

The Prevalence of Dental Implants and Related Factors in Patients with Sjögren Syndrome

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Table 1: Self-reported demographic and clinical features of patients with Sjögren's syndrome and controls

	Patients	Controls
N	205	87
Age in years, mean \pm SD (range)	58.1 \pm 12 (24-80)	54.1 \pm 14 (19-76)
Education, compulsory (%)	20.3	8.5
Secondary (%)	38.1	40.2
Higher (%)	41.6	51.3
Smoking, never (%)	62.8	58.6
Former (%)	31.6	19.6
Current (%)	5.4	21.8
Age at onset of xerostomia, years, mean \pm SD (range)	42.4 \pm 14.2 (12-72)	-
Toothache last 4 weeks (%)	48.8	11.5
Bleeding of the gums last 4 weeks (Gingivitis) (%)	60.4	34.5
Self-reported periodontitis (%)	19.0	8.0
Current number of natural teeth, mean \pm SD (median)	21.2 \pm 7.3 (24)	23.8 \pm 4.7 (25)
Edentulous (%)	2.9	0
Removable partial prostheses (%)	23.0	19.5
Removable total prostheses (upper or lower jaw) (%)	12.8	3.5
Individuals with dental implants, n (%)	32 (15.6)	6 (6.9)

Values are given as mean, standard deviation (SD) or percentage (%)

Table 2. Mean number of teeth by age and previous as well as current oral problems in patients with Sjögren's syndrome

	%	Teeth, μ	P-value
Age, years			< 0.001
≤ 50	23.2	25.5	
51-60	33.5	20.7	
61-70	23.8	20.7	
>70	19.5	17.3	
Education			0.019
Compulsory	20.3	19.4	
Secondary	38.1	20.2	
Higher	41.6	22.8	
Years with oral dryness			0.01
≤ 10	33.5	23.0	
11-20	40.0	20.0	
> 20	26.5	19.0	
Current severity of oral dryness, Numeric Rating Scale (0-10)			< 0.001
0-2	16.1	25.4	
3-6	26.3	21.0	
7-10	57.6	20.1	
Self-reported frequent caries in adolescence			< 0.001
Yes	29.5	18.7	
No	70.2	22.3	
Self-reported frequently bleeding gums in adolescence			0.002
Yes	15.6	18.8	
No	84.4	21.7	
Self-reported periodontitis			< 0.001
Yes	19.0	17.7	
No	81.0	22.9	

Table 3. Dental implants in patients with Sjögren's syndrome and controls

	Patients	Controls
N	205	87
Participants with dental implants, n (%)	32 (15.6)	6 (6.9)
Number of dental implants ever, n	104	14
Current number of dental implants, n	100	14
Mean number of dental implants currently, mean \pm SD (range)	3.1 \pm 2.0 (1-8)	2.3 \pm 1.9 (1-6)
Age of participants with vs. without implants, years, mean	64.5 vs. 57.0	63.2 vs. 53.5
Number of teeth in participants with vs. without implants, mean	17.5 vs. 21.9	21.5 vs. 24.0
Age of the oldest of the current implant, years, mean \pm SD (median)	4.9 \pm 5.4 (3)	2.4 \pm 1.8 (2)
Removed implants, n (%)	4 (3.8)	0 (0)
Replaced implants, n (%)	1 (1.0)	0 (0)

Values are given as mean, standard deviations (SD) or percentage (%)

Table 4. Comorbid conditions and therapies in patients with and without dental implants

	Patients with dental implants	Patients without dental implants	P-value
N	32	173	
Age, mean	64.5	57.0	0.003
Osteoporosis (%)	15.6	24.3	0.28
Diabetes mellitus (%)	3.1	5.8	1.00
Cancer (%)	9.4	12.1	1.00
Hyperthyroidism (%)	12.5	11.6	0.77
Glucocorticoids (%)	53.1	61.9	0.35
Bisphosphonates (%)	3.1	12.7	0.14
Anticoagulants (%)	12.5	15.6	0.79
Anticonvulsants (%)	9.4	8.1	0.73
Chemotherapy (%)	3.1	7.5	0.70

Table 5. Attitudes towards dental implants of patients and controls without implants

	Patients	Controls	P-value
N	173	81	
I am not interested in dental implants (%)	54.1	51.3	0.68
I do not need / want dental implants (%)	40.1	52.5	0.065
I am afraid that dental implants would not integrate properly (%)	40.1	18.8	< 0.001
I am firmly determined to get dental implants (%)	14.6	20.0	0.28
I would like to have implants but cannot afford them (%)	33.3	21.1	0.097
I do not know enough about dental implants to form an opinion (%)	51.7	30.0	0.001