inflammatory processes, which are often associated with autoimmune diseases [24]. These medications mimic the action of natural

steroids produced by the body and are typically used when the body's own anti-inflammatory response is insufficient to manage autoimmune conditions effectively. By suppressing inflammation, glucocorticoids help alleviate symptoms and reduce the immune system's attack on the body's own tissues in autoimmune diseases [25,26].

Therefore, the use of glucocorticoid therapy, especially at high supraphysiological levels and for extended periods, can potentially interfere with the osseointegration process of dental implants [27]. This highlights the importance of careful consideration and monitoring of glucocorticoid therapy in patients undergoing dental implant procedures. Prednisone and Prednisolone are intermediate-acting corticosteroids that have a longer duration of action compared to Dexamethasone, which is a long-acting corticosteroid [28]. Their prolonged presence in the body can lead to more pronounced suppression of bone formation by osteoblasts, thereby potentially impairing the process of osseointegration. However, it's important to note that the choice of corticosteroid and its dosage should be carefully evaluated based on individual patient factors, the specific condition being treated, and the desired therapeutic outcomes [28].

The blockade of the B-Catenin/Wingless pathway leads to several effects, including an increase in the level of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and the production of the Activating Receptor of the binding factor kappa-B (RANK), which is the main mediator in the process of bone resorption [29]. RANK stimulates osteoclast formation and activity, leading to increased bone resorption. Preosteoclasts, which express RANK, interact with osteoblasts to form a complex that promotes osteoclast differentiation and maturation. Ultimately, this dysregulation of bone remodeling results in excessive bone resorption and decreased bone formation, contributing to bone loss and potentially impairing processes such as osseointegration of dental implants [30].

Firstly, the decrease in osteoblast secretion of Osteoprotegerin (OPG) reduces its availability to bind with RANKL receptors, resulting in an imbalance favoring bone resorption over formation. This imbalance further exacerbates bone resorption. Additionally, the apoptosis of osteocytes, the main cells responsible for maintaining bone health and integrity, leads to poor bone quality. The reduction in osteoblasts, osteocytes, and OPG levels, combined with increased osteoclast function, results in less formed bone and increased bone resorption [30]. Moreover, the decrease in vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) further contributes to bone complications such as osteoporosis or osteonecrosis. These effects collectively impair the creation of adequate bone, which is crucial for successful osseointegration of implants [31]. Overall, clinical trials investigating implant failure caused by glucocorticoids highlight the importance of considering the potential impact of systemic medications on bone health and implant outcome. They may delay the process of osseointegration, which is essential for the successful integration of dental implants with the surrounding bone. Moreover, the clinical trials have reported longer healing times and decreased implant stability in patients receiving glucocorticoid therapy. Glucocorticoids can lead to a decrease in bone quality, including reduced bone mineral density and alterations in bone microarchitecture. These

changes may compromise the stability and longevity of dental implants [32,33]. It have been suggested that glucocorticoid use may increase the risk of peri-implantitis, an inflammatory condition that affects the soft and hard tissues surrounding dental implants. This complication can contribute to implant failure [34].

### Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) are a type of antidepressant commonly used to treat major depressive disorders and anxiety disorders. They are the most widely prescribed antidepressants globally [35]. The SSRIs, including Prozac, Paxil, Lexapro, Zoloft and Celexa, are medications developed to block the reuptake of serotonin, thereby increasing its levels to treat depression [36]. Approximately 3.8% of the global population suffers from depression, with 5% of adults affected (4% of men and 6% of women), and 5.7% of adults over the age of 60. Around 280 million people worldwide are living with depression [37]. Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine 5-HT) is a monoamine neurotransmitter in the brain that plays a role in promoting feelings of well-being and happiness [38]. In bone metabolism, serotonin regulates the activity of bone cells by interacting with receptors such as 5-HT1B, 5-HT2B, and 5-HT2C, as well as serotonin transporters (5-HTTs) [35]. This results in intricate signaling pathways within osteoblasts and osteoclasts, influencing various aspects of bone remodeling. Hence, SSRIs inhibit serotonin transporters (5-HTTs) on bone cells, leading to a direct adverse impact on metabolism and bone formation [39]. Previous studies on SSRIs have shown that using these medications reduces bone formation, thereby increasing the risk of bone fractures. The inhibition of 5-HT reuptake leads to enhanced osteoclast differentiation and suppressed osteoblast proliferation, resulting in a decrease in overall bone mass and bone mineral density [39,40].

The case report by Grün et al. suggests a potential association between SSRIs and the failure of osseointegrated dental implants in a premenopausal Caucasian woman. However, it's important to note that this case report represents only a single instance and does not establish a definitive causal relationship between SSRIs and implant failure. Further research is needed to determine the precise mechanisms by which SSRIs might impact implant success rates and to evaluate any potential confounding factors that could contribute to implant failure in similar case (41). The study conducted by Wu X et al., concluded that SSRI treatment was linked to a greater risk of osseointegrated implant failure. They also noted that other factors, such as implant diameter, bone augmentation, and smoking habits, could significantly influence implant survival rates (42).

### Conclusion.

Clinicians considering implant therapy should be mindful of potential medication-related implant failures. The present systematic review has identified an association between proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), glucocorticoids, and bisphosphonates with an increased implant failure rate. Further research is warranted to investigate the effects of these medications as potential confounders for implant outcomes.

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