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*Objective* To investigate the effect of the taper-implant design and the effect of bone quality on the primary stability in terms of insertion torque test, removal torque test and resonance frequency analysis.

*Methods* Five taper-implant designs were test in artificial bone blocks with four qualities. Five repetitions per implant design were placed in each bone quality started from softest bone block. The implant motor was used to prepared the osteotomy sites and implant insertion according to manufacturers' recommendation. Peak insertion torque values were measured and recorded by implant motor when the platform of the implant flush to the bone level. Resonance frequency analysis was measure by Osstell ISQ device. The implant stability quotients were recorded. Finally, the implants were unscrewed by implant motor and the peak removal torque values were recorded. Same implants were reused with the same protocol in the rest of the test, from softer to harder test blocks respectively. The data of insertion torque values, implant stability quotients and removal torque values were statistically analysed by two-way factorial ANOVA to investigate the interaction effect of two independent variables (implant design and bone quality), (p=0.05).

*Results* In insertion torque and removal torque tests, the interaction effects of implant design and bone quality were statistically significant. However, the interaction effect was not found in resonance frequency analysis group.

*Conclusion* Within the limitations of this study, it can be concluded that selecting the proper design of tapered implant regarding to the quality of surgical bone site can achieve predictable primary stability outcome in terms of insertion torque and removal torque.

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#### Background and rationale

The clinical use of dental implants as dental substitutions has increased by the day since their long-term success rates are very high [1, 2]. In the past, success dental implant commonly defined as a survival of implant and successful osseointegration [3]. Although new parameters have been introduced such as natural looking implant restorations and peri-implant tissue to assess the success of dental implants,

osseointegration remains the predominant parameter in implant dentistry [4, 5].

Implant stability at the time of implant placement, known as the primary stability,

is a crucial factor for achieving successful osseointegration [6, 7]. Primary stability has

been thought to be influenced by three main factors such as local bone quality, implant

design and surgical technique [1]. The interplay of these three factors determines the

primary stability of the implant.

Primary stability can assess by many methods such as resonance frequency

analysis, insertion torque and removal torque measurement [1, 8]. Resonance frequency

analysis (RFA) is proved to be reliable, reproducible, and user-friendly non-invasive

methods [1, 8-10]. Insertion torque (IT) measurement, which is frequently used in both in

vivo and in vitro study, was described by Johansson and Strid [11]. This method records

the torque required to place the implant and provides valuable information about local

bone quality. For removal torque (RT) measurement, although it is currently has not been

used in clinical practice owing to their invasive approach, but still a beneficial tool in

research [1, 8, 12].

Bone quality or bone density is decisive factor in the success of gaining primary

stability. Although there are many bone assessments were introduced but they were

generally classified into four groups of bone density [13]. The volume of bone available

and density of the bone are highly associated with the type of surgical procedure and the

type of implant, and both factors play a vital role in the success of dental implant surgery

[14].

Currently, there are many features of the implant such as diameter, length, surface

thread designs and topography of the implant such as parallel shape, taper shape.

Original implants were parallel in design. However, the original design was not

suitable for all applications. Consequently, taper implant was especially designed for

immediate implant placement after tooth extraction. The theory behind the use of taper

implants is to provide for a degree of compression of the cortical bone in a poor bone

implant site [15]. When taper implant was inserted, it creates a lateral compression of the

bone [16]. The advantages of the taper implant can be seen especially with anatomic

limitation, including ridges with concavities or narrow ridges. Parallel implants tend to run

the risk of labial perforation due to buccal concavities, while the decrease in diameter

toward the apical region of the taper implant can avoids the labial concavity [17].

Presently, most implant companies offer taper implants. Nevertheless, there are

lack of information of how the macro-designs of the taper-implant such as the body shape,

threads, thread shape of the taper implant affect the primary stability and what is the

proper design for each bone quality in terms of primary stability.

Therefore, the aim of this study is to investigate the effects of taper-implant

designs in different bone quality and their relation in terms of primary stability.

#### Review of literature

#### 1. Implant geometry

#### 1.1 Diameter and length

From the study of Winkler et al., shorter implants showed statistically lower survival

rates as compared with longer implants and narrower diameter implants had lower

survival rate than wider implants [18]. Renouard & Nisand demonstrated a trend for an

increase failure rate with short implants and wide-diameter implants. However, they found

that the survival rates for short and for wide-diameter implants has been comparable with

those obtained with longer implants and those of a standard diameter in carefully

considered cases [19]. In addition, Baggi et al. suggested that implant diameter maybe

more effective than implant length as a design parameter to control the risk of bone

overload [20].

Influence of implant diameter and length on primary stability is still inconclusive.

Östman et al. found decreasing stability with increasing implant length [21]. Miyamoto et

al. found similar result which may be explained by the fact that some long implant designs

have a reduced diameter in the coronal part to reduce friction heat and facilitate easy

insertion [22]. However, Bischof et al. found that implant position, implant length, implant

diameter and vertical position did not influence the implant stability quotient (ISQ) values

of the implants placed in both maxilla and the mandible [23]. The study of Ito et al. also

showed that implant length might not have a significant effect on resonance frequency

analysis measurements[24] which also has been support in in vitro [25] and in clinical [21,

23, 26] studies. On the other hand, Romanos et al. suggest that in dense bone blocks, the

wider diameter implants are more stable than narrow implants [27]. Moreover, increasing

in diameter size resulted in higher insertion torque gain but increasing in length did not

offer greater value in self-tapping implant [28].

1.2 Implant surface

Implant surface modification has been developing to improve osseointegration

and increase bone to implant contact. Cooper et al. claimed that from animal studies and

emerging information from human investigations suggested that enhanced surface

topography beyond a machined surface is associated with increased bone-to-implant

contact and increased biomechanical interlocking with bone [29]. Additionally,

Guehennec et al. demonstrated that there are several surfaces commercially available for

dental implants and most of these surfaces have proven clinical efficacy. However, such

changes may enhance the osseointegration of implants during the healing period but

have little effect on the primary stability of the fixtures immediately after placement [30].

1.3 Implant macro-design

There are two major categories of implant design: macro-design and micro-

design. Macro-design consists of body shape, thread, and thread design (e.g., thread

geometry, face angle, thread pitch, thread depth, thread width and microthreads) [31].

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In this study, we mainly focus on overall implant macro-designs and how they

impact the primary stability in different bone quality. However, some specific

characteristics were worth to give the attention.

Thread shape was believed to have an important in stress transfer between the

surrounding bone and the implant [32]. There are many types of thread shapes such as

V-shape, square shape, buttress and reverse buttress that are distinct by the thread

thickness and face angle [33].

Thread pitch is the distance, parallel to the implant axis, between the center of

one thread to the center of next thread [34]. From the finding of Ryu et al., smaller pitch

has better stress distribution and supports the primary stability. Though, the optimal

thread pitch was depending on the thread design [32].

Thread depth is the distance from the tip of the thread to the body of the implant

and thread width is the axially distance between the most coronal and the most apical of

the base of single thread. Deeper threads may advantage in softer bones, on the other

threads offer easier insertion in denser hones

hand, shallower threads offer easier insertion in denser bones [35].

Crestal module, or the neck portion of the implant, previously was smooth to

prevent plaque accumulation. Later, microthreads was introduced and multiple studies

indicate that they promote bone formation and effective in stress distributions [32].

#### 2. Bone Assessment



Figure 1: Bone density classification (Misch, 1999)

There are many bone quality assessment studies which generally categorized the

bone quality into four groups according to the proportion and structure of compact and

trabecular bone tissue [13] . In 1999, Misch et al. proposed four bone density groups

based on cortical and trabecular bone which similar to the classification of Lekholm and

Zarb in 1985 [36]. Bone density groups divided into D1 to D4: D1 bone is almost dense

compact, D2 bone is a combination of dense to porous compact cortical bone on the

outside and "coarse" trabecular bone on the inside, D3 bone is porous, thinner cortical

bone and "fine" trabecular bone, D4 bone is "fine" trabecular bone that has very light

density and little or no cortical crestal bone [37].

#### 3. Polyurethane foam block

Polyurethane foam block is the mechanical test-block which equivalent to jaw bone (Sawbones®; Pacific Research Laboratories Inc., Washington, USA). Polyurethane

foam is considered to be the standard material used for performing mechanical tests on

orthopedic implants [38]. Moreover, this biomechanical test material offers uniform and

consistent physical properties that eliminate the variability encountered when testing with

human cadaver bone. Using Misch classification of bone density, D1 bone was simulated

using 40 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) with a bone density of 0.64 g/cm3 polyurethane

blocks, D2 bone was simulated using 30 pcf polyurethane blocks with a bone density of

0.48 g/cm3, D3 bone was simulated using 20 pcf polyurethane blocks with a bone density CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

of 0.32 g/cm3, and D4 bone was simulated using 10 pcf with a bone density of 0.48 g/cm3.

For the mean bone mineral density, posterior maxilla bone density is 0.31 g/cm3 and

anterior maxilla is 0.55 g/cm3 [39].

#### 4. Primary stability assessments

Presently, various diagnostic methods and tools have been suggested to define

implant stability: non-invasive clinical test methods such as radiographic methods,

Periotest, insertion torque (cutting torque, cutting resistance test) and resonance

frequency analysis or the invasive research test methods such as histomorphometry and

removal torque test [1].

4.1 Resonance Frequency Analysis

The resonance frequency analysis (RFA) technique for implant stability

measurements was developed by Meredith and coworkers more than 20 years ago [40]

which this technique today is commercially available as Osstell ISQ device (Osstell AB,

Gothenburg, Sweden)(Figure 1). The Osstell ISQ is highly reliable regarding

reproducibility [9, 10]. RFA makes use of a transducer (peg), which is attached to the

implant and excited over a range of frequencies by electro-magnetic waves to measure

the resonance frequency of the transducer. The underlying RF measurements in Hz are

translated to Implant Stability Quotients (ISQ) units from 1 (lowest stability) to 100 ISQ

units (highest stability).



Osstell ISQ device (Osstell AB, Gothenburg, Sweden) and the work flow.

RFA measures implant stability in bending as a function of interface stiffness and

correlates with implant displacement, i.e. micro-mobility, under lateral loading [41]. The

ISQ value is determined by the local bone density and is influenced by implant placement

technique, implant design, healing time and exposed implant height above the alveolar

crest [42].

Bone density is a major determinant of RFA measurement as shown in numerous

studies. A positive correlation between ISQ units and bone density with insertion torque

measurements has been demonstrated [43].

Implant stability is usually higher in the mandible than in the maxilla [21] due to

the fact that mandibular bone is often denser than maxillary. Moreover, the properties of

the marginal bone influence RFA measurements [22, 24].

The influence of implant length and diameter on RFA measurements is not clear

and seems to vary between studies. The use of technique to create increased lateral

compression during insertion seems to result in higher stability. This may be due to

undersized preparation before placing the implant or the use of taper implant [44].

Most researchers have not found implant surfaces to impact on ISQ

measurements. A clinical study on immediate loading in the posterior mandible found no

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difference in primary stability between machined and oxidized titanium implants [45].

However, the machined implants showed a significant loss of stability, while the oxidized

implants remained their stability after 4 months of loading.

It seems like implants with low and/or falling ISQ values pose an increased risk for

failure compared with implants with high and/or increasing values. The RFA technique

can be used at any stage during treatment as one additional parameter to support

decision making during implant treatment and follow-up.

#### 4.2 Insertion torque (IT)

Insertion torque, cutting torque or cutting resistance measurement technique was

introduced by Johansson and Strid to determining bone density during implant site

preparation during low speed drilling. This method was further explored by Friberg et al.

and found a technique to be reliable and applicable in clinical routine work. However, the

major limitation of insertion torque is that it does not give any information on bone quality

until the osteotomy site is prepared. Insertion torque value could measure as Newton-

Centimeter (N-cm) scale. The Insertion torque value is determined by the local bone

density and is influenced by implant placement technique[25]. Bone density is not only a

major determinant of insertion torque measurement, as shown in many studies, but the

thickness of the cortical bone also [25, 43, 46]. The under preparation of the osteotomy

site technique has been used to increase the IT value [46, 47]. However, the primary

stability cannot be acquired by simply reducing the diameter of the final drill in attempts

to increase the insertion torque [46].

#### 4.3 Removal Torque (RT)

Removal torque test is an invasive clinical method since it is a measurement of

resistance force in removing the implant. However it is still a beneficial measurement in

animal research when comparing material, implant design, surface treatment in terms of

shear strength, quality of bone-implant contact, and speed of formation of contact [12].

Several in vitro studies, without the osseointegration of implants, found that there are

obvious problems when drawing conclusion from removal toque data gathered

immediately after insertion.

A high immediate removal torque may not indicate that a high removal torque

would be gained once osseointegration has taken place. However, immediate removal

torque does provide a measure of the resistance of an implant to rotational displacement

in the vulnerable post-insertion healing period [44].

### Research questions

- 1. Does implant design affect primary stability?
- 2. Does bone quality affect primary stability?
- 3. Are there any interaction of implant design and bone quality on primary

stability?

Research objectives

The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of taper-implant designs in

different bone quality in terms of the primary stability (insertion torque (IT), removal torque

(RT) and resonance frequency analysis (RFA))

Statement of hypothesis

Null hypothesis:

1. There was no significant difference on insertion torque based on implant designs.

2. There was no significant difference on insertion torque based on bone quality.

3. There was no significant interaction effect between the implant designs and bone

quality in terms of the insertion torque.

4. There was no significant difference on removal torque based on implant designs.

5. There was no significant difference on removal torque based on bone quality.

6. There was no significant interaction effect between the implant designs and bone

quality in terms of the removal torque.

7. There was no significant difference on RFA based on implant designs.

8. There was no significant difference on RFA values based on bone quality.

9. There was no significant interaction effect between the implant designs and bone

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quality in terms of the RFA.

## Conceptual framework



### Research methodology

#### 1. Materials

Polyurethane blocks



Figure 2 Polyurethane blocks

To simulate bone in an in vitro setting, rigid polyurethane blocks with the

dimension of 13 cm x 18 cm x 4 cm will be used at different densities (Figure 2). The

American Society for Testing Materials has shown that polyurethane blocks have

mechanical properties simulating human bone. Polyurethane is considered to be the

standard material used for performing mechanical tests on orthopedic implants. The

blocks came from the same batch and were accurately weighed. Using the Misch's

classification of bone density, D1 bone will be simulated using 40 pounds per cubic foot

(pcf) polyurethane blocks, D2 bone will be simulated using 30 pcf polyurethane blocks,

D3 bone will be simulated using 20 pcf polyurethane blocks and D4 bone will be simulated

using 10 pcf polyurethane blocks.

#### Implants

Five different taper-implant designs with the closest diameter and length available

for the test version will be used for this study (Figure 3): (1) NobelActive® RP 4.3,13 mm

REF 34131 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland); (2) NobelReplace<sup>®</sup> RP 4.3, 13 mm REF 32216

(Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland); (3) Osseospeed<sup>TM</sup> EV conical implant 4.2, 13 mm

REF25264 (ASTRA TECH Implant System<sup>™</sup>, Sweden); (4) OsseoSpeed<sup>™</sup> TX conical

implant 4.5, 11 mm REF 24952 (AstraTech implant system<sup>™</sup>, Sweden); (5) Straumann<sup>®</sup>

Bone Level Taper implant, 4.1, 10 mm REF 021.5412 (Straumann<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland); (6). The

implants will be placed using the drilling technique and insertion protocols as described

below.



Figure 3

Implants used in this study

A total of 100 osteotomies will be created in the above-mentioned rigid

polyurethane blocks; 25 in D1 bone block, 25 in D2 bone block, 25 in D3 bone block and

25 in D4 bone block (Sawbones; Pacific Research Laboratories Inc., WA, USA). In each

bone density, thirty osteotomies are consisted of five implants from six systems.

2. Methods

2.1 Sample description

The number of sample size in this study is designed according to the previous

studies (Wang, 2015), which conduct the primary stability test in different implant design

and different bone density. The study suggested 5 subjects per implant design.

In this study, there are four artificial bone blocks that simulate four types of bone

density. Each bone block consists of five different designs of taper implant and each

design has five repeats.

#### 2.2 Intervention

2.2.1 Drilling procedure

The blocks will be fixed in a metallic platform to reduce movements during the

drilling procedure and to ensure consistent experimental conditions. Drilling was

performed by one calibrated clinician with electronic surgical unit (EXPERTsurg, Kavo

Dental Gmbh, Germany).

# The osteotomy site preparation will be performed as manufacturer's

recommendation for each of the five respective implant systems (Figure 4). During drilling,

an in-and-out motion was performed in bone blocks for 1-2 s without stopping the

handpiece motor. This motion was repeated until the drill reached the depth of the

reference line depending on systems.





Drilling sequences for bone type 1 (Dense bone)

- (1) NobelActive<sup>®</sup> RP 4.3,13 mm REF 34131 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)
  - Twist Drill with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 32299) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 10 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

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• Twist Step Drill with 2.4/2.8 mm diameter (REF 32262) will be inserted up to

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Twist Step Drill with 3.2/3.6 mm diameter (REF 32264) will be inserted up to

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Twist Step Drill with 3.8/4.2 mm diameter (REF 32277) will be inserted up to

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

(2) NobelReplace<sup>®</sup> taper Groovy RP 4.3, 13 mm REF 32216 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)

• Tip taper with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 36117) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Drill with 3.5 mm diameter (REF 29367) will be inserted up to 13 mm depth

with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Drill with 4.3 mm diameter (REF 29370) will be inserted up to 13 mm depth

with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Dense Bone Profile with 4.3 mm diameter (REF 29381) will be used to shape

the coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as

guidelines for vertical positioning with the maximum of 800 rpm.

• Tap with 4.3 mm diameter (REF 32090) will be used to precut the threads over

the full depth of the implant bed preparation with the maximum of 25 rpm.

(3) Osseospeed<sup>™</sup> EV conical implant 4.2, 13 mm REF25264 (ASTRA TECH Implant System<sup>™</sup>,

Sweden)

• Twist Drill EV with 1.9 mm diameter (REF 25162) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Step Drill EV with 2.5/3.1 mm diameter (REF 25168) will be inserted up to 13

mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

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• Conical Drill with 3.1/4.2 mm diameter (REF 25188) will be used to shape the

coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines

for vertical positioning with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

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(4) OsseoSpeed<sup>™</sup> TX conical implant 4.5, 11 mm REF 24952 (AstraTech implant system<sup>™</sup>,

Sweden)

• Twist Drill with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 22886) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 11 mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Twist Drill with 3.2 mm diameter (REF 22807) will be inserted up to 11 mm

depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Conical Drill with 3.2/4.5 mm diameter (REF 22895) will be used to shape the

coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines for vertical positioning with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Twist Drill with 3.35 mm diameter (REF 22808) will be inserted up to 11 mm

depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

(5) Straumann<sup>®</sup> Bone Level Taper implant, 4.1, 10 mm REF 021.5412 (Straumann<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)

• Pilot Drill with 2.2 mm diameter (REF 026.0002) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 10 mm depth with the maximum of 800 rpm.

• BLT Drill with 2.8 mm diameter (REF 026.2201) will be inserted up to 10 mm depth

with the maximum of 600 rpm.

• BLT Drill with 3.5 mm diameter (REF 026.4201) will be inserted up to 10 mm depth

with the maximum of 500 rpm.

• Profile Drill with 4.1mm diameter (REF 026.0004) will be used to shape the coronal

part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines for vertical

positioning with the maximum of 300 rpm.
BLT Tap drill with 4.1 mm diameter (REF 026.0010) will be used to precut the

threads over the full depth of the implant bed preparation with the maximum of 15 rpm.

# Drilling sequences for bone type 2 and 3 (Normal bone)

- (1) NobelActive<sup>®</sup> RP 4.3,13 mm REF 34131 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)
  - Twist Drill with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 32299) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Twist Step Drill with 2.4/2.8 mm diameter (REF 32262) will be inserted up to

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Twist Step Drill with 3.2/3.6 mm diameter (REF 32264) will be inserted up to CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

(2) NobelReplace<sup>®</sup> taper Groovy RP 4.3, 13 mm REF 32216 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)

• Tip taper with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 36117) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Drill with 3.5 mm diameter (REF 29367) will be inserted up to 13 mm depth

with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Drill with 4.3 mm diameter (REF 29370) will be inserted up to 13 mm depth

with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

(3) Osseospeed<sup>™</sup> EV conical implant 4.2, 13 mm REF25264 (ASTRA TECH Implant System<sup>™</sup>,

Sweden)

• Twist Drill EV with 1.9 mm diameter (REF 25162) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Step Drill EV with 2.5/3.1 mm diameter (REF 25168) will be inserted up to 13

mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Conical Drill with 3.1/4.2 mm diameter (REF 25188) will be used to shape the

coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines

for vertical positioning with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

(4) OsseoSpeed<sup>™</sup> TX conical implant 4.5, 11 mm REF 24952 (AstraTech implant

system<sup>™</sup>, Sweden)

• Twist Drill with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 22886) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 11 mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Twist Drill with 3.2 mm diameter (REF 22807) will be inserted up to 11 mm

depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Conical Drill with 3.2/4.5 mm diameter (REF 22895) will be used to shape the

coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines

for vertical positioning with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

(5) Straumann<sup>®</sup> Bone Level Taper implant, 4.1, 10 mm REF 021.5412 (Straumann<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)

• Pilot Drill with 2.2 mm diameter (REF 026.0002) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 10 mm depth with the maximum of 800 rpm.

• BLT Drill with 2.8 mm diameter (REF 026.2201) will be inserted up to 10 mm depth

with the maximum of 600 rpm.

• BLT Drill with 3.5 mm diameter (REF 026.4201) will be inserted up to 10 mm depth

with the maximum of 500 rpm. This is the final drill for D3 bone type.

Profile Drill with 4.1mm diameter (REF 026.0004) will be used to shape the coronal

part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines for vertical positioning with the maximum of 300 rpm. This is the final drill for D2 bone type.

# Drilling sequences for bone type 4 (Soft bone)

- (1) NobelActive<sup>®</sup> RP 4.3,13 mm REF 34131 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)
  - Twist Drill with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 32299) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Twist Step Drill with 2.4/2.8 mm diameter (REF 32262) will be inserted up to

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Twist Step Drill with 2.8/3.2 mm diameter (REF 34639) will be inserted up to CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

(2) NobelReplace<sup>®</sup> taper Groovy RP 4.3, 13 mm REF 32216 (Nobel Biocare<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)

• Tip taper with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 36117) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Drill with 3.5 mm diameter (REF 29367) will be inserted up to 13 mm depth

with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

• Drill with 4.3 mm diameter (REF 29370) will be inserted up to 13 mm depth

with the maximum of 2000 rpm.

(3) Osseospeed<sup>™</sup> EV conical implant 4.2, 13 mm REF25264 (ASTRA TECH Implant System<sup>™</sup>,

Sweden)

• Twist Drill EV with 1.9 mm diameter (REF 25162) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 13 mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Step Drill EV with 2.5/3.1 mm diameter (REF 25168) will be inserted up to 13 mm

depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Conical Drill with 3.1/4.2 mm diameter (REF 25188) will be used to shape the

coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines for

vertical positioning with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

(4) OsseoSpeed<sup>™</sup> TX conical implant 4.5, 11 mm REF 24952 (AstraTech implant system<sup>™</sup>,

Sweden)

• Twist Drill with 2.0 mm diameter (REF 22886) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 11 mm depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Twist Drill with 3.2 mm diameter (REF 22807) will be inserted up to 11 mm

depth with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

• Conical Drill with 2.7/4.5 mm diameter (REF 24925) will be used to shape the

coronal part of the implant bed by using the orientation features as guidelines

for vertical positioning with the maximum of 1500 rpm.

(5) Straumann<sup>®</sup> Bone Level Taper implant, 4.1, 10 mm REF 021.5412 (Straumann<sup>®</sup>, Switzerland)

• Pilot Drill with 2.2 mm diameter (REF 026.0002) will be used for the initial

perforation inserted up to 10 mm depth with the maximum of 800 rpm.

• BLT Drill with 2.8 mm diameter (REF 026.2201) will be inserted up to 10 mm depth

with the maximum of 600 rpm.

## 2.2.2 Implant insertion

After the osteotomy site preparation completed in all blocks. Implants will be

inserted with electronic surgical unit by the manufacturer's recommendations until they

reach the crestal level leaving the implant platforms flush with the block surface.

2.2.3 Insertion torque (IT)

Insertion torque values (Ncm) will be recorded during implant insertion by the

electronic surgical unit. The peak value of insertion from the beginning until the implant

platform leveled to the surface of the bone block were recorded (figure 5). Each inserted

implant had single value then mean values by group will be collated and compared





Maximum torque (IT and RT) was recorded by electronic surgical unit (EXPERTsurg, Kavo Dental Gmbh, Germany).

2.2.4 Resonance frequency analysis (RFA)

Implant stability will be evaluated after implant placement using RFA with the

Osstell ISQ device. Specific transducers (SmartPeg, Osstell AB, Gothenburg,

Sweden)(Figure 6) for each implant system will be used . Measurements will be taken as

follows: screw the transducer into the inserted implant. Laterally orient the probe in relation

to the transducer and measure. Each measurement will be repeated twice and record the

mean values. All measurements will be performed by independent, unbiased examiner.

Data will express as a range of ISQ values (1–100). Mean values will be collated by group

and compared.



*Figure* 6 SmartPeg

2.2.5 Removal torque (RT)

Removal torque values (Ncm) will be recorded after implant insertion and RFA

measurements by the electronic surgical unit. The peak values to remove the implant from

the test block will be registered and should result in a single value. Mean values by group

will be collated and compared

3. Data collection and Analysis

Data were collected by the author and analyses using SPSS 23.0 (SPSS,

Chicago, IL, USA). Following descriptive data analysis, the Shapiro-Wilk test was used

to test the distribution normality. Factorial ANOVA was used to compare studies

variables. The level of significance for all statistical tests will be set (at alpha level =

0.05).

## Ethical consideration

There is no ethical consideration since this study is the experimental study in

laboratory setting.

# Expected benefit

The results from this study will be useful for the dentist not only to choose between many commercially available taper-implants but also useful in choosing the proper

implant in the different recipient bone density regarding to the primary stability standpoint.

#### Limitation

The major limitation of this study is the artificial bone block cannot exhibit the

healing ability that leads to osseointegration of the implant. Although this block is standard

material used for performing mechanical tests on orthopedic implants, it is not a

radiopacity material thus we cannot check the fit of the bone-implant interface with

radiographic method.

# Results

1. Result of the insertion torque test

A two-factor (4×5) Analysis of Variance was conducted to evaluate the effects of

the implant design and bone quality on the primary stability (insertion torque test, removal

torque test and resonance frequency analysis). The two independent variables in this

study are implant design (NobelActive, NobelReplace, OsseoSpeed EV, OsseoSpeed TX

and Straumann BLT) and bone quality (D1, D2, D3 and D4). The dependent variable is

the score on the primary stability.

The means and standard deviations for insertion torque as a result of the two

Implant Design

factors are presented in Table 1

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	NahalAatiya	NahalDanlass	OsseoSpeed	OsseoSpeed	Straumann	Total	
	NODEIACTIVE	NobelReplace	EV	ТХ	BLT	TOTAL	
Bone D1	31.40	50.60	52.40	10.80	30.60	35.16	
	(2.88)	(10.90)	(5.64)	(2.59)	(6.84)	(16.67)	
Bone D2	17.60	41.80	38.20	8.00	37.20	28.56	
	(2.19)	(4.44)	(7.33)	(2.35)	(5.76)	(14.28)	
Bone D3	29.60	23.00	23.60	6.60	25.20	21.60	
	(1.82)	(0.71)	(2.19)	(1.34)	(1.10)	(8.13)	
Bone D4	14.60	7.60	6.80	4.60	10.80	8.88	
	(1.34)	(0.55)	(2.17)	(0.55)	(0.45)	(3.72)	
Total	23.30	30.75	30.25	7.50	25.95	23.55	
	(7.75)	(17.94)	(17.95)	(2.89)	(10.80)	(15.23)	

Table 1 Descriptive statistics for insertion torque test

\* Standard Deviations shown in parentheses

The Shapiro-Wilk test showed a normal distribution of the data (p > 0.05). For

insertion torque test (Table 2), the main effect for implant design yielded an F ratio of

F(4,80)= 103.433, p < .001, indicating a significant different between NobelActive

(M=23.30, SD=7.75), NobelReplace (M=30.75, SD=17.94), OsseoSpeed EV (M=30.25,

SD=17.95), OsseoSpeed TX (M=7.50, SD=2.89) and Straumann BLT (M=25.95,

SD=10.80). The main effect for bone quality yielded an F ratio of F(3,80)=181.363, p <

.001, indicating a significant different between D1 (M=35.16, SD=16.67), D2 (M=28.56,

SD=14.28), D3 (M=21.60, SD=8.13) and D4 (M=8.88, SD=3.72). The interaction effect

was significant F(12,80)=23.398, p < .001.

Source	SS	df	MS	F	Sig.
Design	7203.100	4	1800.775	103.433	.000
BoneType	9472.590	3	3157.530	181.363	.000
Design * BoneType	4888.260	12	407.355	23.398	.000
Error	1392.800 <b>FKO</b>	80	17.410		
Total	78417.000	100			

Table 2 Factorial ANOVA results to test the influence of design and bone type on insertion torque



Interaction plot for insertion torque values

Because the interaction between implant design and bone quality was significant,

we chose to ignore the two main effects and instead examined the bone quality simple

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main effects first, which is the differences among the five designs of the implant for each

bone quality separately. There were significant differences among the five designs of

implants for bone D1, F(4,80) = 83.57, p < .001, bone D2, F(4,80) = 63.59, p < .001, bone

D3, F(4,80) = 22.11, p < .001 and for bone D4, F(4,80) = 4.36, p < .001.

Follow up tests were conducted to evaluate the five designs of implants' pairwise

differences for all bone types. In bone D1 group, OsseoSpeed EV (M=52.40) and

NobelReplace (M=50.60) had significant higher insertion torque than NobelActive

(M=31.40), Straumann BLT (M=30.60) and OsseoSpeed TX (M=10.80) while NobelActive

(M=31.40) and Straumann BLT (M=30.60) had significant higher insertion torque than

OsseoSpeed TX (M=10.80).

In bone D2 group, NobelReplace (M=41.80), OsseoSpeed EV (M=38.20) and

Straumann BLT (M=37.20) had significant higher insertion torque than NobelActive

(M=17.60) while NobelActive was significant higher than OsseoSpeed TX (M=8.00).

In bone D3 group, NobelActive (M=29.60), Straumann BLT (M=25.20),

OsseoSpeed EV (M=23.60), NobelReplace (M=23.00) had significant higher insertion

torque than OsseoSpeed TX (M=6.60).

In bone D4 group, NobelActive (M=14.60) had significant higher insertion torque

than OsseoSpeed EV (M=6.80) and OsseoSpeed TX (M=4.60) while Straumann BLT

(M=10.80), NobelReplace (M=7.60), OsseoSpeed EV and OsseoSpeed TX had no significant differences.

Additionally, we examined the implant design simple main effects, that is, the differences among the bone quality for each implant designs separately. There was a significant difference among the four type of bones for NobelActive, F(3, 80) = 20.44, p < .001, NobelReplace, F(3, 80) = 106.46, p < .001, OsseoSpeed EV F(3, 80) = 109.89, p < .001 and Straumann BLT F(3, 80) = 36.21. However, OsseoSpeed TX had no significant difference in any bone quality (p>.05).

In NobelActive group, placing the implant in bone D1 (M=31.40) and bone D3

(M=29.60) had significant higher insertion torque than in bone D2 (M=17.60) and bone

D4 (M=14.60), which bone D2 and D4 had no significant between them.

pairwise differences.

In Nobel Raplace, in bone D1 (M=50.60) had significant higher insertion torque than bone

D2 (M=41.80), bone D3 (M=23.00) and D4 (M=7.60) respectively.

In OsseoSpeed EV group, in bone D1 (M=52.40) had significant higher insertion

torque than bone D2 (M=38.20), bone D3 (M=23.60) and D4 (M=6.80) respectively.

For Straumann BLT group, bone D2 (M=37.20) had significant higher insertion

torque than in bone D3 (M=25.20) and D4 (M=10.80). Bone D1 (M=30.60) had no

significant different from bone D3 (M=25.20). Bone D4 had significant lower insertion

torque than other groups.

2. Result of the removal torque test

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The means and standard deviations for removal torque as a result of the two

factors are presented in Table 3.

Table 3 Descriptive statistics for removal torque test

	Implant Design					
	NobolActivo	NabalDaplaca	OsseoSpeed	OsseoSpeed	Straumann	Total
	NODEIACIIVE	NobelReplace	EV	ТΧ	BLT	TOLAI
Bone D1	16.80	40.40	41.60	7.70	22.80	25.88
	(3.35)	(9.40)	(5.32)	(1.30)	(4.82)	(14.43)
Bone D2	10.20	36.60	31.20	6.20	33.40	23.52

	(1.64)	(3.91)	(4.55)	(1.64)	(6.15)	(13.45)
Bone D3	16.00	16.60	15.20	4.60	18.00	14.08
	(0.71)	(1.67)	(2.49)	(0.55)	(1.41)	(5.12)
Bone D4	7.00	4.00	5.60	3.20	7.40	5.44
	(0.71)	(0.71)	(0.89)	(0.45)	(0.55)	(1.78)
Total	12.50	24.40	23.40	5.45	20.40	17.23
	(4.54)	(15.96)	(14.70)	(2.04)	(10.26)	(12.96)

\* Standard Deviations shown in parentheses

The Shapiro-Wilk test showed a normal distribution of the data (p > 0.05). For

removal torque test (Table 4), The interaction effect was significant F(12,80)=26.054, p <

.001.

Table 4 Factorial ANOVA results to test the influence of design and bone type on removal torque

Source	SS SS	df	MS	F	Sig.
Design	5213.360	4	1303.340	105.963	.000
BoneType	6582.830	3	2194.277	178.396	.000
Design * BoneType	3845.520	12	320.460	26.054	.000
Error	984.000	80	12.300		
Total	46313.000 <b>GKO</b> F	100	VERSITY		



Interaction plot for removal torque values

Because the interaction between implant design and bone quality was significant,

we chose to ignore the two main effects and instead examined the bone quality simple

main effects first, which is the differences among the five designs of the implant for each

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bone quality separately. There were significant differences among the five designs of

implants for bone D1, F(4,80) = 89.10, p < .001, bone D2, F(4,80) = 81.82, p < .001, and

bone D3, F(4,80) = 11.84, p < .001. However, in bone D4, the significant difference was

not found.

Follow up tests were conducted to evaluate the five designs of implants' pairwise

differences for all bone types. In bone D1 group, OsseoSpeed EV (M=41.60) and

NobelReplace (M=40.40) had significant higher removal torque than Straumann BLT

(M=22.80), NobelActive (M=16.80) and OsseoSpeed TX (M=7.80) while Straumann BLT

(M=22.80) and NobelActive (M=16.80) had significant higher removal torque than

OsseoSpeed TX (M=7.80).

In bone D2 group, NobelReplace (M=36.60), Straumann BLT (M=33.40) and

OsseoSpeed EV (M=31.20) had significant higher removal torque than NobelActive

(M=10.20) while NobelActive was significant higher than OsseoSpeed TX (M=6.20).

In bone D3 group, Straumann BLT (M=18.00), NobelReplace (M=16.60), CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

NobelActive (M=16.00), and OsseoSpeed EV (M=15.20) had significant higher removal

torque than OsseoSpeed TX (M=4.60).

Additionally, we examined the implant design simple main effects, that is, the

differences among the bone quality for each implant designs separately. There was a

significant difference among the four type of bones for NobelActive, F(3, 80) = 8.981, p <

.001, NobelReplace, F(3, 80) = 119.491, p < .001, OsseoSpeed EV F(3, 80) = 105.171, p

< .001 and Straumann BLT F(3, 80) = 47.36. However, OsseoSpeed TX had no significant

difference in any bone quality (p>.05).

Follow up tests were conducted to evaluate the four types of bone quality's

pairwise differences.

In NobelActive group, removing the implant in bone D1 (M=16.80) and bone D3

(M=16.00) had significant higher removal torque than in bone D2 (M=10.20) and bone D4

(M=7.00), which bone D2 (M=10.20) and D4 (M=7.00) had no significant between them.

In NobelReplace, in bone D1 (M=40.40) and bone D2 (M=36.60) had significant

higher removal torque than bone D3 (M=16.60) and D4 (M=4.00).

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In OsseoSpeed EV group, in bone D1 (M=41.60) had higher removal torque than

bone D2 (M=31.20), bone D3 (M=15.20) and D4 (M=5.60) respectively.

For Straumann BLT group, bone D2 (M=33.40) had significant higher removal

torque than in bone D3 (M=18.00) and D4 (M=7.40). Bone D1 (M=22.80) had no

significant different from bone D3 (M=25.20). Bone D4 had significant lower removal

torque than other groups.

### 3. Result of resonance frequency analysis

The means and standard deviations for resonance frequency analysis (RFA) test as a

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result of the two factors are presented in Table 5.

Table 5 Descriptive statistics for RFA

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	NabalAatiya	NahalDaplas	OsseoSpeed	OsseoSpeed	Straumann	Total
	NUDEIACTIVE	NobelReplace	EV	ТХ	BLT	TOLAI
Bone D1	72.20	71.80	65.70	67.60	65.70	68.60
	(1.44)	(3.05)	(4.04)	(5.10)	(4.15)	(4.51)
Bone D2	69.20	70.90	64.60	63.60	65.90	66.84
	(3.47)	(0.65)	(3.83)	(2.30)	(1.78)	(3.74)
Bone D3	67.70	67.20	65.10	60.80	62.50	64.66
	(2.61)	(0.97)	(2.25)	(2.97)	(1.00)	(3.34)
Bone D4	56.20	54.00	55.10	49.60	50.50	53.08
	(0.27)	(1.17)	(0.74)	(2.27)	(1.27)	(2.90)
Total	66.33	65.98	62.63	60.40	61.15	63.30
	(6.57)	(7.48)	(5.27)	(7.52)	(6.82)	(7.08)

\* Standard Deviations shown in parentheses

The Shapiro-Wilk test showed a normal distribution of the data (p > 0.05). The test

of resonance frequency analysis (RFA) (Table 6), the main effect for implant design

yielded an F ratio of F(4,80)=21.578, p < .001, indicating a significant different between

NobelActive (M=66.33, SD=6.57), NobelReplace (M=65.98, SD=7.48), OsseoSpeed EV

(M=62.63, SD=5.27), OsseoSpeed TX (M=60.40, SD=7.52) and Straumann BLT

(M=61.15, SD=6.82). The main effect for bone quality yielded an F ratio of F(3,80)=

177.343, p < .001, indicating a significant different between D1 (M=68.60, SD=4.51), D2

(M=66..84, SD=3.74), D3 (M=64.66, SD=3.34) and D4 (M=53.08, SD=2.90). However, the

interaction effect was not significant F(12,80) = 1.761, p>.05.

Table 6 Factorial ANOVA results to test the influence of design and bone type on removal torque

Source	ss	df	MS	F	Sig.
Design	595.885	4	148.971	21.578	.000
BoneType	3672.988	3	1224.329	177.343	.000
Design * BoneType	145.875	12	12.156	1.761	.069
Error	552.300	80	6.904		
Total	405592.750	100			

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## **Discussion**

The interaction effects between implant design and bone quality were presented

in IT and RT test groups whereas no interaction effect was found in RFA group.

The interaction effect means there was the relation of the test variables which were

bone with different quality and the different implant design. One variable depends on

another variable. However, in the RFA group, no significant interaction effect has been

found so the variables were interpreted separately.

The present study showed significant differences in bone quality. Better bone

quality had better ISQ value which was in agreement of Bayarchimeg et al, 2013 [46].

Although the significant differences between the implant design was found, no obvious

feature was found to be the major factor to increase the ISQ value. NobelActive was not

significant different from NobelReplace while both are different from the rest. In the

meantime, no significant differences among Straumann BLT, AstraTX and AstraEV.

Bone properties, implant factors and surgical technique are the determinant of

RFA measurement. Bone density was believed a major determining factor as shown in

many studies. A positive correlation between ISQ units and bone density as assessed

with the Lekholm & Zarb index [48, 49], with insertion torque measurements [25, 50, 51]

has been demonstrated. The taper implant which used the technique in increasing the

lateral compression during insertion seems to result in higher stability [44, 52]. Other

Implant factors for example implant length, implant diameter, implant position is not clear

and seems to vary between studies. Very few studies on RFA measurements were

interested in implant factor in the mean of macro-design. Tapered implant also sometimes

categorized as a surgical technique.

Insertion torque and removal torque had statistically significant interaction effect,

which means, insertion torque and removal torque values depends on design of the

implant together with the type of bone. Changing one of these variables can affect the

outcome. Therefore, separately interpreting the main effect may lead to error conclusion.

The Post Hoc tests have been done to clarify the outcome of the test.

Within the limitation of this in vitro study, on the insertion torque and removal torque

aspects, we found that, NobelActive showed significant higher insertion torque and

removal torque in poorer bone quality such as D4 thanks to its deep threads which in the

agreement of Misch et al [33]. On the other hand, deeper threads showed less important

in achieving high insertion compare to the shallower threads like NobelReplace and

OsseoSpeed EV in hard bone setting like D1. The possibly reason might be the hard bone

protocol that over prepare the osteotomy site to avoid the excessive force when turning

the implant with deeper threads in.

In D2 bone quality, hard bone protocol has been used in NobelActive instead of

standard protocol which probably made NobelActive had lower IT than NobelReplace,

OsseoSpeed EV and Straumann BLT. Generally, D2 bone was categorized as normal

bone density respect to most of the manufacturers' manual however, this *in vitro* setting,

the bone blocks were homogenously had D2 density without cortical and cancellous

bone. Therefore, manufacturers' protocol should be applicable in most of the clinical

situation.

In D3 bone, there was only OsseoSpeed TX that had significant lower IT than the

others.

Poor bone condition (D4 bone), taper implant with deeper thread depth design

(NobelActive) show greater insertion torque than others.

Within the NobelActive group, the results in D1 bone and D3 bone showed higher

insertion torque compared to D2 because the dense bone protocol was used instead to

fully insert the implant that got congested with the standard bone protocol. Whereas

OsseoSpeed TX showed lower insertion torque than other designs in all bone quality might

because of nearly half of the implant length was microthreads which this features benefit

in enhancing bone formation compare to the regular threads [53]. The bone preparation

of the microthreads part was like profile drilling which facilitate the implant insertion.

Moreover, the diameter of the final drill was equal to the implant diameter. However, CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

microthreads in OsseoSpeed EV did not lower its insertion torque compare to

OsseoSpeed TX. The differences between OsseoSpeed EV and OsseoSpeed TX were

OsseoSpeed EV had more regular threads length than OsseoSpeed TX and total length

was greater. However, from the study of Gomez-Polo et al. [28] showed that IT was not

significant influenced by implant length which similar to our finding that Straumann BLT

(10 mm length) had comparable IT to longer implant in most of the bone types while

OsseoSpeed TX (11 mm length) had lower IT compare to other implants.

The compression technique was used in most of the certain tapered implant [15]

to increase the primary stability. The implant design was also related to the surgical

technique consequently to distinct the implant factor and the surgical technique was

difficult.

High insertion torque did not always result in good primary stability. Over torque

can lead to failure due to stress and strain on peri-implant bone [54]. Higher insertion

toque benefit in reducing the micromotion however more than 40 N.cm does not further

# protect the implant from micromotion [55].

In the clinical situation, consideration of the implant design in the treatment

planning could make the clinician to achieve the successful implant therapy. Therefore, it

is important to evaluate patient's biological condition. Particularly, in compromised bone

quality some features of the implant may be beneficial, on the other hand, in good bone

quality some features might not necessary. However, it has to be concerned that when

using the dental implant the effect of a single feature cannot overcome the rest

components of the selected implant. The benefits from a single design feature could be

enhanced or weakened by the other variables of the implant. Clinicians should understand

that just a design factor alone will not guarantee implant success and survival.

#### **Conclusion**

Within the limitations of this study, it can be concluded that the clinician should

consider the implant design and its features of the taper implant regarding to the quality

of surgical bone site in decision making to achieve the favorable primary stability by

means of insertion and removal torque.

In the comparison of implant design mechanical study in different bone quality,

insertion torque and removal torque measurements are the appropriate primary stability

assessments.



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