

# The Evaluation of Effectiveness of Addition of Antimicrobial Agents to Acrylic and Silicone Soft Denture Liner to Prevent The Growth of Microorganisms: Systematic Review

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## Abstract:

**Background:** Soft denture liner (SDL) is a soft material that is most often used in prosthodontics as a soft coating material whose soft properties remain after polymerization. However, due to its soft nature and rough surface, SDL cannot be cleaned mechanically. The cleaning method for relined dentures is the chemical method, namely by adding antimicrobial ingredients such as carvacrol, tea tree oil, fluconazole, soluneem, nystatin, miconazole, itraconazole, clotrimazole, silver nanoparticles (AgNP), zirconium nanoparticles, and propolis into SDL.

**Purpose :** The purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of antimicrobial agents added to acrylic or silicone SDL to prevent the growth of microorganisms based on a systematic review.

**Materials and Methods:** The objective of this systematic review was to evaluate the effectiveness of addition of antimicrobial agents to acrylic and silicone soft denture liners to prevent the growth of microorganisms. Two electronic databases were searched through 2011-2021. The terms "Soft denture liner" AND addition of carvacrol OR "tea tree oil" OR fluconazole OR soluneem OR nystatin OR "silver nano particle" OR "zirconium nanoparticle" OR propolis was chosen. Articles meeting the inclusion and exclusion criteria were selected. The database search resulted in a total of 213 potential studies. After screening titles and abstracts and applying inclusion and exclusion criteria, 34 studies were collected for a full text assessment. Full text assessment resulted in 17 studies that were eligible for qualitative synthesis.

**Results:** The 7 articles showed that the concentration of antimicrobial ingredients added to the soft denture liner was different for each material used, but it was proven effective in preventing the growth of candida albicans. The type of soft denture liner that is most widely used is silicone soft denture liner. Based on the results of research in the last 5 years, herbal plants have shown quite effective results against microbial growth in dentures.

**Conclusion:** There are 5 articles that discuss the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial ingredients such as Silver Nano Particles, Propolis, Fluconazole, Soluneem, Tea Tree Oil and Carvacrol to Silicone Soft Denture Liner

to prevent the growth of microorganisms (71.43%) and 2 articles that discuss the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial materials such as Nystatin and Zirconium Nano Particles into Acrylic Soft Denture Liner to prevent the growth of microorganisms (28.57%). There are 4 articles that use preparations (57.14%), and 3 articles that use herbal ingredients (42.86%).

**Key Word:** Silicone Soft Denture Liner, Acrylic Soft Denture Liner, Antimicrobial Agents

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## I. Introduction

Edentulous is tooth loss which is often accompanied by disturbances in masticatory, speech, aesthetic, and psychosocial functions. The cause of edentulous is due to a combination of disease factors in the teeth, periodontal tissue, patient behavior, dental care, and the availability of dental health services. The estimated tooth loss population in the United States is over 36 million. For adults aged 18 years and over, about 10% (9.7%) were edentulous, with the rate increasing with age. Approximately 26% of the population in the United States between the ages of 65 and 74 years, approximately 23 million people, are edentulous and another 12 million are edentulous in one arch. Among the geriatric population over 65 years of age, the ratio of edentulous individuals to individuals with teeth is 2 to 1.<sup>1</sup>

A complete denture is a denture that replaces natural teeth and is in direct contact with the maxillary and mandibular teeth in patients who have lost teeth. The purpose of making a complete denture is to improve masticatory function.

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they do not use dentures immediately, will cause resorption or atrophy of the residual ridge. Resorption that occurs continuously at the alveolar ridge can cause the ridge to become flat. Complete dentures in patients with flat ridges can cause problems, such as non-retentive dentures that are unstable and cause pain and discomfort because the denture moves when it functions. One way to overcome loose dentures is with Relining.<sup>2</sup>

Relining is one of the procedures used to overcome the problem by re-coating the fitting surface of the denture that is no longer suitable or loose with a new base material, resulting in a new layer that adapts accurately to the supporting mucosa of the denture. The purpose of relining is to correct dentures, health care on soft tissues so that the dentures can be used and the patient feels comfortable with the dentures that are worn. Reline materials consist of: (1) Hard reline material, namely reliner with heat cured acrylic resin and self cured acrylic resin, (2) Tissue conditioners and soft denture liner. Soft denture liner (SDL) type consists of plasticized acrylic resin and silicone elastomer. The use of soft denture liners (SDL) is an important adjunct in the management of patients with loose complete dentures and removable partial dentures, especially in patients indicated when the denture loses retention and stability, changes in vertical dimension, decreases speech, and changes in the base. denture. Soft denture liner material is used as a cushion (base) for denture adjuncts through absorption and redistribution of compressive strength received in the edentulous ridge area.<sup>3</sup>

Soft denture liners that are often used today are soft denture liners, plasticized acrylic resin and silicone elastomer. The weakness of SDL material is the discovery of microbial colonization, one of which is *Candida albicans*. It was reported that fungal and bacterial species can enter the porous space in the SDL, the porosity of the SDL also allows the absorption of water and the diffusion of nutrients that can support the growth of *Candida albicans* in the oral cavity.<sup>3-5</sup>

The results of several studies evaluating the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial agents to acrylic and silicon soft denture liners on preventing the growth of microorganisms, one of which is the Chincholikar et al. study, reported that the use of fluconazole and soluneem materials can prevent the growth of microorganisms. Pachava et al., added tea tree oil (TTO) into a silicon soft denture liner and evaluated its effectiveness against the growth of *Candida albicans*. The results of his research stated that TTO was effective as a topical antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and antifungal. Therefore, it is necessary to evaluate the results of research examining the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial agents to acrylic and silicon SDL material to prevent the growth of microorganisms.<sup>6,7</sup>

## II. Material And Methods

### Search Strategy and Data Extraction

An online literature search was conducted using PubMed and ProQuest. The search was done with Boolean system with the keyword “Soft denture liner” AND addition of carvacrol OR “tea tree oil” OR fluconazole OR soluneem OR nystatin OR “silver nano particle” OR “zirconium nano particle” OR propolis”. PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis) was used to get the suitable articles for analysis. PICOS (Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome, Study) was used to narrow the scope of the articles search (Table 1).

	Inclusion	Exclusion
Source	PubMed and ProQuest	Others
Dates	March 2011–May 2021	Others
Language	English	Others
Population	Tooth loss patients treated using dentures with acrylic and silicone soft denture liners	Others
Intervention	Denture cleaning method	Others
Comparative	Addition of antimicrobial agents to dentures with soft denture liners	Others
Outcome	The effectiveness of antimicrobial agents to prevent the growth of microorganisms	Others
Study/studies	Randomized Controlled Trial	Others
Type of Publication	Free and paid full text journal	Others

Table 1. Inclusion and exclusion criteria.

### Study Selection

The selection process began with filtering identified articles by reading the abstracts. Full texts of therelevant articles were then evaluated. Evaluation was done with inclusion and exclusion criteria based on PICOS(Table1).

### Quality Assessment

Quality assessment is carried out using an assessment according to the research design of the journal beingassessed. Randomized controlled trial (RCT). Score 1: Yes/complete is given in the text; score 0 : No/no detailsprovided; NA : Not clearly stated in the text, not reported or not applicable. Articles that have low quality are thediscardedandwillnotbeincludedinthedataanalysis process(Figure1).

N0	Question	Articles						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Does there search address a clearly focused question/problem?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Is the research method (study design) appropriate to answer the research question?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	Is the subject selection method (employee, team, division, organization) clearly explained?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Could it be that the way the sample was obtained (selection) was biased?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Is a representative sample of subjects related to the population that will be thereference?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Was the sample size based on pre-study statistical power considerations?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Was a satisfactory response rate achieved?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Is the measurement (questionnaire) possible valid and reliable?	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
9	Was statistical significance assessed?	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
10	Was a confidence interval given for the main outcome?	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
11	Could there be confounding factors that have not been taken into account?	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12	Can the results be applied to your organization?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total		9	9	9	9	8	8	9

### III. Result

Two hundred and thirteen articles were obtained from PubMed and ProQuest databases. The articles were checked for duplicates which were then deleted, leaving 208 articles. The remaining articles were then checked for the titles and abstracts according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria based on PICOS, leaving 7 articles (Fig.2).

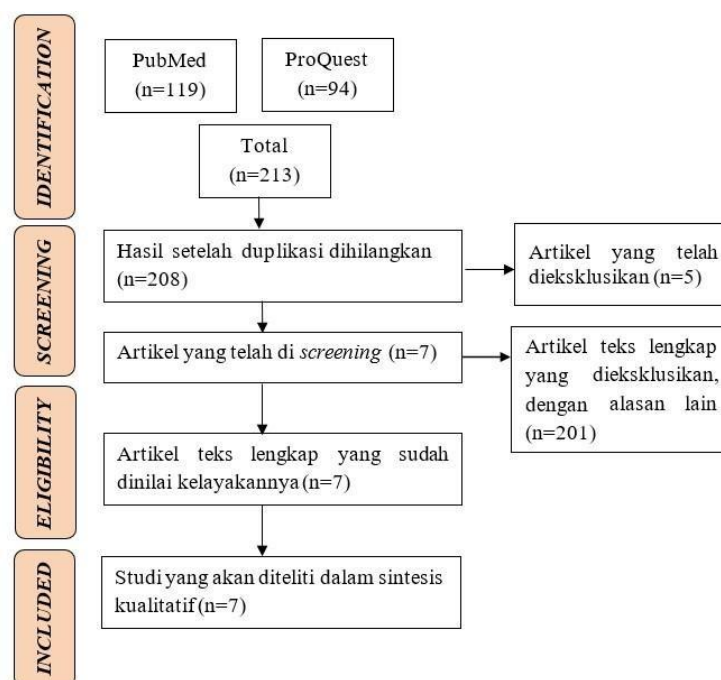


Figure2. Study workflow and finding.

All articles were analyzed and data were extracted. The data needed include the incidence of biological, clinical, technical complication, and the conclusions from the study. Based on data analysis of 7 articles on the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial material to acrylic and silicone soft denture liners on preventing the growth of microorganisms, 5 articles using silicon soft denture liners were obtained and 2 articles using acrylic soft denture liners.

In the study of Chladek, et al., the use of silver nanoparticles on silicon soft denture liner with a concentration of 200 ppm, effectively prevented the growth of *Candida Albicans* by 16.3% - 52.5%. In the study of Perchyonok et al., the use of propolis on silicon soft denture liner with a concentration of 10% was effective in preventing the growth of *Candida Albicans*. In the study of Chincholikar, et al., the use of fluconazole and soluneem on silicon soft denture liner with a concentration of 10%, effectively prevented the growth of *Candida Albicans*. In the study of Baygar et al., incorporation of carvacrol into silicon soft denture liner with a concentration of 10 ml, effectively reduced (98.03 ± 0.2%) the formation of *Candida Albicans* biofilm. According to Baygar et al., there was the same inhibition zone when using soft liner discs with carvacrol, with the highest inhibition zones being *Bacillus Subtilis* (41.33 ± 1.53 mm), *Candida Albicans* (34.00 ± 1.73 mm), *Streptococcus Sanguis* (32.33 ± 0.58 mm), *Streptococcus Mutans* (28.67 ± 1.15), *Escherichia Coli* (25.33 ± 0.58), *Staphylococcus Aureus* (24.67 ± 1.53) and *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa* (16.67 ± 1.53).

In the study of Pachava, et al., the use of tea tree oil on silicon soft denture liner with a concentration of 15% effectively prevented the growth of *Candida Albicans*.<sup>5-9</sup>

In the study of Bueno, et al., the use of Nystatin material on acrylic soft denture liner with a concentration of 0.016-0.128 g/ml was also proven to be effective in preventing the growth of *Candida Albicans* by 90%. In the study of Yasser et al., the use of zirconium nanoparticles (ZrNPs) on acrylic soft denture liners with concentrations of 1% and 1.5% was proven to be effective in preventing the growth of *Candida Albicans*.<sup>10-11</sup>

#### **IV. Discussion**

This systematic review aimed to identify published articles about the evaluation of effectiveness of addition of antimicrobial agents to acrylic and silicone soft denture liner to prevent the growth of microorganisms. A total of 7 articles were obtained after going through the identification process to quality assessment and were eligible to be analyzed in this systematic review. Seven articles with RCT design were published in 2011-2020. In this study, there were 5 antimicrobial ingredients in dosage form and 2 herbal ingredients to be used. The antimicrobial ingredients in the dosage form used were silver nanoparticles with a concentration of 200 ppm added to the silicon soft denture liner, propolis with a concentration of 10% was added to the silicon soft denture liner, fluconazole and solunem with a concentration of 10% were added to the silicon soft denture liner, nystatin with a concentration of 0.016-0.128 g/ml added to acrylic soft denture liner and zirconium nanoparticles with a concentration of 1.1.5% added to acrylic soft denture liner. The herbal ingredients used as antimicrobials in this study were carvacrol with a concentration of 10 ml was added to the silicon soft denture liner and tea tree oil with a concentration of 15% was added to the silicon soft denture liner. (Tabel 2-3)

In this study, the most widely used type of soft denture liner is silicon soft denture liner. This type of soft liner is widely used because it has several advantages, namely it has a short working time, has permanent soft properties because it does not depend on plasticizers, has a lower water absorption rate than auto-polymerized acrylic SDL, has good shock absorption properties so that pressure becomes lighter and more evenly distributed and

biocompatible. Plasticized acrylic usually has a shorter service time because it can harden and absorb water. Plasticized acrylic has a similar composition to denture base polymers with a high percentage of plasticizers. Plasticizers keep these materials soft, but these properties can wear off over time. Acrylic soft denture liners can be used for up to 6 months while silicon soft denture liners can be used for up to 1 year. Silicone material has better stability than acrylic material. With acrylic the cushioning effect may wear off over time. Silicone material remains stable over time because it has water absorption properties and low component solubility. The type of microbial candida albicans was found in all articles. Candida albicans is a commensal in the oral cavity of 45-65% of healthy individuals with a higher prevalence found in children and young adults. In denture wearers, the prevalence of Candida increases to 60-100% and can be opportunistic, which can be explained by the fact that dentures can decrease oxygen and salivary flow to the underlying tissues resulting in a localized acidic and anaerobic microenvironment that favors fungal overgrowth. . In addition, Candida has an affinity for acrylic denture surfaces and non-renewing surfaces such as teeth and fillings. Candida albicans biofilm on mucosal surfaces and intaglio soft denture liner surfaces can cause failure of topical antifungal use with changes in Candida albicans resistance to antifungals. Candida albicans is an oral fungus found in 40% of humans, which facilitates the formation of plaque on dentures, whereas Candida albicans is generally isolated as a pathogenic agent. Adhesion of Candida albicans to denture base materials, especially when used continuously in conditions of trauma and poor oral hygiene, will cause denture stomatitis.<sup>12-14</sup>

Cleaning materials used are generally divided into natural ingredients and artificial ingredients. Natural ingredients are usually made from a mixture of plant or animal extracts. WHO (World Health Organization) recommends the use of natural ingredients derived from animals, plants and natural minerals. Many plants have been known and studied to have antimicrobial effects and are biocompatible with living things and can be obtained at relatively low prices. Based on the results of research in the last 5 years, herbal plants have shown quite effective results against microbial growth in dentures. Herbal denture cleaners are also a powerful alternative but have few or no side effects. This is the reason for many countries to develop herbal denture cleaning materials that can be used by the public because they are biologically safe with effective antifungal and antimicrobial properties.<sup>15</sup>

Table 2. The Results of Data Analysis on the Effectiveness of Addition of Antimicrobial Agents to Acrylic and Silicone Soft Denture Liner Materials on Prevention of Microorganism Growth Based on SDL Type, Antimicrobial Material, SDL Preparation Form and Type of Microorganisms

Penulis/Tahun	BahanSDL	Bentuk SediaanSDL	BahanAnti-mikroba	JenisMikroorganisme
Chladek, dkk.(2011)	Silicon Softdentureliner	UfiGelSC	Silver NanoParcticle	CandidaAlbicans
Perchyonok, dkk.(2017)	Silicon Softdentureliner	GCRelineExtraSoft	Propolis	CandidaAlbicans
Chincholikar, dkk.((2019)	Silicon Softdentureliner	UfiGelSC	Fluconazole, Soluneem	CandidaAlbicans Candida Albicans, Bacillus Subtilis, Escherichia Coli, Pseudomonas Aeruginosa, Staphylococcus Aureus, Streptococcus Mutans, Streptococcus Sanguis
Baygar, dkk.(2018)	Silicon Softdentureliner	UfiGelSC	Carvacrol	CandidaAlbicans
Pachava, dkk.(2015)	Silicon Softdentureliner	GCRelineExtraSoft	Tea Tree Oil	CandidaAlbicans
Bueno, dkk.(2015)	Acrylic Softdentureliner	TrusoftResilientDenture	Nystatin	CandidaAlbicans
Yasser, dkk.(2017)	Acrylic Softdentureliner	VertexSoft	Zirconium NanoParticles	CandidaAlbicans

Table 3. The Results of Data Analysis on the Effectiveness of Addition of Antimicrobial Agents to Acrylic and Silicone Soft Denture Liner Materials on Prevention of Microorganisms Growth Based on the Concentration of Antimicrobial Materials and Their Effectiveness Against Microorganisms

Penulis/Tahun	Konsentrasi Bahan Antimikroba	Efektivitas terhadap Mikroba	Kesimpulan
Chladek, dkk.(2011)	200ppm	16,3% - 52,5%	Efektif
Perchyonok, dkk.(2017)	10%	(p<0,0,1)	Efektif
Chincholikar, dkk.(2019)	10%	Fluconazole(>0.05) Soluneem(0.04)	Efektif
Baygar, dkk.(2018)	10ml	Bacillus Subtilis (43.67±0.58 mm), Streptococcus Mutans (40.33±0.58 mm), Candida Albicans(38.33±1.15mm), Streptococcus Sanguis(36.67±1.154), Escherichia Coli (29.33±1.15), Staphylococcus Aureus (26.67±1.53), Pseudomonas Aeruginosa(15.33±0.58)	Efektif
Pachava, dkk.(2015)	15%	(p<0.05)	Efektif
Bueno, dkk.(2015)	0.016-0.128g/ml	90%	Efektif
Yasser, dkk.(2017)	1%-1,5%	P-value(000)	Efektif

## V. Conclusion

Based on this systematic study, it can be concluded that there are 5 articles that discuss the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial ingredients such as Silver Nano Particles, Propolis, Fluconazole, Soluneem, Tea Tree Oil and Carvacrol to Silicon Soft Denture Liner to prevent the growth of microorganisms (71.43%) and 2 an article that discusses the effectiveness of adding antimicrobial materials such as Nystatin and Zirconium Nano Particles into Acrylic Soft Denture Liner to prevent the growth of microorganisms (28.57%). The 7 articles showed that the concentration of antimicrobial ingredients added to the soft denture liner was different for each material used, but it was proven effective in preventing the growth of candida albicans. The type of soft denture liner that is most widely used is silicon soft denture liner. Silicon soft denture has advantages such as lower surface roughness, less water absorption, better tensile bond strength, lower surface hardness, and better color stability over a period of time than acrylic soft denture liner. There are 4 articles that use preparations (57.14%), and 3 articles that use herbal ingredients

(42.86%). Based on the results of research in the last 5 years, herbal plants have shown quite effective results in fighting microbial growth in dentures.

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