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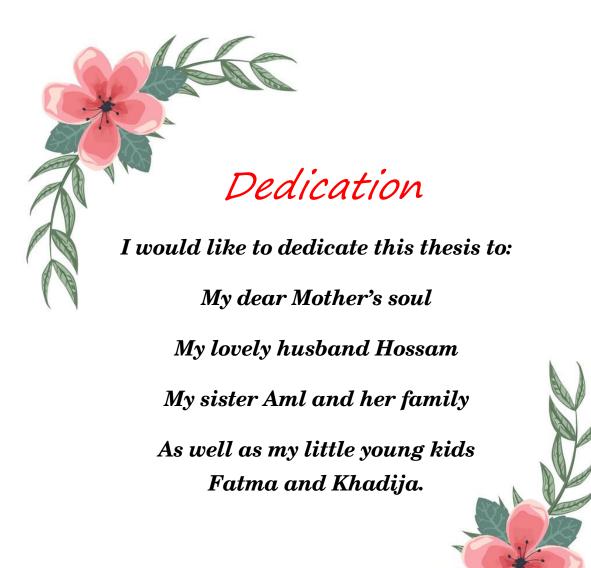
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Abb.	Full term
2D	Two-dimensional
3D	Three dimensional
<i>APT</i>	Alkaline phosphate test
<i>CBCT</i>	Cone beam computed tomography
CT	Computed tomography
<i>ERA</i>	Extra-coronal Resilient Attachment
<i>MBL</i>	Marginal bone loss
<i>MPR</i>	Multi-planar reformation
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
<i>OD</i>	Overdenture
<i>PM</i>	Prosthesis movement
<i>SD</i>	Standard deviation
TMDs	Temporomandibular joint disorders
<i>TMJ</i>	Tempromandibular joint



### Introduction

Denture wearers mostly reported problems with masticatory function, mainly caused by retention and stability problems of the mandibular prosthesis. Masticatory function of those patients is quite poor in comparison with that of healthy dentition subjects. Oral function significantly improves after rehabilitation with mandibular implant over denture. (1, 2)

It was noticed that overdenture wearers have masticatory conditions more similar to that of dentate individuals than complete denture wearers. This advantage is quite important to provide ideal nutritional condition and better quality of life to edentulous subjects. (3,4)

Bite force is one indicator of the functional state of the masticatory system that result from action of jaw elevator muscles modified by Cranio-mandibular biomechanics. (5)

The influence of bite force on the masticatory system is very profound. The magnitude of bite force has shown to be correlated to the patients' satisfaction with their complete dentures, type of patients' food intake as well as the amount of bone resorption under prostheses. (6,7)

Various treatment modalities with implant supported prosthesis have been described for mandibular edentulous ridges<sup>(8)</sup>. Two to four dental implants placed in bimental region has shown high success rate. (9) It was reported that peri-implant health between two implants and four implants had no significant differences (10). In addition, the prosthetic maintenance, complications, and patient satisfaction of two and four implant groups do not

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appear to be significantly different.<sup>(11)</sup> However, it was reported in both invivo and in-vitro studies that retention and stability of the dentures improves with increasing implant number and distribution.<sup>(12, 13)</sup>

Implants splinted together with bars may decrease the risk of overload to each implant as a result of greater surface area, load sharing between implants and improve biomechanical distribution. (14)

T-Scan is a computerized occlusal force analysis device which is an essential part of clinical functional analysis in prosthetic insertions. The T-Scan computerized system can rapidly determine prematurity, high points, region of excessive force and non-uniform force concentration it can also analyze dis occlusion time accurately. (15)