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## Preface

OMFS-IMPACT research group has been established 6 years ago. The physical proximity between the clinical and imaging department in a university setting with easy access to a multitude of research facilities cannot be underestimated. Add to this an active 3D-facility and a daily collaboration between clinicians and research fellows, creating a nurturing environment for clinician driven projects. Gradually we've seen increasing maturity in the group resulting in improved study design, statistical depth and research methods. Young talents from many countries find their place in this research group to achieve a Master or PhD thesis. The multicultural and multidisciplinary exercise serves output and fosters tolerance. To forge a group out of a heterogeneous mix of cultures and scientific backgrounds necessitates a talented coach. Prof. Reinhilde Jacobs has been the perfect person, heading this team in the right direction. Funding remains a time-consuming and frustrating concern of those in charge. The Yearbook 2018 reflects the efforts made in a research field where imaging science, nerve damage and orthognatic surgery have been the main focus in the past few years.



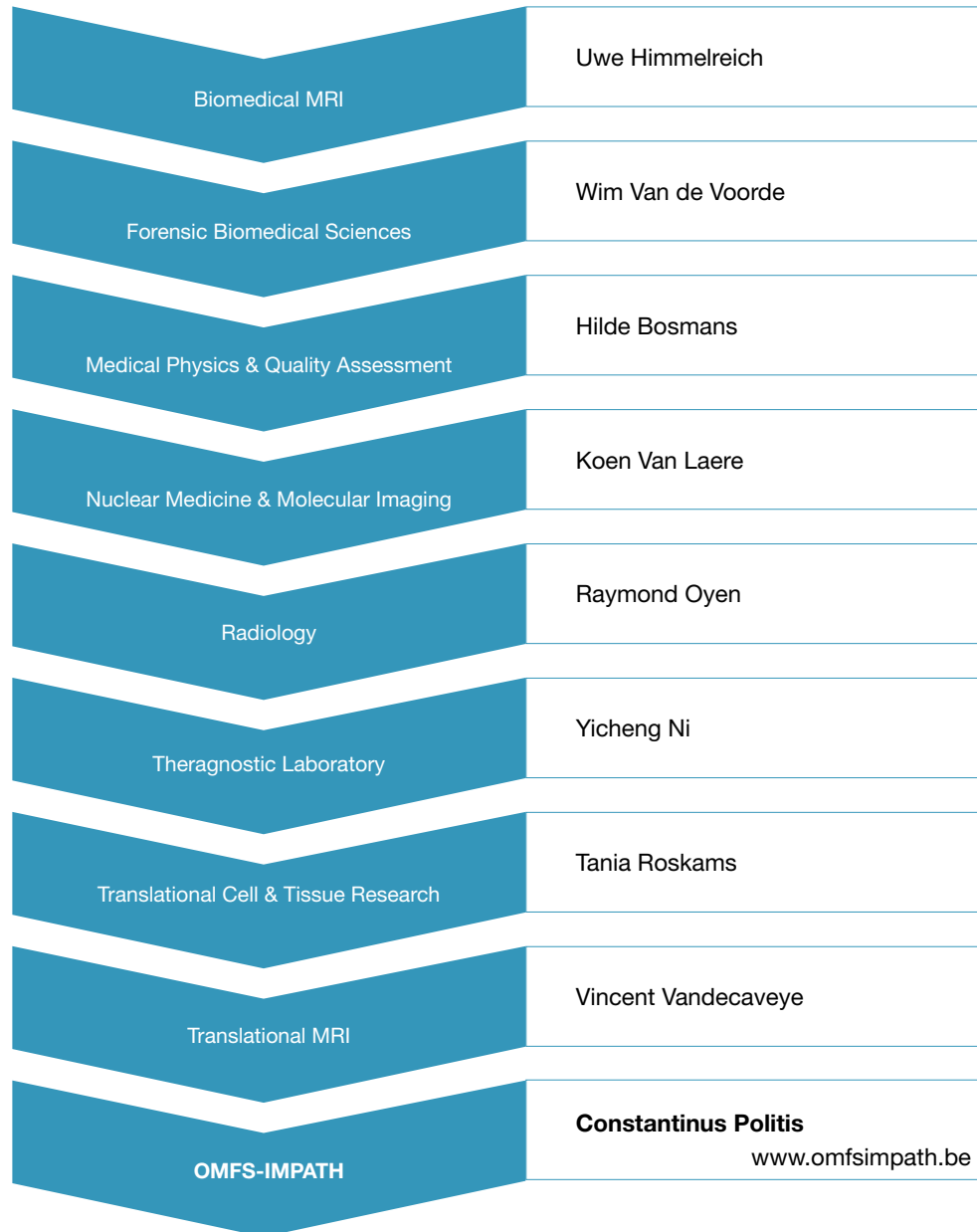
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Team

- A. STAFF
- B. RESEARCHERS
- C. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

The OMFS-IMPACT research group relates to development and validation of surgical tools and image-based solutions to advance in oromaxillofacial surgery, with an ultimate aim to obtain an optimized treatment outcome while minimizing the peri- and postsurgical risks, such as neurovascular trauma. In order to achieve this, a global integration of digital datasets will enable the creation of a virtual replica of the patient. This may allow full simulation of the surgery as well as of its expected outcome. While the latter may help to further modify and fine-tune the planned surgery, the former integrated virtual data may allow presurgical simulations, development of image-based surgical tools and navigation. Research will be focused on image-based development of surgical aids with a validation of their clinical applicability. Research lines will include: optimized image acquisition with the least radiation dose, especially when children are concerned; image-based development of individualized surgical tools, while striving for advanced applications of e.g. 3D printing; maximized visualization of the trigeminal nerve pathway to minimize the surgical risks for trigeminal nerve damage. Such visualization may also assist in creating new access routes and surgical strategies to modulate trigeminal neuropathic pain.

## DEPARTMENT OF IMAGING &amp; PATHOLOGY - HEAD: PROF. TANIA ROSKAMS



## Tania ROSKAMS



Tania Roskams obtained her medical degree in 1989 at the University of Leuven. She specialized in Pathology (University of Leuven) and obtained her PhD in liver pathology in Leuven and Oklahoma University, USA. In 1996 she became head of the Liver Research Unit, in 2002 of the Research group Translational Research and Pathology and in 2015 Head of the Department of Imaging & Pathology. She was nominated Professor in pathology in 2002. From 2007-2009 she was visiting professor at the University of Utrecht. In the clinical department she is responsible for hepatobiliary, pancreas and gastrointestinal pathology. Her main interest is liver research with special emphasis on liver progenitor cells and their role in regeneration and carcinogenesis.

## Peter VERMAELEN



Peter Vermaelen obtained his degree in Medical Laboratory Technology in 1994 and gained experience in different clinical and research topics. In 2000, he joined the pre-clinical unit of the Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging research group and was co-founder of the Molecular Small Animal Imaging Center (MoSAIC). Since 2012, he is as department manager responsible for the financial and personnel administration of the Department of Imaging & Pathology.



## A. STAFF

*Constantinus POLITIS*

Constantinus Politis is Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgeon. He is currently Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Leuven University, KU Leuven, Belgium. He is an invited Lecturer at the EHSAL in Brussels. He graduated at the Catholic University of Leuven in medicine (MD, summa cum laude), in dentistry (DDS, magna cum laude). He specialized in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Catholic University of Leuven. Postgraduate training was additionally followed in Arnhem (Stoelinga), Aachen (Koberg), Copenhagen (Pindborg), Göteborg (Bränemark) and San Francisco (Marx). He also holds a master degree in management (MM) from the Applied Economic Sciences at the University of Hasselt and a master degree in Hospital Management (MHM) from the Catholic University of Leuven. He became a recognition as medical specialist in management of health care data and is now member of the National Council of Hospital Facilities. He is Secretary General of the Professional Union of Belgian Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is acknowledged trainer of OMFS trainees. He defended his doctor's thesis on the subject of complications of orthognathic surgery (PhD). His professional field of interest is in orthognathic and orthodontic surgery and trigeminal nerve dysfunction. Clinical research projects include prevention and repair of iatrogenic trigeminal nerve injury, transplantation of teeth and orthognathic surgery.

*Reinhilde JACOBS*

Reinhilde Jacobs is dentist, Doctor in Dental Sciences (PhD University of Leuven), periodontologist (KU Leuven) and Master in Dental Radiology (University of London). She was postdoctoral fellow of the European Commission (1994-5) at the University of Göteborg (prof B Rydevik, dept Orthopaedics, Sahlgrenska University Hospital) and The Institute for Applied Biotechnology (prof P-I Brånemark). She is full professor at the University of Leuven and visiting professor at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden and the Dalian Medical University in China. R. Jacobs is heading the omfsimpath research group of the KU Leuven (omfsimpath.be). She is Secretary General of the International Association of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology, past president of the European

Academy of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology as well as DDS scientific board member. She is associate editor of Clinical Oral Investigations, European Journal of Oral Implantology, and Oral Radiology. She has received the D Collen Research Award (1994), the IADR Young Investigators Award (1998) and the Belgian Joachim Award in the Odontostomatology (1999). In 2013, she received a Dr Honoris Causa at the "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj-Napoca. She has been actively participating in European projects (ref. Minosquare, Osteodent, SedentexCT, Dimitra project (Euratom Operra)). She is (co-)author of 5 books and more than 375 publications in peer-reviewed journals besides multiple invited lectures and publications in other journals or books.

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Paul Legrand studied medicine at the KU Leuven and graduated as medical doctor in 1982. Afterwards he studied dentistry and graduated in 1984. He was trained as an oral- and maxillofacial surgeon at the KU Leuven and at the Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule in Aachen. In 1988 he became a certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon. In October 1988, he founded the oral and maxillofacial surgery department in the Maria Hospital in Overpelt, where he was medical head of OMFS from 1988 to 2017. He is a certified OMFS instructor and a member of the OMFS accreditation committee. Furthermore, he is on the board of the association of Flemish oral and maxillofacial surgeons (VVMKA) and the VBS MKA. Since 2011 professor Legrand was part-time

affiliated with the UZ Leuven and in 2016 he was appointed guest lecturer at the KU Leuven. Since November 2018, professor Legrand is fulltime staff member at OMFS UZ Leuven. In Belgium, professor Legrand is a pioneer in intravenous sedation in the OMFS department and he has made this his most important area of interest. His principal activities are dent alveolar surgery, implantology and further development of intravenous sedation techniques.

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Ruxandra Gabriela Coropciuc graduated as double qualified (MD, DDS) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila, Bucharest in 2013. She was trained in the Clinical Hospital of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Bucharest and at Leuven University Hospitals. She joined the Department of Maxillo – Facial Surgery at the UZ Leuven Belgium in 2013. Her PhD research is focused on bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw bone. Her clinical field of interest is in oral implantology, salivary gland pathology and head and neck oncology and reconstruction. Being multilingually talented with backgrounds in Canada, Romania and Belgium allow her to easily address patients in Dutch, English, French or Romanian.

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Michel Bila graduated from Antwerp University in 2009 as Medical Doctor and graduated from Leuven University in 2012 as Master in Dentistry. He obtained his specialty degree in Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery in 2016. He further specialized in Head and Neck Oncology at the Maxillofacial and Head and Neck Service at University College London Hospitals. He is Clinical Staff Member in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UZ Leuven. His clinical focus is Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstruction. His PhD research covers the use of immunotherapy in resectable head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC).

*Robin WILLAERT*

Robin Willaert finished his medical and dental studies at the Faculty of Medicine in Leuven University with the highest distinction. He successfully obtained his Board Certification in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2018. He is Clinical Staff Member in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UZ Leuven. His clinical focus is Head and Neck Oncology and maxillofacial reconstruction using 3D technology. His PhD research covers orbital imaging and reconstruction surgery. He further specializes in Head and Neck Oncology in different centres in Australia, South-Africa and Asia.

## B. RESEARCHERS

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Michael Bornstein has been appointed in 2016 as Clinical Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China. He is also Visiting Professor at the OMFS-IMPACT Research Group, Department of Imaging and Pathology, University of Leuven, Belgium. He obtained his dental degree (1998) and thesis (Dr. med. dent. 2001) at the University of Basel. He continued with a specialisation in oral surgery and stomatology in Basel (1998-1999, Prof. Dr. J. Th. Lambrecht) and Bern (2000-2002, Prof. Dr. D. Buser). In 2004, he was visiting assistant professor at the Department of Periodontics (Prof. Dr. D. Cochran) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, USA, with a grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation. From 2007-2014 he was head of the Section of Dental Radiology and Stomatology, University of Bern. In 2009, he obtained the Habilitation (Privatdozent / PhD) and in 2014 he became Associate Professor in the field of „Oral Surgery and Stomatology“. His fields of research include cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) in clinical dental practice, diagnostic imaging, stomatology/oral medicine, GBR procedures and dental implants. He has published over 140 original articles, and is the author / co-author of numerous case reports, review articles, and book chapters.

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Kaan Orhan, DDS MSc MHM PhD, BBAC is a Professor of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology at Ankara University, Faculty of Dentistry and also Visiting Professor at the OMFS-IMPATh Research Group, Leuven, Belgium. Dr. Orhan received his dental degree in 1998 and completed his PhD and Maxillofacial Radiology residency in 2002 at Osaka University and Ankara University. In 2004 he started his academic career in Ankara University as a consultant at the Faculty of Dentistry and became a professor in 2006. In 2007-2010 he was the founder and the chairman of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology Department, Near East University, continuing as a faculty in Dentomaxillofacial Radiology Department, Ankara University, Turkey. He has over 200 SCI international publications on peer-reviewed journals (h index 25) and is a sought-after lecturer at national and international conferences. Professor Orhan served as the chairman of Research and Scientific Committee, European Academy of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology between 2008-2012 and was elected Vice president position (2012-2014) and President for the same academy. He is also serving in the Research and Scientific com in IADMFR. He is a fellow of Japanese Board of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology, European Head and Neck Radiology Society (ESHNR), European society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology (ESRMB), Turkish Magnetic Resonance Society. He is also serving Board member of the specialization committee in the Ministry of Health Turkey. He is editor and reviewer of many journals and co-author and contributor of eight books.

*Claudia NOFFKE*

Claudia Noffke grew up and matriculated in Germany. She obtained her under-graduate training as a Dentist at the University of Pretoria and managed her own private practice for several years. She completed her postgraduate training in Maxillofacial and Oral Radiology in 1992 and served as Lecturer in the Departments of Radiology and Diagnostics, University of Pretoria, and Oral Pathology at the Medical University of Southern Africa where she was appointed as Head of Maxillofacial and Oral Radiology in June 2001, a position from which she retired as a Full Professor in 2016. She participated actively in 46 international congresses and refresher courses and authored or co-authored an equal number of scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals. She is on the editorial boards of several distinguished journals in her field of expertise including the Radiology Section of the Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology (Triple "O") and the Journal of Chinese Clinical Medicine. She recently co-edited the proceedings of the 2017 21st Congress of the International Association of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. In recognition for her role as reviewer for Triple "O" she received the Lincoln Manson-Hing Award for distinguished service in Scientific Review from the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Elsevier Publisher. Claudia supervised and served as external examiner for several Master's and PhD degrees. She is currently on the Board of Directors and Regional Director (Africa) of the IADMFR and appointed since May 2018 as Guest Professor in the Department of Imaging & Pathology at the KU Leuven. Her fields of expertise include ethics and legislation pertaining to radiation protection, fibro osseous disease and the radiological interpretation of gnathial pathology.



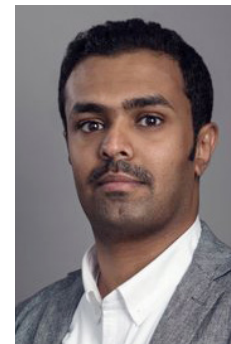
*Erich RAUBENHEIMER*

Erich Raubenheimer joined Medunsa in 1982 as Head of Oral Pathology and Acting Head of Anatomical Pathology. During the first years of appointment at this fledgling health sciences University he was responsible for the histopathology services rendered to the medical- and dental hospitals and regional community clinics. He obtained a PhD, DSc, FCP (SA) and CBCT certification with the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, supervised 7 PhD degrees and a large number of Master's degrees. His research interests are in head and neck diseases and pathology of mineralized tissues, particularly the diagnosis of metabolic diseases of bone. Erich authored 139 papers in peer reviewed scientific journals (eight of which were on invitation) and contributed to three chapters of

the 4th edition of the World Health Organizations' book on head and neck tumours. He was key note speaker at five international conferences and presented 99 invited scientific talks to specialist groups. Erich has a passion for the African elephant and regularly presents talks to interesting societies based on his scientific work on ivory and experience as an elephant tracker in Africa. Erich is presently employed as a senior consultant at Ampath, a large pathology practice in South Africa, holds an extraordinary professorship at the University of Pretoria and a guest professorship at KU Leuven.

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Dr. Reinhilde Jacobs as his promotor. His research topics are; assessment of the patterns of healing in teeth and bone after regenerative processes using Cone Beam Computed Tomography, developing of reliable teeth segmentation methods, 3D bio printing and chemokine-mediated regeneration in the oral and maxillofacial region.

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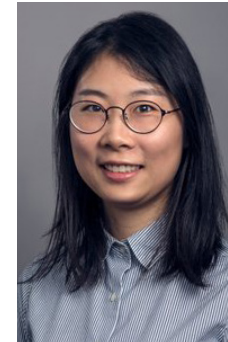
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*Jeroen MARTENS*

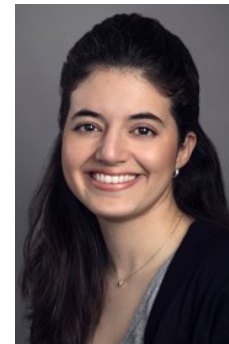
Jeroen Martens is a Master Thesis student Clinical Biomedical Sciences, who graduated at the KU Leuven as a Bachelor Scientist in Biomedical Sciences in 2016. He is currently doing his Master's Thesis at the OFMS IMPATH group at the KU Leuven under the guidance of his promoters Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs (Department of Imaging and Pathology, KU Leuven) and Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis (Head of department of Oral and maxillofacial surgery). His thesis comprises studying the bleeding complications after dental extractions in patients, taking new oral anticoagulants. During his final year, he will be supervised by Anna Ockerman and Myrthel Vranckx, both PhD candidates at the OMFS-IMPATH group.

*Evelyne MERTENS*

Evelyne Mertens is a Master Thesis student at the KU Leuven (Biomedical Sciences – Forensic Sciences). She graduated as a BSc in Biomedical Sciences in June 2017 at the KU Leuven. She completed her internships at the Center for Developmental Psychiatry, Forensic DNA Laboratory and the laboratory for Forensic Toxicology in 2017-2018. She is currently working on multiple projects regarding her Master's Thesis at the OMFS-IMPATH research group under the promotership of Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs (Department Imaging and Pathology, KU Leuven) and Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis (Department of Oral and maxillofacial surgery). Her mentors are PhD candidates Anna Ockerman and Myrthel Vranckx.

*Joeri MEYNS*

Joeri Meyns has a degree as a Medical doctor, Dentist and Maxillofacial surgeon. After obtaining his degree as a maxillofacial surgeon in 2011 he was a staff member at the Academic Hospital Maastricht (MUMC) for almost 4 years, where he further specialised in oral oncology and reconstructive surgery. He is Medical Head of the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg (ZOL) in Genk. His main specialties are orthognathic surgery and oncology. His research topic is growth modification of the face in children.

*Catalina MORENO RABIE*

Catalina Moreno Rabie was born in Concepción, Chile, in 1992. She studied her bachelor and master degree in Dentistry at the University of los Andes in Chile between 2011 and 2016. During her last year of Dentistry, she did an internship in Clinical and Research training at KU Leuven, where she studied the mandibular bone on CBCT. She is currently (2018-2019) doing Postgraduate Studies in Advanced Medical Imaging at KU Leuven, combined with research work at the OMFS-IMPATH research group.

*Zohre MOUSAVI NEJAD*

Zohre Mousavi Nejad graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Tehran in 2012. In her BSc project, she worked on anticancer drug delivery systems. In her MSC project, she investigated postoperative abdominal adhesions. Meanwhile she did projects on bone tissue engineering. Now she is a PhD student at Institute of Materials and Energy in Iran and is working on pulp and dentin regeneration through 3D printing. She is an international scholar at the OMFS-IMPATh research group (KU Leuven) to work on a project about 3D printing and tooth regeneration.

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Krisztian Nagy is a Maxillo-Facial Surgeon with special interest and experience in cleft surgery. He has been working as the co-ordinator and leading surgeon of the Cleft Care Centre, at the 1st Department of Paediatrics, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary. He has been also working as a Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon, in AZ St-Jan Bruges-Oostende Hospital, Belgium since March 2012. He became Fellow of the European Board of Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery & Head and Neck Surgery (FEBOMS) in September 2012. He is currently Guest Professor at Leuven University, KU Leuven, Belgium. He graduated at the Semmelweis University Budapest, Hungary in medicine (MD, summa cum laude) and in dentistry (DDS, magna cum laude). He specialized in oral and maxillo-facial surgery at the Semmelweis University, at the KU Leuven and in AZ Sint Jan in Bruges, Belgium. His postgraduate training was additionally followed by clinical experiences in Bruges, Minden, Vienna, Wellington, Zürich and Taipei. He is now member of the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS), the European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery (EAFPS) and the Craniomaxillofacial Section, Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Osteosynthesefragen (AO). He is acknowledged PhD tutor of 3 PhD students. He defended his doctoral thesis on the subject of "Objective methods for evaluation of surgical outcomes in cleft lip and palate surgery" (PhD). His professional field of interest is in orthognathic, cleft and craniofacial surgery.

*Laura NICOLIELO*

Laura Nicolielo is a Dental Surgeon (University of São Paulo, Brazil) (2009), Postgraduate in Oral Surgery (University of São Paulo, Brazil) (2010), Master in Applied Dental Sciences with focus in Stomatology and Radiology (University of São Paulo, Brazil) (2013), Implantologist (Opem Institute, Bauru, Brazil) (2013) and Postgraduate in Advanced Medical Imaging (KU Leuven, Belgium) (2014). In October 2013, she was granted by the Brazilian Government to start the PhD in the OMFS-IMPATh Research Group under supervision of Prof. Dr. Reinhilde Jacobs. Her main research topic is validation of 3D imaging modalities in the assessment of 1) Neurovascular structures of the jaw bones 2) Bone quality and quantity and 3) Condylar resorption after orthognathic surgery.

*Anna OCKERMAN*

Anna Ockerman is a PhD candidate at the OMFS-IMPATh research group in cooperation with the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences. She performs research in the domain of antithrombotics in the oral and maxillofacial surgery and dentistry. More specifically, she investigates how to reduce bleeding complications after dental extractions in patients on non-vitamin K oral anticoagulants (NOACs) and what the influence of antithrombotic drugs is on the characteristics of Leukocyte Platelet Rich Fibrin (L-PRF) membranes. Her promoters are Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs, Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis (Department Imaging and Pathology, KU Leuven) and Prof. dr. Peter Verhamme (Department of Cardiovascular Sciences, KU Leuven). Anna graduated in June 2017 as MSc in Biomedical Sciences (KU Leuven). Her Master's Thesis 'The eruption potential of wisdom teeth predicted by tooth inclination in a premature development stage', was awarded with the Best Master's Thesis Biomedical Sciences 2017, third place.

*Ruben PAUWELS*

Ruben Pauwels is a Master in Biomedical Sciences (2007), Master of Medical Imaging (2008) and PhD in Biomedical Sciences (2012). His research has focused on the use of CBCT in dentistry. His research topics include: 1. Radiation dosimetry 2. Technical image quality analysis 3. Optimization of exposures in CBCT 4. Applicability of Hounsfield Units in CBCT 5. Bone structure analysis in CBCT. As a Consortium member of the SEDENTEXCT project, he was a contributor to the European Guidelines on dental CBCT. He was a corresponding member of International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) Task Group 88, and a co-author of ICRP Publication 129. He is currently acting as a consultant for the International Organization of Medical Physics (IOMP), the Thailand

National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). He received the European Academy of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology (EADMFR) Research Award and Fellowship Grant in 2012. He is Associate Editor of the British Journal of Radiology.

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*Lesly Paola Gaitán ROMERO*

Lesly Paola Gaitán Romero is a PhD researcher at the OMFS-IMPATh Group. She is a dentist (University San Martín, Colombia), and an orthodontist (University Carabobo, Venezuela). She obtained Master of Health Care Management and Policy from KU Leuven. She was a lecturer of Orthodontic at the University of José Antonio Páez, Venezuela from 2010 - 2012. She was recognized for her Professionalism and Quality in delivering her knowledge and skills in the care of the Soldiers and Indigenous in Inírida - Colombia. She obtained high Average in the State Quality Examination of the National Higher Education Colombia 2007.

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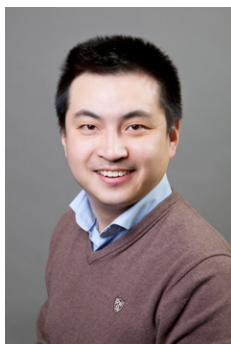
*Sohaib SHUJAAT*

Sohaib Shujaat was born on November 29th, 1985. He achieved his degree in Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S) from Lahore Medical and Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan (2004 - 2008). After his graduation, he worked as an Internee in all clinical departments of dentistry at Lahore Medical and Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan (2009-2010). He obtained his "Master of Science" (MSc. Dent Sci) degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (360 credits) with merit from Glasgow Dental School and Hospital, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, United Kingdom, under the guidance of Professor Ashraf Ayoub (2010-2012). During his Masters, he worked on 4-Dimensional facial soft tissue changes in oncology patients. From March 2013 till September 2017, he worked as a Lecturer in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Course Director of Internal Medicine and Comprehensive Patient Management (CPM) for dental students at Imam AbdulRahman Bin Faisal University (Formerly University of Dammam), Dammam, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At the same instance, he served as a Specialist (Registrar) in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, King Fahd Hospital of the University. Currently he is a PhD candidate (OMFS- IMPATH, KU Leuven) with Professor Reinhilde Jacobs as his promotor. His research topic for PhD is related to three-dimensional analysis of hard and soft tissue changes in orthognathic surgery patients and to develop a start of art predictive model for treatment planning.

*Dandan SONG*

Dandan Song was born on March 11th, 1990. She achieved her degrees in both Bachelor and Master of Oral Medicine from Dalian Medical University, China. During her Master, she worked on the effect of the different implant placement and loading protocols on the osseoperception around the implant. Currently she is a PhD Candidate in OMFS-IMPATH, KU Leuven, with professor Reinhilde Jacobs as her promotor. She is studying the effect of the bisphosphates and radiation on the jaw bone and blood vessel changes.



*Yi SUN*

Yi Sun obtained his PhD in Biomedical Sciences, Master of Medical imaging and Bachelor in Electronic Engineering. Since 2007, he worked in the field of computer assisted surgery planning, with focus on oral and maxillofacial surgery. His main professional interest is template-based and image-guided solution for dental implant placement, design of digital splint for orthognathic surgery, orofacial reconstruction using fibular or DCIA flap. Currently he is responsible for the 3D surgical simulation team in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery (UZ Leuven). His current research interest are: design of patient specific implant, tissue engineering by using 3D printed titanium scaffold and development of image-guided surgical simulation system (navigation system).

*Kostas SYRIOPOULOS*

Kostas Syriopoulos is dentist specialized in oral and maxillofacial radiology. He graduated as dentist from the University of Athens, Greece. He has a MSc degree (University of London) as well as a PhD degree (VU, Amsterdam) in Dental Radiology. He had an internship in the Dept. of Oral Radiology (Stellenbosch University, Cape Town). Further, he received the diploma in Health Physics level 3 (TU Delft). In the Netherlands Level 3 is a higher expert level of health physics, necessary for supervising in radionuclide laboratories or working in a medical profession with higher risk or responsibility, like clinical physics and nuclear medicine. From 2001 to 2016 he was a staff-member in the department of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology, ACTA, Amsterdam. Since February 2015 he has been a clinical staff member at the Dentomaxillofacial Radiology center, University Hospitals Leuven. His main professional interests are Diagnostic Radiology, Radiography Education and Radiation Protection.

*Els TIJSKENS*

Els Tijskens graduated as a dentist in 1984 at KULeuven. She has been working as an endodontist since 2000, and has a second line practice for paediatric endodontics and tooth traumata. In 2011 she obtained a license to use N2O-sedation, which she is applying on indication. She is a Certified Member of the European Society for Endodontology (ESE), Fellow of the International Association for Dental Traumatology (IADT), founding board member and Past Secretary of the Flemish Society for Endodontology (FSfE vzw). She has been lecturing to GP's at NIVVT for more than a decade. She is involved in reading the CBCT images at UZLeuven, and is teaching Medical Imaging at UCLL Opleiding Mondzorgkunde.

*Andres TORRES*

Andres Torres was born on July 4th, 1988 in Bogota, Colombia. He obtained his degree as General Dentist in 2012 from the University of Los Andes, Santiago, Chile. During the training in Dentistry, he participated twice in a research internship on CBCT in Endodontics at the KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, led by Professor Reinhilde Jacobs. In March 2014 he achieved the equivalence of foreign diploma "Titulo de Cirujano Dentista" with the Flemish degree of "Master of Science in Dentistry". In 2015 he obtained the diploma of Postgraduate studies in Advance Medical Imaging at the KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium. Further, he obtained a specialization degree in Endodontics in July 2017, under the guidance of Professor Paul Lambrechts at the KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium.

He works as an Endodontic specialist in private practice. He is instructor of the Endodontic postgraduate at KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium and visiting instructor of the Endodontic postgraduate at KI, Stockholm, Sweden. Currently he is a PhD candidate (OMFS-IMPACT, KU Leuven, Belgium) with Professor Reinhilde Jacobs as his promoter and Professor Paul Lambrechts as his co-promoter. His research topics are: 3-Dimensional Guided Endodontics, 3-Dimensional Assessment of Apical Radiolucencies, Characterisation of Root and Canal Morphology and Maxillary Sinus and Endodontics.

*Tamara TRAD ALZOUBI*



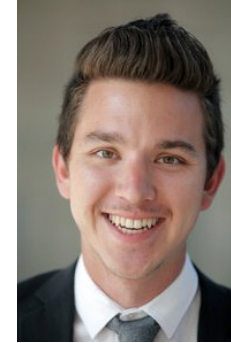
Tamara Trad Alzoubi is a Jordanian Specialist in restoration and conservative dentistry. Graduated from the University of Jordan from where she obtained here Bachelor degree in Dental Surgery and Medicine. She then joined the Jordanian Armed Forces -The Royal Medical Services working as a dentist and where she did her internship and later on received her specialty in Restorative and Conservative Dentistry (Jordanian National Board) She is a visiting researcher in OMFS-IMPATh and her fields of interests are Esthetic, Restoration, and Digital dentistry.

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Frédéric Van der Cruyssen is a PhD candidate at OMFS-IMPATh research group under promotorship of Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis, Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs and Prof. dr. Tara Renton. He received his Medical Degree from the Catholic University of Leuven in June 2017 with a Master's thesis on trigeminal nerve physiology. His research is focused on trigeminal nerve injuries: MRI, diagnosis and treatment. Currently he is an oral and maxillofacial trainee at the University Hospitals Leuven.

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Jeroen Van Dessel has an MSc in Biomedical Sciences (KU Leuven) and Msc in Advanced Medical Imaging (KU Leuven). He was a PhD FWO-aspirant at the Center for Developmental Psychiatry, KU Leuven. Besides his PhD in the psychiatry domain, he remained active in dental radiology field as a researcher at the OMFS-IMPATh research group. Currently, he works as clinical support and research manager at the department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, UZ Leuven (Belgium) with Prof. Constantinus Politis and coordinates the start-up of the Institute for Maxillofacial Training and Education (IMFTE). He has received the COB Oral Research award (2013), EADMFR Oral Research Award (2012; 2014), the EUNETHYDIS Sagvolden Award (2015), the EADMFR Research Fellowship (2016) and the ECNP Junior Research Award (2018). He was a visiting researcher at University of São Paulo (Brazil), Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (Brazil) and Karolinska Institutet (Sweden). His research topics include developing and validating tools for standardized bone quality assessment on CBCT, micro-CT analysis, finite element analysis, computer-aided predictions and oral oncology.

*Karla de Faria VASCONCELOS*



Karla de Faria Vasconcelos is dentist (2006), Doctor in Dental Radiology (2015; PhD at State University of Campinas - Brazil, with one year of external internship at KU Leuven - Belgium), Master in Dentistry (2010; Federal University of Goiás - Brazil) and Specialist in Oral Radiology (2012; University of Campinas). She has worked, as Radiologist, in private radiology clinics, and as a Collaborator Professor of Graduate Program of Dentistry from the Federal University of Goiás at the Discipline of "Imaging Diagnostic". She performed postdoctoral research at Dental Radiology Department, Piracicaba, Brazil (Prof. Dr. Francisco Haiter-Neto) and OMFS-IMPATh Research Group, Leuven, Belgium (Prof. Dr. Reinhilde Jacobs), with a FAPESP fellowship (2015-2017). In 2018 she obtained the diploma of Postgraduate Studies in Advanced Medical Imaging at KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium. At present, she is a collaborator researcher in the OMFS-IMPATh Group, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Reinhilde Jacobs and Prof. Dr. Politis Constantinus. She has been involved in interuniversity research collaborations, with a specific focus on digital radiography, cone beam computed tomography, micro and nano-CT.

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Pieter-Jan Verhelst is a PhD candidate at the OMFS-IMPATh research group at the University of Leuven under promotorship of Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs and Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis. He graduated at the University of Leuven in Medicine (MD, magna cum laude) in 2017 with a master's thesis on the fibula free flap in facial reconstruction. He has published in internationally renowned journals on reconstructive surgery and orthognathic surgery. Currently, he is an Oral and Maxillofacial trainee at the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Hospitals of Leuven. His active research projects focus on the three-dimensional planning and follow-up of orthognathic surgery with a keen interest in condylar remodeling and its effect on postoperative stability.

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Laurence Verstraete is a PhD candidate at the OMFS-IMPATh-research group at the University of Leuven under promotorship of Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis, Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs and Dr. Ir. Eman Shaheen. She obtained her Medical Degree at the University of Ghent in June 2018. Currently, she is an Oral and Maxillofacial surgery trainee at the University Hospitals of Leuven. Her research is focused on the three-dimensional planning, evaluation and follow-up of orthognathic surgery with special interest in soft tissue analysis.

Myrthel VRANCKX



Myrthel Vranckx is a PhD-candidate at the OMFS-IMPATh research group under promotorship of Prof. dr. Reinhilde Jacobs and Prof. dr. Constantinus Politis (Department Imaging and Pathology, KU Leuven). She graduated in June 2016 as MSc in Biomedical Sciences with a Master's Thesis in the use of CT imaging in Forensic Medicine (Faculty of Medicine, KU Leuven). Her research is mainly focused on third molar pathology and postoperative complications associated with third molar surgery. Her multicentric research project is ongoing in different hospitals in Belgium. More info on [www.m3mka.be](http://www.m3mka.be). Moreover, she is involved in multiple radiological studies with regard to third molar pathology and anatomical variations of the mandibular canal. Currently, she is also following Postgraduate Studies in Advanced Medical Imaging.

## C. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

### *Gabriela CASTEELS*



For over 10 years, Gabriela has dedicated her career to keeping academic experts and senior officials organized, prioritized and less stressed.

She practices a streamlined and intuitive approach to assistance. It rests on empathy, efficiency, and astute problem solving.

Gabriela is a delivery-focused design enthusiast who incorporates both traits into her take on problem solving, and function in and around the office.

As a professional who is willing to lead by example or follow directives and make a difference in her area of expertise, she is keen on collaborating with other individuals irrespective



**3**

**Research**

A. PROJECTS

B. AWARDS

C. PUBLICATIONS

- International peer-reviewed publications
- Book (chapter) publications

D. CHAIRS

A. PROJECTS

National funding

**M3-OBSERVATORIUM**

Epidemiological study on the surgical removal of third molars.

*In samenwerking met Vlaams Ziekenhuisnetwerk KU Leuven*



**RADIATION DOSE SIMULATIONS**

Patient-specific approach of CBCT imaging: custom made Monte Carlo simulations.

- OT

KU LEUVEN

**TOOTH AUTOTRANSPLANTATION & BIOPRINTING**

The development and clinical application of CBCT-based tooth auto transplantation.

- FWO



KU LEUVEN

**COMPUTER-ASSISTED MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

The development and clinical application of a computer assisted oral and maxillofacial surgery system.

- in collaboration with Materialise



**EXTRACT-NOAC**

Use of new oral anticoagulants in oral surgery



**TREASURE**

Dentomaxillofacial paediatric imaging: an investigation towards low dose radiation induced risks



**CELSA**

Harmonization of the use of cone-beam computed tomography for developmental disorders in the maxillofacial region.

KU LEUVEN



**C2 – PROJECT**

The development of imaging-based bioprinting techniques for full tooth and bone regeneration in the dentoalveolar region.

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## B. AWARDS

JUNE 2018  
FIRST PRICE POSTER PRESENTATION EADMFR RESEARCH AWARD 2018

**Jeroen Van Dessel**



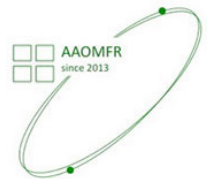
JUNE 2018  
SECOND PRICE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AWARD ECDMFR 2018

**Niels Belmans**



SEPTEMBER 2018  
POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD  
12TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY  
5TH GREEN HEALTH CONFERENCE

**Kaan Orhan**



SEPTEMBER 2018  
SCIENTIFIC REVIEWER AWARD AAOMR 2017-2018

**Kaan Orhan**



SEPTEMBER 2018  
POSTER AWARD 10º INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
OF THE BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF ENDODONTICS

**Fernanda Ferrari Esteves Torres,**  
Reinhilde Jacobs, Mostafa EzEldeen, Berando Camargo dos Santos,  
Juliane Maria Guerreiro-Tanomaru, Mário Tanomaru-Filho



DECEMBER 2018  
2ND PLACE DOKTORCLUB AWARDS OF TURKEY

**Kaan Orhan**



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### STRAUMANN CHAIR FOR ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Duration: 3 years (2016-2019)

The purpose of the Chair is prevention and treatment of nerve damage following implant surgery. Professor Politis is the chair holder and professor Jacobs is the co-chair holder.



### NOBEL BIO CARE CHAIR FOR ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Duration: 3 years (2016-2019)

To support the research concerning the damage of the inferior alveolar nerve during mandibular surgery.



### ALEAMED KLS MARTIN CHAIR FOR OMFS

Duration: 3 years (2013-2017)

To support research in the field of trigeminal neuropathy in OMFS.



### BICON CHAIR FOR ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Duration: 3 years (2014-2017)

To help to cover the teaching and/or research expenses in oral rehabilitation after oncology therapy and treatment modalities after iatrogenic damage of the inferior alveolar nerve.



*UEG CHAIR FOR NEW ADVANCES IN  
THREEDIMENSIONAL IMAGING FOR  
MAXILLOFACIAL DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPY*  
Duration: 3 years (2017-2019)

To help to cover the teaching and/or research expenses in oral rehabilitation after oncology therapy and treatment modalities after iatrogenic damage of the inferior alveolar nerve.



*ANTHOGRY CHAIR FOR ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY*  
Duration: 3 years (2018-2021)

The purpose of the Chair is prevention and treatment of nerve damage following implant surgery.



*DENTSPLY SIRONA CHAIR FOR ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY*  
duration: 3 years 2018-2021

The purpose of the Chair is prevention and treatment of nerve damage following implant surgery. Professor Politis is the chair holder and professor Jacobs is the co-chair holder.

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# Influence of a Dedicated Medical Display on Radioanatomical Observations

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## INTRODUCTION

Every dentist is using intraoral radiographs, panoramic and cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) images for daily diagnostics in dental practice. An important aspect of imaging is the diagnostic task on a dedicated screen. It can however be questioned whether dentistry might benefit from specifically adapted "dental" settings on medical displays, allowing us to refine our diagnostic everyday job and enhance the diagnostic performance of the entire radio-diagnostic system.

**OBJECTIVES:** To assess detection and rating of normal anatomical features on either a standard screen (SS) or a dedicated medical display (MD) and to assess whether there is a differential effect of the display characteristics on the observational tasks

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Anatomical landmarks were assessed on intraoral, panoramic, cephalometric and Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) images. Images were generated from a commercially available skull phantom with soft tissue equivalent (*in vitro*).

Secondly, the same imaging techniques were used, but now retrospectively acquired from 60 patients referred to a dentomaxillofacial radiology center (*in vivo*; informed consent). Dataset comprised anterior and posterior areas of dentate jaws, with sharply delineated normal anatomical structures. A total of 80 image datasets were provided for assessment. **EXCLUSION CRITERIA:** positioning and metal artifacts hampering radiodiagnosis.

Structures were detected and rated by two independent observers (dentists) after initial training and calibration, on both standard screen (SS) and dedicated medical screen (MD). Observational tasks included detection and IQ rating both at the level of the individual landmarks and the overall image.

### In vitro

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Skull Phantom Mix D soft tissue simulation	Rando Phantom Soft tissue simulation	
CBCT	FOV (cm)	
3D Accutomo® 170 (J. Morita, Kyoto, Japan)ix	4x6 6x6 8x6	
NewTom® VGI Evo (QR, Verona, Italy)	8x5 Regular Standard 8x6 Regular Standard 8x6 Regular ECO	
Promax 3D Max® (Planmeca, Helsinki, Finland)	10x9 Ultra Low Dose 10x9 Ultra Low Dose HD 10x9 Normal HD	

### In vivo

20 INTRAORALS	20 PANORAMICS	20 CEPHALOMETRICS	20 CBCT
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Table 2. Normal anatomical structures analyzed on both *in vivo* and *in vitro*

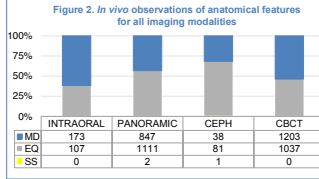
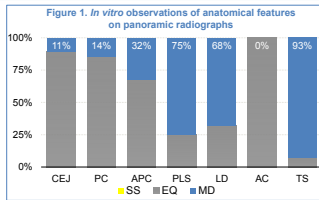
Teeth fractures	Cemento-Enamel Junction (CEJ) Pulp Canal (PC) Apical third of Pulp Canal (APC) Periodontal Ligament Space (PLS)
Trabecular bone pattern	Lamina Dura (LD) Alveolar Crest (AC) Trabecular Structure (TS)

Table 3. Inter- and intra-observer agreement

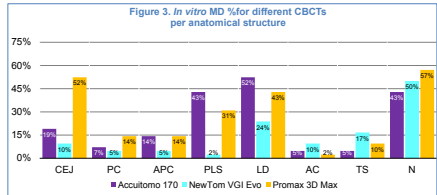
		Inter-Obs. A. (kappa)	Intra-Obs. A. (kappa)
Observer 1 (BC)	PA	T1: 0.5 / T2: 0.6	0.93
	PAN	T1: 0.8 / T2: 0.7	0.9
	CBCT	T1: 0.6 / T2: 0.7	1
Observer 2 (CL)	PA	T1: 0.7 / T2: 0.7	0.97
	PAN	T1: 0.89 / T2: 0.87	0.94
	CBCT	T1: 0.69 / T2: 0.75	0.94

## RESULTS

Both *in vitro* and *in vivo* images, significant ( $P < 0.001$ ) preference for observing anatomical structures on medical display were noted when observing panoramic radiographs (Figure 1) and Cone Beam CT. Overall, analysis of the *in vivo* observational task for all imaging modalities revealed a significantly better rating for dedicated medical display ( $P < 0.001$ )(Figure 2). In a number of cases, both MD and SS were equally preferred. Yet, in general, the standard screen was seldom preferred (see Figure 2). For *in vitro* intraoral images, the medical display had improved observational ratings in 15% of the images. For panoramic images, the medical display was preferred in the majority of the observations, especially when analyzing trabecular structure (93% preference for medical display versus standard screen). For CBCT, there was an overall preference of medical display observations in 54% of the observations. Remaining observations could not show a preference between either screens.



SS, Standard Screen optimal quality; EQ, Equal quality for SS and MD; MD, Medical Display optimal quality.



## CONCLUSIONS

For *in vivo* imaging, it appears that dentists may obtain a beneficial effect when observing the anatomical features on those images using a dedicated medical display. For the *in vitro* images this observational benefit was only noted for panoramic radiographs and CBCT images which may have an inherently lower spatial resolution, requiring optimized display characteristics to better delineate the anatomical features. This is in line with previous publications, assessing the usefulness of diagnostic displays in medical radiology and dentomaxillofacial radiology. The current findings need to be verified on a larger data sample and for diagnostic features. Also, it may call for the need to develop specific dedicated diagnostic displays aiding dental diagnosis.

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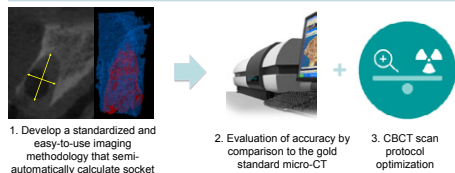
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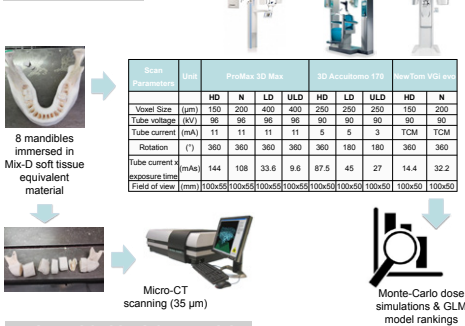
Nowadays, Cone-beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) can be considered as the method of choice in preoperative planning of dental implant sites. During the healing process after tooth removal, bone is deposited and remodeling takes place causing a reduction of the extraction socket volume. Unfortunately, current radiographic evaluations have not yet fully exploited the advantage of three-dimensional (3D) bone analysis. Measurements on width and height of the alveolar ridge are mostly limited to subjective linear measurements performed on arbitrary chosen 2D slices of a 3D dataset. For an accurate evaluation of the alveolar healing process, the complete 3D morphology of the extraction socket and trabecular bone formation should be taken into account.

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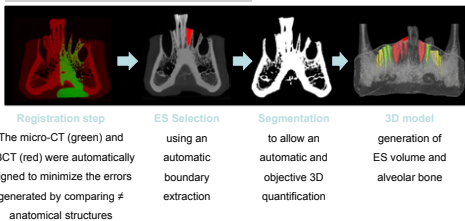


## MATERIAL &amp; METHODS

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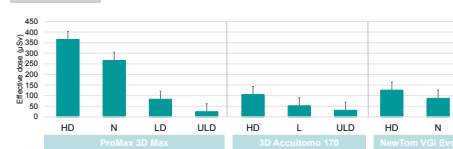


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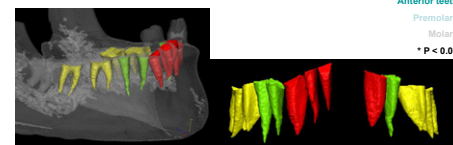
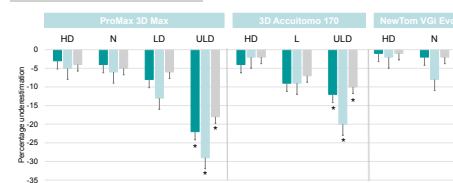


## RESULTS

## DOSIMETRY:



## ES VOLUME COMPARISON:



## RELATIONSHIP DOSE - ES VOLUME

Brand name	Protocol	Rating*	Does not differ from best (95% confidence interval)
3D Accutomo 170	HD	2.1	X
NewTom VGI evo	HD	2.2	X
NewTom VGI evo	N	2.2	X
3D Accutomo 170	LD	2.4	X
ProMax 3D Max	LD	2.7	X
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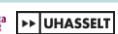
\*The closer the rating to 0 the better the balance between ES volume measurement and radiation dose

## CONCLUSION

- Objective automated 3D measurements ↔ subjective 2D measurements
- High definition CBCT scan protocols = reliable for automatic evaluation of ES
- Although ultra low-dose CBCT scan protocols greatly reduce the administered radiation dose to the patient, these protocols underestimate the socket volume
- Optimization of CBCT scan protocols with respect to clinically significant outcomes and radiation dose is essential

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Influence of a dedicated medical display for radiological  
diagnosis of dentomaxillofacial pathologies

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## INTRODUCTION

Digital diagnostic imaging provides an effective mean to electronically acquire, archive, distribute, and view medical images. Image display screens are an integral part of these operations.

Dedicated medical displays (diagnostic screens adapted for detecting minute changes in grey values on radiographs) are available for this task. It is questionable whether dentistry might benefit from specifically adapted "dental" settings on medical displays, allowing us to refine our diagnostic everyday tasks and enhance the diagnostic performance of the entire radio diagnostic system.

The aim of the present study was to retrospectively evaluate the diagnostic image quality of specific dentomaxillofacial pathologies which are often difficult to diagnose, on either standard screens (SS) and dedicated medical displays (MD).



## RESULTS

Intra-oral images	Panoramic images	CBCT images
• 7% more correct diagnoses on MD compared to SS	• 8% more correct diagnoses on MD compared to SS	• 2% more correct observations on SS compared to MD
• More over-diagnosis on SS compared to MD	• More over-diagnosis on SS compared to MD by all observers	• More over-diagnoses on SS compared to MD
• More under-diagnosis on SS compared to MD	• More under-diagnosis on SS compared to MD, except by observer 1 who scored identical on both screens	• More under-diagnosis on SS compared to MD
• Incipient caries, root cracks and dens in dente were the most common underdiagnosed pathologies on both screens		• additional root canal and root cracks were the most underdiagnosed pathologies on both screens

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Radiographs and resources used for the study:

- patients of the DMFR centre, University Hospital, Leuven
- 20 digital intraoral images
- 20 panoramic images
- 20 Cone Beam Computed Tomography images

## Examples of pathology involved in the radiographs:

- Additional root canal (ARC)
- Root crack/fracture (RF)
- Pulp stone (PS)
- Incipient caries (IC)
- Periodontal ligament space widening (PLSW)
- Fusion
- Dens in dente (DD)

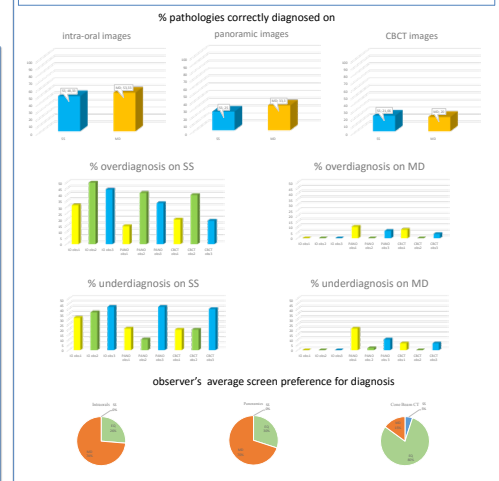
## Observers:

- 3 dentists with different specializations: DMFR (obs 1), paediatric dentistry (obs 2) and oral surgery (obs 3) analyzed the datasets
- answered a questionnaire to determine whether they distinguished pathology or not, and in case they did, the type of corresponding pathology was determined
- scored each image with a confidence level, using a 5 point rating scale:

- 1: not confident at all
- 2: poorly confident
- 3: satisfactory confident
- 4: confident
- 5: very confident

## Set-up of this study

- Randomizing the images for the observers
- Day A: screen "N 1" (standard screen, Dell® U2415b, 61.1 cm diagonally viewable size, 1920 × 1080 pixels)
- Day B: screen "N 2" (medical display, Barco® MDRC-2221, 54 cm diagonally viewable size, 1600 × 1200 pixels)
- Day C: observers analyzed the images on a duplicated screen setting in order to see both screens at the same time for the diagnosis, and determine whether they diagnose pathology or not and which screen they would prefer for diagnostics in daily dental practice
- The observers were blinded regarding the type of screen
- Observations took place in a dimmed room at 60 cm viewing distance
- Gold standard for the correct diagnosis was set by 2 DMFR specialists



## CONCLUSIONS

- MD established better results when analyzing panoramic images and IO images
- Difference between over- and underdiagnosis on MD is lower. There seems to be less confidence when analyzing on SS compared with MD
- Observers appeared to have more preference for MD when assessing intra-oral and panoramic images
- Observers appeared to have no preference for a specific monitor when assessing CBCT images

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### Comparison of manual and semiautomatic tracing methods for volume determination of paranasal sinuses using se- quences of CT and CBCT images

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#### INTRODUCTION

The proper knowledge and visualization of the osteomeatal complex is essential for the treatment of sinonasal disorders. Our aim was to compare the paranasal sinus volumes obtained from hand and semiautomatic tracing methods of an imaging software programs using CT and CBCT image sequences.

#### MATERIAL & METHODS

From the authors' institutes 121 CT (*Philips Brilliance 16 (Koninklijke Philips N.V., Amsterdam, Netherlands)*) and 119 CBCT (*Newtom 3G (Quantitative Radiology s.r.l., Verona, Italy)*) examinations were selected. The DICOM image sequences were imported into a 3D imaging software (*In vivo 5.1.2, Anatomage, San Jose, CA, USA*). The volumes of both maxillary sinuses and the sphenoid sinus were determined by using "hand mode" (Figure 1.) and "semiautomatic mode" (Figure 2.) tracing methods of the software. The determined volumetric means were compared to previously published averages.

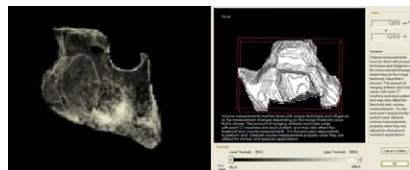


Figure 1.  
"hand mode" tracing method

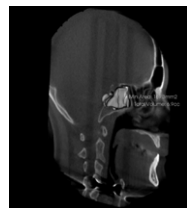


Figure 2.  
"semiautomatic" tracing method

#### RESULTS

CBCT-based volume determination results obtained from hand mode (right maxillary sinus:  $14.58786 \pm 5.644339$ ; left maxillary sinus:  $15.53317 \pm 5.834832$ ; sphenoid sinus:  $10.05895 \pm 4.398836$ ) were closer to the real volume conditions (maxillary sinus:  $15 \pm 2$  cc, sphenoid sinus:  $12.5 \pm 2.5$  cc), but the non-isometric CT based volume measurements showed coherently lower volumes (right maxillary sinus:  $8.07443 \pm 3.169671$ ; left maxillary sinus:  $8.10816 \pm 3.258038$ ; sphenoid sinus:  $4.74580 \pm 2.615067$ ). By comparing the two volume determination methods the differences of the values showed very strong significance ( $p < 0.001$ , Mann-Whitney U Test).

#### CONCLUSIONS

Our results suggests, that CBCT images provide reliable volumetric information, which may aid the proper visualization of the osteomeatal complex prior to or during the intervention.

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### Effect of platelet concentration on the density of myelinated nerve fibres in the peri-implants An experimental study

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#### Abstract

To histologically evaluate regeneration of myelinated nerve fibres following the local application of various concentrations of platelet-rich plasma. In a split mouth design, seventy-two non-submerged commercial titanium implants (3.3 mm × 8 mm) were placed at both sides of mandibular ridge of nine beagle dogs. Implants were divided into 2 control and 2 test groups; implant placement without loading (Control group I, n=18), implant placement with loading (Control group II, n=18), platelet-poor plasma (PPP) + implant placement with loading (Test group I, n=18), platelet-rich plasma (PRP) + implant placement with loading (Test group II, n=18). After harvesting tissue blocks, histological evaluation was carried out for assessment of myelinated nerve fibers. Nerve density of Control group I was found to be lowest when compared with other groups, and the statistical significance was observed at 3M ( $P < 0.05$ ). Myelinated nerve fibers showed a significant increase in density after 3M of healing in Control group II. Both PPP and PRP improved regeneration of myelinated nerve fibers with no effect on improvement of neurosensory function.

#### Research Methodology

##### 1. Study protocol

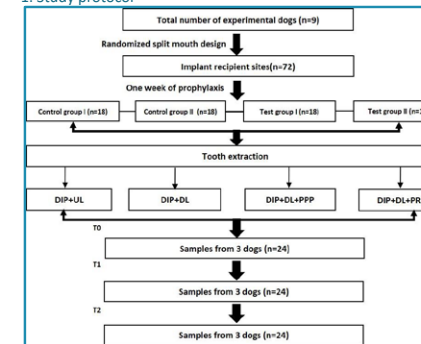
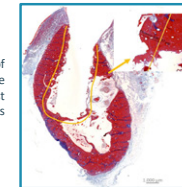


Figure 1. Flow chart of study design. DIP+UL: delayed implant placement and unloaded; DIP+DL: delayed implant placement and delayed loading. PPP: platelet-poor plasma; PRP: platelet-rich plasma; T0: one month; T1: 3 months; T2: 6 months

##### 2. Region of interest (ROI)

Figure 2. Region of interest. Area of 500µm away from the implant surface was selected as the region of interest where the myelinated nerve fibers were counted.



##### 3. Nerve fibres diameter

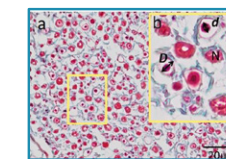


Figure 3. Morphometric analyses of the histological sections stained with Masson's trichrome stain (light microscopy). (a) Myelinated nerve fibers characterized by axons being surrounded by myelin sheaths formed by the Schwann cells; (b) a magnification of the selected box region in (a) showing the basic morphometric parameters of myelinated nerve fibers: d, axon diameter; D, nerve fiber diameter; N, nerve fibers.

#### Results



Figure 4. Decalcified sections stained with Masson's trichrome stain. Histologically observation of the myelinated nerve fibers via microscope (x40). (a) Isolated myelinated nerve fibers are in the peri-implant bone; (b) and (c) The bundle of nerve fibers and blood vessel are in the Harversian canal. (d) and (e) Isolated myelinated nerve fibers accompanied with the blood vessels are in the implant thread space. (f) neuropeptide Y (NPY) confirmed the isolated myelinated nerve fibers. I: Implant; B: Bone; BV: Blood vessel. Black arrows pointed the nerve fibers and red arrows pointed the part which is magnified.

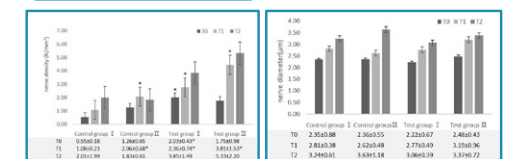


Figure 6. Mean density of myelinated nerve fibers in the peri-implant bone (N/mm²). The bar and each whisker represent the mean of nerve density and standard error.

\*Statistical significance difference ( $P < 0.05$ ) comparing groups with the Control I group.

#### Conclusions

Within the limitations of the study, we can conclude that implant loading exerted positive effect on regeneration of nerve fibres in the peri-implant region. However, no relationship was observed between platelet concentration and restoration of neurosensory function.

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## Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal Synthesis of Hydroxyapatite on Multiwall Carbon Nanotubes Promotes Osteogenic Differentiation of Pre-Osteoblasts

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### INTRODUCTION

Mimicking bone structure pushes research towards sophisticated composite scaffolds incorporating nanosized features. Bone is composed of hydroxyapatite (HAp) nano-crystals deposited in a staggered fashion along collagen fibers via biomineralization by cells [1]. However, using *in vitro* biomineralization approaches to create HAp-based materials is time-consuming, and the resulting mechanical properties often fall short of their natural counterparts [2]. Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are known for their mechanical and electrical properties, and they mimic collagen's fibrillar shape and dimensions [3]. Our aim was thus to rapidly coat CNTs with HAp and evaluate their ability to stimulate osteogenic differentiation.

### MATERIALS & METHODS

Calcium (Ca) and phosphate (P) sources were mixed at a Ca/P ratio of 1.67 and heated at 200 °C for 10 min in a high pressure microwave. This protocol was used with oxidized CNTs to create a HAp coating, which was characterized by FTIR, XRD, SEM, EDX, and ICP-OES. Cytocompatibility and osteogenic differentiation were evaluated with MC3T3-E1 cells exposed to HAp powder or HAp-coated CNTs over 28 d using Presto Blue and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) assays and phalloidin/DAPI, alizarin red S, and picrosirius red staining.

Table 1 Sample preparation conditions

Sample	Ca and P sources	Mass ratio
HAp powder (H1)	Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	
HAp powder (H2.1)	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O + (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	
HAp powder (H2.2)	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O + (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	
HAp powder (H2.3)	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O + (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	
Oxidized CNTs (CNT)		
HAp coated CNTs (CH10.4)	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O + (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	10/4
HAp coated CNTs (CH10.8)	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O + (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	10/8

### MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION

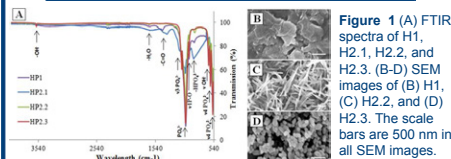
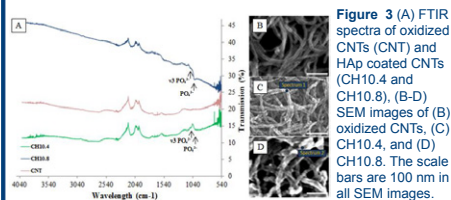


Figure 1 (A) FTIR spectra of H1, H2.1, H2.2, and H2.3. (B-D) SEM images of (B) H1, (C) H2.2, and (D) H2.3. The scale bars are 500 nm in all SEM images.



### CONCLUSIONS

CNTs coated with high purity, hexagonal HAp with near stoichiometric Ca/P ratio were prepared. Pre-osteoblasts exposed to the HAp-coated CNTs proliferated and underwent osteogenic differentiation. As future work, the HAp-coated CNTs could be incorporated into polymer scaffolds to induce bone formation.

### BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION

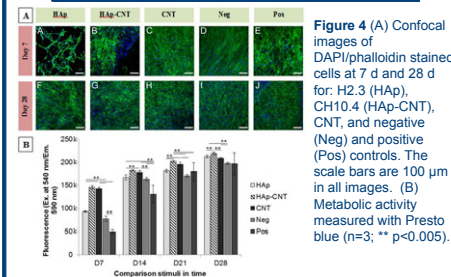


Figure 4 (A) Confocal images of DAPI/phalloidin stained cells at 7 d and 28 d for: H2.3 (HAp), CH10.4 (HAp-CNT), CNT, and negative (Neg) and positive (Pos) controls. The scale bars are 100 µm in all images. (B) Metabolic activity measured with Presto blue (n=3; \*\* p<0.005).

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## Osteogenic Response of Pre-Osteoblasts to Hydroxyapatite Coated and Patterned 3D Carbon Nanotube Structures that Mimic Bone

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### INTRODUCTION

Bone fractures are one of the most common traumatic injuries, and about 10% result in non-union. Bone transplantation, metal prosthetics, and polymer composites have been used as bone substitutes, but they have not met expectations for reasons including donor shortage, immune rejection, and mechanical mismatch with the surrounding bone. Therefore, herein, we aimed to develop a carbon nanotube (CNT) honeycomb structure, functionalize it with hydroxyapatite (HAp) to mimic the native microarchitecture of bone, and evaluate the response of pre-osteoblasts to the patterned and coated structures.

### MATERIALS & METHODS

A catalyst layer was lithographically patterned on a silicon wafer, which was transferred to a CVD furnace for CNT synthesis (Fig. 1A). Oxygen species were introduced by UV-ozone, and the patterned structure was aggregated using capillary forces, following previously published work [1]. The resulting honeycomb structure was placed in a solution of calcium (Ca) and phosphate (P) sources in a Ca/P ratio of 1.67 and then heated at 200 °C for 10 min in a high pressure microwave reactor. The coating was characterized by several physicochemical techniques. The HAp-coated honeycombs were seeded with MC3T3-E1 pre-osteoblasts to look at cell growth and osteogenic differentiation: alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity, collagen deposition, and mineralized matrix production.

### HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

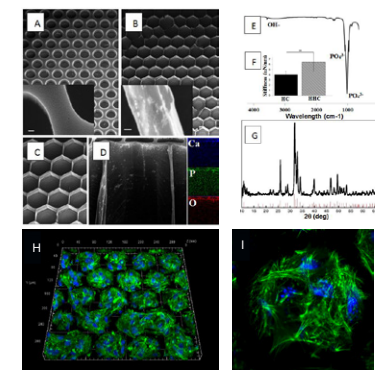


Figure 1 - Overview of honeycomb processing and structure: (A) SEM image of undensified patterned CNT forest, inset of wall topography; (B) SEM image of densified honeycomb structure with HAp coating (HHC), inset of a HAp coated wall; (C) Higher magnification SEM image of HHC structure; (D) EDX analysis of cross-section of HHC structure that indicates the presence of Ca, P and O; (E) FTIR spectrum of the synthesized HAp powder; (F) Nanoindentation results of uncoated honeycomb structures (HC) and HHCs; (G) XRD spectrum of the synthesized HAp powder; (H) 3D reconstruction of honeycomb structures seeded with cells; (I) Top view of single honeycomb occupied by cells inside. For (F), results are shown as the average and standard deviation with \* indicating a significant difference at p<0.005. For (H) and (I), cells were stained with phalloidin and DAPI.

### CONCLUSIONS

This work presents a new method for fabricating 3D hybrid CNT-HAp composites that address mechanical and structural limitations of previous scaffolds and promote the osteogenic differentiation of progenitor cells. Specifically, increased ALP activity as well as production of a mineralized collagen matrix by MC3T3-E1 pre-osteoblasts grown on the HAp coated honeycomb structures were observed.

### BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION

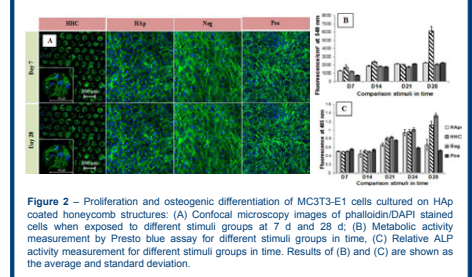


Figure 2 - Proliferation and osteogenic differentiation of MC3T3-E1 cells cultured on HAp coated honeycomb structures: (A) Confocal microscopy images of phalloidin/DAPI stained cells when exposed to different stimuli groups at 7 d and 28 d; (B) Metabolic activity measurement by Presto blue assay for different stimuli groups in time; (C) Relative ALP activity measurement for different stimuli groups in time. Results of (B) and (C) are shown as the average and standard deviation.

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### The effect of microstructural differences of fibrin and self-assembling peptide hydrogels on dental pulp stem cells' behaviour

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#### Introduction

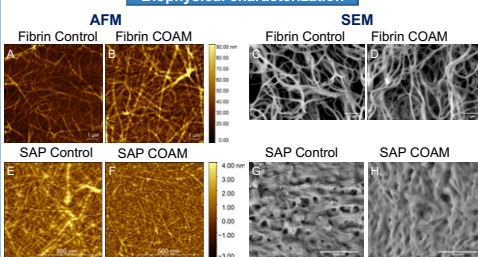
Strategies utilizing combinations of biocompatible scaffolds, growth factors, and stem cells to mimic natural morphogenesis are currently in development. Amongst those strategies are regenerative endodontic procedures, which can be defined as biology-based processes designed to replace damaged structures, including dentin and root structures, as well as cells of the pulp-dentin complex. The aims of this study were to evaluate: 1- the effect of the inclusion of an experimental molecule chlorite-oxidized oxyamylose (COAM) on the microstructural properties of fibrin and self-assembling peptide (SAP) hydrogels, 2- the influence of the microstructural differences between the hydrogels on the *in vitro* behaviour of dental pulp stem cells (DPSCs), and 3- to identify the most suitable hydrogel for further *in vivo* experiments.

#### Materials and Methods

Biophysical characterization for the hydrogels without (control) and with (test) COAM was performed using: 1- atomic force microscopy (AFM) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to determine the influence of the microstructure (roughness average, fibre length, thickness, straightness and alignment) of the hydrogels, 2- nano-indentation to measure the stiffness (elastic modulus) of the hydrogels. Biological characterization was evaluated through encapsulating GFP-labelled DPSCs in hydrogels with and without COAM, and the cell viability was determined at 1, 4 and 7 days using confocal microscopy imaging.

#### Results

##### Biophysical characterization



**Table 1: AFM image analysis**

The inclusion of COAM did not alter the microstructure of the hydrogels at the fibre level as demonstrated by quantitative analysis (Table 1) for the AFM images (A, B, E & F) and visualized by SEM images (C, D, G & H). However, differences in fibre heights were observed between the test and control in the fibrin hydrogels (A & B) (colour code represents fibre height). This difference in fibre heights in the fibrin hydrogels may be due to depletion force effect due to the presence of COAM upon sample drying.

The Young's elastic modulus for fibrin hydrogels at 3.5 mg/ml fibrinogen concentration was 742 Pa (± 204) for the control group and 683 Pa (± 73) for the test group.

#### Conclusion

The microstructural stability after the inclusion of COAM and the high cell viability observed in the fibrin hydrogels suggests that this material may be promising as a carrier for COAM and for application in endodontic regeneration *in vivo*

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## B. INVITED LECTURES

08-01-18	R. Jacobs	2 days course for radioprotection certification in dentistry	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
27-01-18	C. Politis	Bescherming van de nervus alveolaris inferior tijdens orthognatische heelkunde	Koninklijke Academie voor Geneeskunde van België, Brussels, Belgium
30-01-18	C. Politis	3D printing in maxillofacial surgery	3D medical conference, 5th Edition, MECC Maastricht, The Netherlands
30-01-18	R. Jacobs	Beyond CBCT: from virtual patients to 3D bioprinting in oral healthcare	3D Medical Conference, Maastricht, The Netherlands
01-02-18	C. Politis	Extracties	Voordracht Studieclub Zuid-West-Vlaanderen, tandartsen, Kortrijk, Belgium
03-02-18	C. Politis	Nieuw ziekenhuislandschap in wording: de plaats van MKA en haar nomenclatuur	VVT-MKA Upgrade, Ieper Belgium
20-02-18	C. Politis	Locale anesthesie in de tandheelkunde	NIVVT, Hotel Residence Stiemerheide, Genk, Belgim
21-02-18	R. Pauwels	Artificial Intelligence: Potential Applications in Dental Imaging.	10th Iranian Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Congress. Shiraz, Iran
23-02-18	C. Politis	Casuïstiek voor de algemene tandheelkundige praktijk	Tandartsengroep Guy Sampermans, Maaseik, The Netherlands
23-02-18	R. Pauwels	Bone Structure Parameters: Relevance for Jaw Bone Quality Assessment	10th Iranian Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Congress. Shiraz, Iran
08-03-18	C. Politis	Extracties	VVT, Gasthof ter Venne, Langdorp, Belgium
17-03-18	C. Politis	Bridgen of niet-bridgen bij tandextracties. Casuïstiek. Bloedverduunners in MKA en Tandheelkunde	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
17-03-18	C. Politis	Behandeling van nabloedingen onder bloedverduunners. Bloedverduunners in MKA en Tandheelkunde	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
17-03-18	C. Politis	Website guidelines bloedverdunding in de tandheelkunde. Bloedverduunners in MKA en Tandheelkunde	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
17-03-18	R. Jacobs	CBCT its justified use in oral health care	Forårsmøde 2018 Dansk Selskab for Oral Implantologi, Sweden
17-03-18	C. Politis	Bloedverduunners	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
22-03-18	C. Politis	Locale anesthesie bij oncologische patiënten: bestraalde patiënten, antiresorptiva, interacties met medicatie	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
22-03-18	C. Politis	Extracties en cysten	Turnhout, Belgium

23-03-18	C. Politis	Ziekenhuisfinanciering en Ziekenhuis-netwerken	EHSAL, Brussels, Belgium
29-03-18	R. Jacobs	Nerves around the corner! The use of presurgical CBCT	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium Symposium 35 jaar Parodontologie KU Leuven
07-04-18	K. Orhan	Handson- CBCT course	7-9 April 2018, Warsaw, Poland
24-04-18	C. Politis	Locale Anesthesie	NIVVT Brugge, Belgium
05-05-18	C. Politis	Tandtraumata: MKA invalshoek	Stiernerheide - Genk, Belgium
05-05-18	C. Politis	Traumatologie: gedrag van de weke weefsels	VBT, Genk, Belgium
17-05-18	A. Torres	CBCT in de endodontie: diagnose, behandelingsplanning en follow-up.	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
19-05-18	C. Politis	Hoe kijken we naar gezichten en tanden: van normaal tot abnormaal - de bijdrage van de MKA-arts	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
19-05-18	C. Politis	Orthognatische heelkunde	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
31-05-18	R. Jacobs	Justification of CBCT imaging	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
31-05-18	R. Pauwels	CBCT Utopia? Creating and using the perfect CBCT device	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
31-05-18	R. Jacobs	The sedentexCT files	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
31-05-18	R. Jacobs	2 days inter-university programme on the use of cone beam CT for dentomaxillofacial diagnostics	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
01-06-18	R. Jacobs	Radiodiagnostics in periodontology and implant treatment	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
01-06-18	R. Jacobs	Radio-anatomy of the jaw bone in 2 and 3 dimensions	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
06-06-18	K. Orhan	The T in TMJ: Image Modalities and Basic Diagnostics Needs	16th European Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology Congress, 13-17 June 2018, Luzern, Switzerland
12-06-18	C. Politis	Extracties	KLTV, Ieper, Belgium
14-06-18	C. Politis	Nomenclatuur MKA	AZ St. Jan Brugge, Belgium
16-06-18	C. Politis	Wondhelingsproblemen in de mond: locale oorzaken	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
16-06-18	C. Politis	Hyperbare zuurstoftherapie	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
16-06-18	C. Politis	Wondhelingsproblemen in de mond	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
19-06-18	C. Politis	LKI-richtlijnen bij orale mucositis	LKI, UZ Leuven, Belgium
20-06-18	R. Jacobs	Advances in 3D-imaging/printing prior to important therapy	EuroPerio9, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

29-06-18	R. Jacobs	Workshop cone beam CT in de praktijk: basis	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
02-07-18	R. Jacobs	Workshop cone beam CT in de praktijk: diagnostiek	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
03-09-18	R. Jacobs	Two days course for radioprotection certification in dentistry	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
06-09-18	K. Orhan	Clues at your fingertips: dentomaxillofacial ultrasound applications	12th Asian Congress of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology&5th Green Health Conference 6th to 9th Sept'2018, Mumbai, India
07-09-18	R. Jacobs	Workshop cone beam CT in de praktijk: presentatie van eigen casus	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
07-09-18	I. Lambrechts	Basic research on how L-PRF can enhance the healing	2nd European Meeting on ENHD, Leuven, Belgium
07-09-18	J. Blanco	Benefits of L-PRF for ridge preservation & bone block grafting	2nd European Meeting on ENHD, Leuven, Belgium
07-09-18	N. Pinto	L-PRF: why should it work: from extra-oral to intra-oral wound	2nd European Meeting on ENHD, Leuven, Belgium
07-09-18	A. Ockerman	The influence of antithrombotic drugs on biomechanical characteristics of L-PRF	2nd European Meeting on ENHD, Leuven, Belgium
12-09-18	C. Politis	Anthogyr Chair for oral and maxillofacial surgery	KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
15-09-18	R. Jacobs	De 3D's van een stralend beeld: dimensies, dosis en diagnose	NiVVT, Najaarssymposium 2018, Antwerp, Belgium
27-09-18	Y. Sun	Application of 3D Surgical Planning in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Wu Han University, School of Stomatology, Wuhan, China
18-10-18	R. Jacobs	Beeldvorming in alle dimensies bekeken	Tandheelkundige Kring van Aalst, Belgium
19-10-18	C. Politis	Toekomst van en uitdagingen in MKA	ZOL Overpelt, Belgium
27-10-18	C. Politis	3D en Navigatie in Traumatologie, Implantologie, TMJ chirurgie 3D technologie in MKA	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
27-10-18	C. Politis	3D technologie in MKA	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
30-10-18	S. Shujaat	Accuracy of 3D printed models	3D Medical Conference, Maastricht, The Netherlands
06-11-18	C. Politis	Locale anesthesie	VVT Brussel, Belgium
13-11-18	C. Politis	Extracties durven en doen	VVT Brugge, Belgium
15-11-18	C. Politis	Extracties durven en doen	VVT Brecht, Belgium
15-11-18	T. Dormaar	CBCT for CMF	UZ Gent, Belgium
17-11-18	R. Jacobs	Dimensies van een stralend beeld deel 1: van indicatiesstelling tot diagnose deel 2: 3D diagnostische dilemma's	VTB Aalst, Belgium

17-11-18	R. Jacobs	De kliniek van Radiologie	VBt Leuven, Belgium
23-11-18	A. De Grauwe	Radiodiagnostiek in de kindertandheelkunde	IAPD Regional Meeting Eindhoven 2018, the Netherlands
30-11-18	R. Jacobs	Dental Implants: beyond the osseointegration	II Core Brazil 2018 Colloquium on Oral Rehabilitation, São Paulo, Brazil
06-12-18	C. Politis	Parry Romberg Syndrome: experience at Leuven University Hospitals	Joël Ferri's Congress, Lille, France
08-12-18	C. Politis	Extractierichtlijnen bij BRI's en Radiotherapie	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
08-12-18	C. Politis	Iatrogene problematiek: update botresorptie, inhibitoren, chemotherapie, bestraling	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
13-12-18	R. Jacobs	Cone Beam CT: indications & limites au cabinet dentaire	Brussels, Belgium
13-12-18	R. Jacobs	CBTC's bekijken om een diagnose te stellen	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium
20-12-18	M. Bornstein	Diagnostic challenges and therapeutic dilemma's in the jaw bone	LUTV, Leuven, Belgium

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3D lab

**A. TEAM****B. PROJECTS****C. PUBLICATIONS**

- International Peer Reviewed Publications
- Oral presentations
- Poster presentations
- invited lectures

The 3D lab facility was officially introduced in autumn 2014, as an integrated part of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery at UZ Leuven. Together with the maxillofacial imaging center, the 3D-lab facility is fully integrated in the workflow of the daily clinic. The work started from simple segmentation and 3D printing of anatomical structures to 3D planning of complex surgeries. Currently, the 3D lab works in a multidisciplinary team that brings together the expertise of doctors, scientists, engineers to improve care for each individual patient. This closed cooperation enabled the surgeon and patient to maximize the benefits from 3D technology. The focus of our 3D lab is how to integrate 3D technologies in the clinical workflow to develop new medical treatment methods and to carry out clinical research in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery. This involves computer assisted surgical planning, 3D printing of anatomic models and surgical templates, 3D metal printing of patient specific implant and image-guided surgery.

Besides Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, the 3D lab is collaborating internally within UZ Leuven departments, and externally with 9th People Hospital Shanghai, 4th Military Medical University Xi'an China, Department of Mechanical Engineering Jiao Tong University, Karolinska University Hospital Stockholm, etc.

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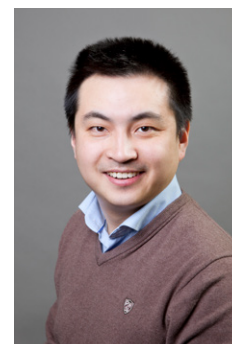
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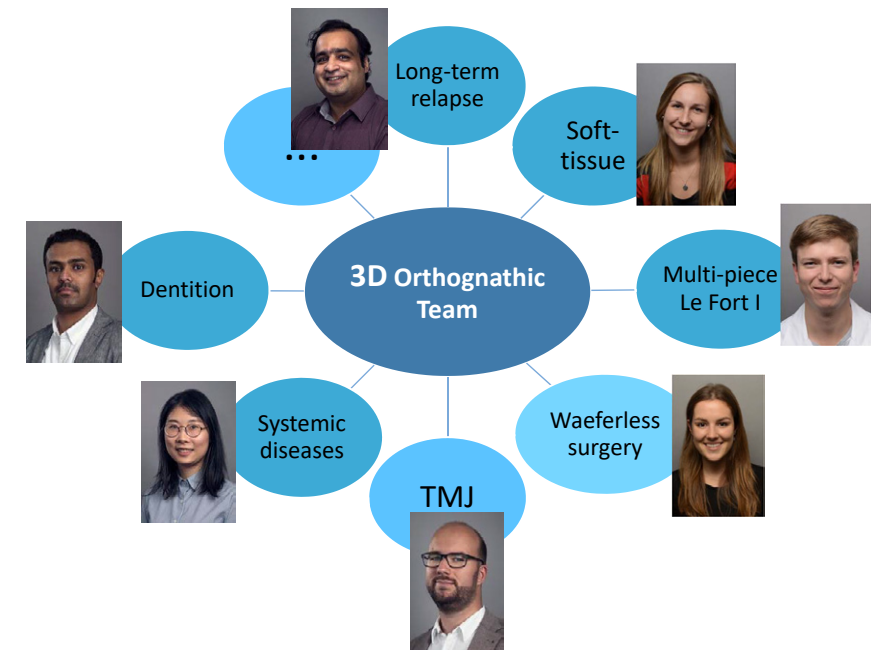


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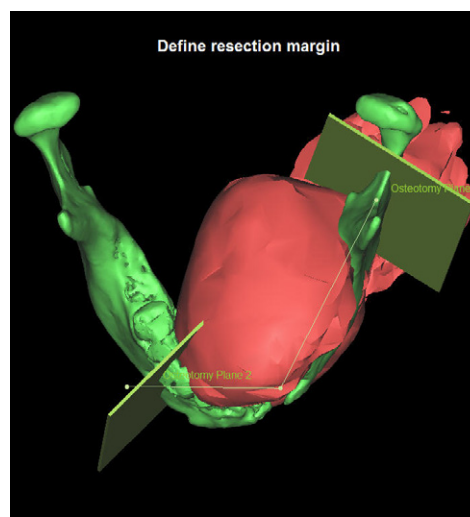
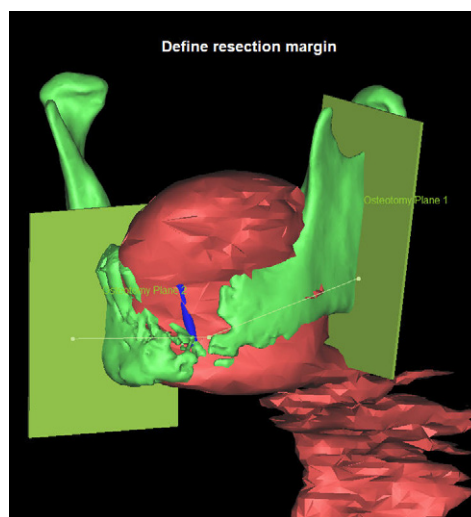
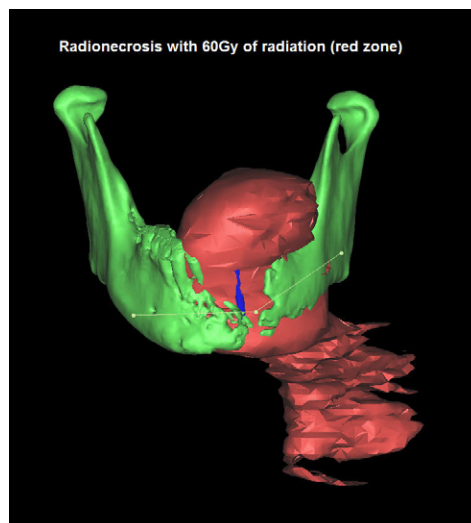
## B. PROJECTS

- Long-term bone relapse: maxillary relapse and mandibular remodeling
- Soft tissue changes after orthognathic surgery
- Multiple pieces Le Fort I accuracy and stability
- Waferless surgery: new technologies to improve Le Fort I surgery
- Condylar changes after orthognathic surgery
- Systemic diseases related to orthognathic surgery
- Dental changes evaluation in 3D after orthognathic surgery



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## COMPUTER ASSISTED MANDIBLE / MAXILLA RECONSTRUCTION WITH FIBULAR OR DCIA FLAP



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Effect of platelet concentration on the density of myelinated nerve fibres in the peri-implants  
An experimental studyDandan Song<sup>1</sup>, Yan Huang<sup>1,2</sup>, Ivo Lambrechts<sup>3</sup>, Sohaib Shujaat<sup>1</sup>, Reinhilde Jacobs<sup>1\*</sup>

## Abstract

To histologically evaluate regeneration of myelinated nerve fibres following the local application of various concentrations of platelet-rich plasma. In a split mouth design, seventy-two non-submerged commercial titanium implants (3.3 mm × 8 mm) were placed at both sides of mandibular ridge of nine beagle dogs. Implants were divided into 2 control and 2 test groups; implant placement without loading (Control group I, n=18), implant placement with loading (Control group II, n=18), platelet-poor plasma (PPP) + implant placement with loading (Test group I, n=18), platelet-rich plasma (PRP) + implant placement with loading (Test group II, n=18). After harvesting tissue blocks, histological evaluation was carried out for assessment of myelinated nerve fibres. Nerve density of Control group I was found to be lowest when compared with other groups, and the statistical significance was observed at 3M (P<0.05). Myelinated nerve fibres showed a significant increase in density after 3M of healing in Control group II. Both PPP and PRP improved regeneration of myelinated nerve fibres with no effect on improvement of neurosensory function.

## Research Methodology

## 1. Study protocol

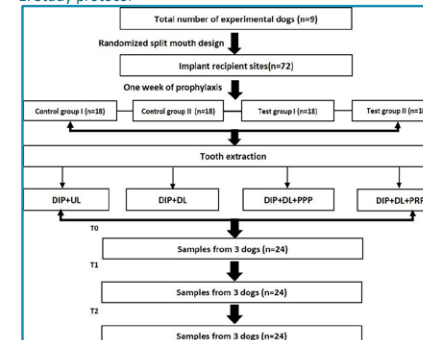
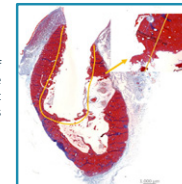


Figure 1. Flow chart of study design. DIP+UL: delayed implant placement and unloaded; DIP+DL: delayed implant placement and delayed loading. PPP: platelet-poor plasma; PRP: platelet-rich plasma; T0: one month; T1: 3 months; T2: 6 months

## 2. Region of interest (ROI)

Figure 2. Region of interest. Area of 500µm away from the implant surface was selected as the region of interest where the myelinated nerve fibres were counted.



## 3. Nerve fibres diameter

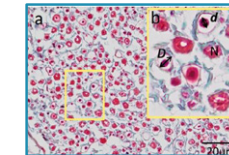


Figure 3. Morphometric analyses of the histological sections stained with Masson's trichrome stain (light microscopy). (a) Myelinated nerve fibers characterized by axons being surrounded by myelin sheaths formed by the Schwann cells; (b) a magnification of the selected box region in (a) showing the basic morphometric parameters of myelinated nerve fibers. d, axon diameter; D, nerve fiber diameter; N, nerve fibers.

## Results

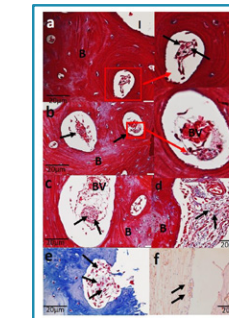


Figure 4. Decalcified sections stained with Masson's trichrome stain. Histologically observation of the myelinated nerve fibers via microscope (×40). (a) Isolated myelinated nerve fibers are in the peri-implant bone; (b) and (c) The bundle of nerve fibers and blood vessel are in the Haversian canal. (d) and (e) Isolated myelinated nerve fibers accompanied with the blood vessels are in the implant thread space. (f) neuropeptide Y (NPY) confirmed the isolated myelinated nerve fibers. I: Implant; B: Bone; BV: Blood vessel. Black arrows pointed the nerve fibers and red arrows pointed the part which is magnified.

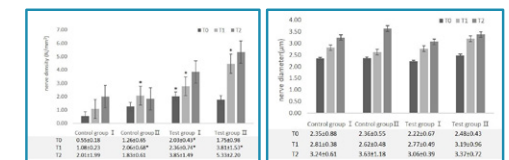


Figure 6. Mean density of myelinated nerve fibers in the peri-implant bone nerve fibers (µm). The bar and each whisker represent the mean of nerve density and standard error. \*Statistical significance difference (P<0.05) comparing groups with the Control I group.

## Conclusions

Within the limitations of the study, we can conclude that implant loading exerted positive effect on regeneration of nerve fibres in the peri-implant region. However, no relationship was observed between platelet concentration and restoration of neurosensory function.

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