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### SUMMARY.

#### Objectives

The aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of topical application of vitamin D over implant surface, placed immediately to the extraction, throughout histological and histomorphometric analysis of peri-implant tissue.

#### Material and methods

Six American foxhound dogs were used in the study. Mandibular premolar distal roots were extracted. Twenty-four immediate conical C1 implants (MIS®, Barlev, Israel) were randomly assigned to the distal site on each site of the mandible in three groups: (Group CI) 12 titanium implants alone; (Test Group DI) 12 titanium implants supplemented with vitamin D. Prior to implanting, test implants (DI) were submerged in vitamin D 10% solution. No treatment was applied at control implants (CI). After 12 weeks, animals were sacrificed. Block sections were obtained and processed for mineralized ground sectioning. Bone-to-implant contact (Total BIC and BIC%), new bone formation (NBF), interthread bone (ITB), and histological linear measurements (HLM) were analyzed.

#### Results

At 12 weeks, all implants were clinically stable and histologically osseointegrated. BIC evaluation showed Total BIC mean and SD values for DI ( $48.96 \pm 2.14$ ), CI ( $44.56 \pm 1.75$ ) ( $P < 0.05$ ), BIC% DI ( $43.59 \pm 0.98$ ), and CI ( $42.67 \pm 9.26$ ) ( $P > 0.05$ ). For interthread bone formation, values were as follows: DI ( $15.21 \pm 3.87$ ), CI ( $14.79 \pm 1.45$ ) ( $P > 0.05$ ), no statistically differences. Regarding peri-implant new bone formation, no statistically differences could be found between the two groups DI ( $31.87 \pm 1.23$ ), CI ( $27.18 \pm 2.38$ ) ( $P > 0.05$ ). For linear measurements, test group (DI) showed statistically significant less buccal crestal bone loss (CBL) DI ( $0.37 \pm 0.12$ )\*, CI ( $1.26 \pm 0.8$ ) ( $P < 0.05$ ), and vitamin D implants showed less lingual junctional epithelium DI ( $1.58 \pm 0.43$ )\*, CI ( $2.18 \pm 0.48$ ) ( $P < 0.05$ ). No differences were observed in the buccal mucosa.

#### Conclusions

With the limitation of animal studies, topical application of vitamin D on dental implants could reduce crestal bone loss and increase 10% more bone-to-implant contact at 12 - week follow-up period.

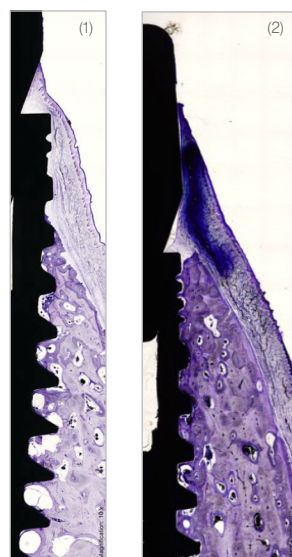


Fig 1. Buccal ground section of an untreated implant (CI) after 12 weeks of healing. Hematoxylin eosin stain, original magnification x10.

Fig. 2. Buccal ground section of a test implant (DI) after 12 weeks of healing. Hematoxylin eosin stain, original magnification x10.

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