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THE ROLE OF MODERN DIAGNOSTIC METHODS IN PREDICTING AND PREVENTING COMPLICATIONS IN DENTAL IMPLANTATION

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Abstracts: Background: Dental implantation is a leading method for restoring dentition defects, but complications such as peri-implantitis and osseointegration failure remain significant challenges. Predicting these risks requires precise assessment of bone quality and microcirculation. Objective: To evaluate the role of modern diagnostic methods, specifically 3D radiography (CBCT) and Laser Doppler Flowmetry (LDF), in monitoring osseointegration and preventing complications during early functional loading of dental implants. Methods: A clinical study involving 90 patients (aged 25–61) with minor dentition defects was conducted. Patients were divided into three groups: Group 1 (n=28) received two-stage implantation with delayed loading; Group 2 (n=31) received implants with early functional loading (1 month post-surgery); Group 3 (n=38) received traditional bridge prostheses. Diagnostic monitoring included 3D CBCT for bone density and LDF for gingival microcirculation dynamics at 1, 3, 6, 9, and 12 months. Results: 3D radiography revealed that early functional loading (Group 2) stimulates bone density preservation comparable to the delayed loading group. LDF analysis showed that microcirculation in the peri-implant zone recovers faster under controlled early loading compared to traditional bridges, serving as a predictive marker for tissue stability. Conclusion: The combined use of 3D radiography and LDF allows for the objective prediction of complications by detecting early signs of bone loss and ischemia. These diagnostic tools are essential for determining the optimal timing for prosthetic loading and preventing implant failure.

Keywords: Dental implantation, 3D radiography, Laser Doppler Flowmetry (LDF), early functional loading, osseointegration, complications.

DENTAL IMPLANTATSIYADA ASORATLARNI PROGNOZ QILISH VA OLDINI OLISHDA ZAMONAVIY DIAGNOSTIKA USULLARINING O‘RNI.

Annotatsiya: Kirish: Dental implantatsiya tish qatori nuqsonlarini tiklashning yetakchi usuli hisoblanadi, ammo peri-implantit va osseointegratsiyaning buzilishi kabi asoratlar dolzarb muammo bo‘lib qolmoqda. Ushbu xavflarni prognoz qilish suyak sifati va mikrosirkulyatsiyani aniq baholashni talab etadi. Maqsad: Dental implantlarga erta funksional yuklama berish jarayonida osseointegratsiyani monitoring qilish va asoratlarni oldini olishda zamonaviy diagnostika usullari, xususan 3D rentgenografiya (KSKT) va Lazer Doppler Floumetriya (LDF) ning o‘rnini baholash. Usullar: Tish qatori kichik nuqsonlari bo‘lgan 90 nafar bemor (25–61 yosh) ishtirokida klinik tadqiqot o‘tkazildi. Bemorlar uch guruhga bo‘lindi: 1-guruh (n=28) kechiktirilgan yuklama bilan ikki bosqichli implantatsiya; 2-guruh (n=31) erta funksional yuklama (operatsiyadan 1 oy o‘tgach); 3-guruh (n=38) an’anaviy ko‘prik protezlari. Diagnostik

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monitoring 1, 3, 6, 9 va 12-oylarda suyak zichligini aniqlash uchun 3D KSKT va milk mikrosirkulyatsiyasini o‘rganish uchun LDFni o‘z ichiga oldi. Natijalar: 3D rentgenografiya shuni ko‘rsatdiki, erta funksional yuklama (2-guruh) suyak zichligini saqlashni kechiktirilgan yuklama guruhi bilan bir xil darajada rag‘batlantiradi. LDF tahlili an’anaviy ko‘priklarga qaraganda nazorat ostidagi erta yuklama sharoitida peri-implant zonadagi mikrosirkulyatsiya tezroq tiklanishini ko‘rsatdi va bu to‘qima barqarorligining prognostik belgisi bo‘lib xizmat qiladi. Xulosa: 3D rentgenografiya va LDFdan birgalikda foydalanish suyak yo‘qotilishi va ishemiyaning erta belgilarini aniqlash orqali asoratlarni obyektiv prognoz qilish imkonini beradi. Ushbu diagnostika vositalari protezlashning optimal muddatlarini belgilash va implantat tushib ketishining oldini olishda muhim ahamiyatga ega.

Kalit so‘zlar: Dental implantatsiya, 3D rentgenografiya, Lazer Doppler Floumetriya (LDF), erta funksional yuklama, osseointegratsiya, asoratlar.

РОЛЬ СОВРЕМЕННЫХ МЕТОДОВ ДИАГНОСТИКИ В ПРОГНОЗИРОВАНИИ И ПРОФИЛАКТИКЕ ОСЛОЖНЕНИЙ ПРИ ДЕНТАЛЬНОЙ ИМПЛАНТАЦИИ.

Аннотация : Введение: Дентальная имплантация является ведущим методом восстановления дефектов зубного ряда, однако такие осложнения, как периимплантит и нарушение остеоинтеграции, остаются серьезной проблемой. Прогнозирование этих рисков требует точной оценки качества кости и микроциркуляции. Цель: Оценить роль современных методов диагностики, в частности 3D-рентгенографии (КЛКТ) и лазерной допплеровской флоуметрии (ЛДФ), в мониторинге остеоинтеграции и профилактике осложнений при ранней функциональной нагрузке на дентальные имплантаты. Методы: Проведено клиническое исследование с участием 90 пациентов (25–61 лет) с малыми дефектами зубных рядов. Пациенты были разделены на три группы: 1-я группа (n=28) – двухэтапная имплантация с отсроченной нагрузкой; 2-я группа (n=31) – ранняя функциональная нагрузка (через 1 месяц после операции); 3-я группа (n=38) – традиционные мостовидные протезы. Диагностический мониторинг включал 3D КЛКТ для оценки плотности кости и ЛДФ для динамики микроциркуляции десны через 1, 3, 6, 9 и 12 месяцев. Результаты: 3D-рентгенография показала, что ранняя функциональная нагрузка (2-я группа) стимулирует сохранение плотности кости сопоставимо с группой отсроченной нагрузки. Анализ ЛДФ показал, что микроциркуляция в периимплантной зоне восстанавливается быстрее при контролируемой ранней нагрузке по сравнению с традиционными мостами, что служит прогностическим маркером стабильности тканей. Заключение: Совместное использование 3D-рентгенографии и ЛДФ позволяет объективно прогнозировать осложнения, выявляя ранние признаки потери костной ткани и ишемии. Эти диагностические инструменты необходимы для определения оптимальных сроков протезирования и предотвращения отторжения имплантата.

Ключевые слова: Дентальная имплантация, 3D-рентгенография, Лазерная допплеровская флоуметрия (ЛДФ), ранняя функциональная нагрузка, остеоинтеграция, осложнения.

INTRODUCTION

In modern dentistry, the restoration of dentition defects using dental implants has become the gold standard, offering patients improved functional and aesthetic outcomes compared to

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traditional removable or fixed prostheses. However, the success of dental implantation is intrinsically linked to the biological response of the alveolar bone and surrounding soft tissues. A major challenge facing clinicians today is the phenomenon of progressive bone atrophy following tooth extraction. This atrophy is often precipitated by the loss of natural intraosseous masticatory stimulation, leading the bone to adapt by reducing its volume and density—a process known as disuse atrophy.

While the two-stage implantation protocol (with delayed loading) has historically been favored to minimize risk, it does not immediately address the lack of functional stimulation, potentially allowing further resorption during the healing phase. Consequently, interest has shifted towards Early Functional Loading (EFL) protocols, which aim to deliver physiological stress to the bone-implant interface to stimulate osteogenesis. However, EFL carries the risk of overloading the immature interface, leading to fibrous encapsulation and implant failure.

The core problem in clinical practice is the lack of objective, quantifiable metrics to predict whether a patient can safely tolerate early loading. Traditional 2D radiography (periapical or panoramic X-rays) provides limited information about the volumetric density of trabecular bone and cannot visualize the hemodynamic status of the peri-implant tissues. Complications such as peri-implantitis often begin with microcirculatory disturbances (ischemia or stasis) long before radiographic bone loss becomes visible. Therefore, there is an urgent need for high-precision diagnostic imperatives—specifically 3D Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) for structural analysis and Laser Doppler Flowmetry (LDF) for functional vascular assessment—to predict and prevent these complications. This study aims to validate these methods as essential tools for optimizing orthopedic rehabilitation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Bone remodeling and imaging - the quality and quantity of bone tissue are reliable parameters for successful orthopedic treatment. Petrov (2014) emphasized that quantitative assessment of loads and their application points allows for the correct choice of implant design. Modern 3D radiography allows for the visualization of the trabecular bone pattern and density in Hounsfield units, which is critical for predicting primary stability (Perova, 2002).

Microcirculation and healing - The success of osseointegration is not solely mechanical but also biological. The restoration of microvascular blood flow is essential for nutrient delivery to the healing bone. Laser Doppler Flowmetry (LDF) provides a non-invasive method to measure perfusion units (PU) in the gingival mucosa. Studies suggest that ischemia or stagnation in the peri-implant zone is an early precursor to inflammation and peri-implantitis. Monitoring hemodynamic changes allows for the early detection of maladaptation to functional loads.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study design and participants The clinical study was conducted at the Department of Hospital Orthopedic Dentistry of the Tashkent State Dental Institute. A total of 90 patients (55 women, 35 men) aged 25 to 61 years, with no underlying systemic pathologies, were selected.

Grouping Patients were divided into three groups based on the treatment protocol: Group 1 (n=28) - Patients with minor mandibular defects treated with two-stage intraosseous screw

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implants and delayed loading (prosthetics after 3-6 months). Group 2 (n=31) - Patients with minor mandibular defects treated with implants and early functional loading (prosthetics fixed 1 month after implantation). Group 3 (n=38) - Control group treated with traditional bridge prosthetics for minor defects.

Diagnostic methods - A comprehensive clinical-functional assessment was performed at dynamic intervals: 1, 3, 6, 9, and 12 months post-procedure. 3D Radiography (CBCT) - To assess bone density (osteointegration) and marginal bone height dynamics. Laser doppler flowmetry (LDF) - To evaluate the microcirculation index (PM) and hemodynamic stability in the peri-implant mucosa. Periotest/Stability measurement - To determine the mobility of implants and natural teeth. Statistical analysis - Data were processed to determine significant differences in healing rates and stability.

RESULTS

Bone Tissue Dynamics (3D Radiography) The analysis of 3D radiographic data revealed distinct patterns in bone adaptation. Group 1 (Delayed) - Showed stable osseointegration but slower initial mineralization density increase compared to Group 2. Group 2 (Early Loading) - Demonstrated a "training effect" on the bone. The controlled mechanical stress applied at 1 month stimulated trabecular densification. By the 6th month, cortical plate stabilization was comparable to Group 1, with no significant marginal bone loss (>1mm), indicating effective load adaptation. Group 3 (Bridges) - Showed progressive atrophy in the edentulous pontic area due to lack of intraosseous stimulation.

Table 1: Comparative dynamics of peri-implant bone density (hounsfield units)

Time Point	Group 1 (Delayed)	Group 2 (Early Loading)	Group 3 (Control)
1 Month	850 ± 45 HU	865 ± 50 HU	N/A (Atrophy)
3 Months	920 ± 40 HU	980 ± 55 HU	N/A
6 Months	1100 ± 60 HU	1150 ± 65 HU	N/A
12 Months	1250 ± 50 HU	1260 ± 50 HU	N/A

Microcirculation Assessment (LDF) LDF values provided early warning signs of tissue stress.

In Group 2, a transient increase in capillary blood flow (hyperemia) was observed immediately after loading (1 month), which normalized by month 3. This indicates a physiological adaptive response.

Patients with low initial LDF values (<15 perfusion units) were identified as "high risk" for ischemia. In these cases, the loading protocol was adjusted to prevent necrosis.

Group 3 showed reduced blood flow in the gingiva under the pontic due to compression, highlighting the advantage of implant-supported prosthetics in maintaining vascular health.

Implant Stability - Stability measurements confirmed that early loading did not compromise fixation. By month 12, Group 2 implants showed stability values (Periotest values -4 to -6) identical to Group 1, proving that careful diagnostic monitoring allows for safe acceleration of treatment.

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DISCUSSION

The findings of this study fundamentally challenge the conservative "wait-and-see" approach in implant dentistry, advocating instead for a "monitor-and-act" strategy driven by high-precision diagnostics.

The Biomechanics of Early Loading Our results support Wolff's Law, which states that bone remodels in response to the loads placed upon it. In Group 2, the application of early functional loading (at 1 month) did not disrupt osseointegration; rather, it accelerated the mineralization process, as evidenced by the higher Hounsfield Unit (HU) values in the 3rd month (980 HU vs. 920 HU in Group 1). This suggests that controlled mechanical stress serves as a vital signal for osteoblast activity. However, this is a delicate balance: excessive load leads to resorption, while insufficient load leads to atrophy. 3D radiography proved indispensable in visualizing this balance, allowing us to detect marginal bone loss <0.5mm, which would be invisible on 2D X-rays.

Hemodynamics as a Predictive Marker One of the most significant contributions of this study is the validation of Laser Doppler Flowmetry (LDF) as a prognostic tool. We observed that successful adaptation to loading is characterized by a temporary, reactive hyperemia (increased microcirculation) which ensures adequate oxygen/nutrient supply to the remodeling bone. In contrast, cases that later developed complications often showed initial ischemia or stagnant congestion. By identifying patients with low perfusion reserves (<15 PU) early, clinicians can modify the loading protocol—delaying the prosthesis or reducing occlusal contacts—thereby preventing ischemic necrosis and implant failure. This functional assessment is entirely absent in traditional bridge protocols (Group 3), where soft tissue suppression under the pontic leads to chronic ischemia and tissue recession.

Comparative Efficacy The study clearly demonstrates that while traditional bridges (Group 3) restore function, they fail to preserve the biological integrity of the alveolar ridge. The progressive atrophy observed in this group highlights the superiority of implant-based rehabilitation. Furthermore, the comparable long-term stability between Group 1 (Delayed) and Group 2 (Early) indicates that extending treatment time is not always necessary if the patient's bone quality and vascular status—verified by diagnostics—are adequate.

CONCLUSION

Based on the comprehensive clinical-functional analysis conducted at the Tashkent State Dental Institute, the following conclusions are drawn:

The integration of 3D Radiography (CBCT) and Laser Doppler Flowmetry (LDF) into the implant protocol is not merely adjunctive but imperative. These tools transform the "blind" waiting period of osseointegration into a transparent, monitorable process, allowing for the early detection of pre-clinical complications such as marginal bone resorption or ischemic zones.

With strict diagnostic selection, the method of Early Functional Loading (prosthetics at 1 month) is highly effective. It stimulates early bone mineralization and prevents disuse atrophy, achieving osseointegration quality comparable to traditional delayed protocols but with significantly reduced rehabilitation time.

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LDF indicators serve as a "vascular barometer." A stable or reactive increase in microcirculation predicts successful adaptation, while persistent ischemia predicts failure. This allows for personalized treatment planning, where patients with compromised microcirculation are assigned to delayed loading protocols to mitigate risk.

We recommend that dental practitioners utilize LDF and CBCT data to stratify patients into "immediate," "early," or "delayed" loading categories. This individualized approach minimizes negative reactions to implantation and maximizes the longevity of the prosthetic rehabilitation.

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