

A detailed review on Vanadium and Hip Implants

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Abstract

Vanadium is popularly used for hip implants. This review analysis had been conducted to understand the active authors, organizations, journals, and countries involved in the research domain of “Vanadium hip-implants”. All published articles related to “Vanadium hip implants” from “Scopus”, were analyzed using the Meta Analysis to develop analysis tables and visualization maps. This article had set the objective to consolidate the scientific literature regarding “Vanadium hip-implants” and also to find out the trends related to the same. The leading Journals were the Journal of Mechanical Behaviour of Biomaterials and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery-A. The most active country was the United States of America. The leading organization engaged in the research regarding Vanadium hip implants was the Rush University Medical center, USA. The most active authors who had made valuable contributions related to Vanadium hip implants were Jacobs J.J.

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1. Introduction

Vanadium is used for diversified medical purposes including implants and other medical treatments. Vanadium implants range from orthopaedic implants, knee implants, dental implants (Zagury *et al.*, 2007)(Tank and Storvick, 1960; Tamura, 1976).The major issues associated with implants of Vanadium are the hypersensitivity and toxicity of the metal; development of systematic dermatitis and implant failure;Similarly poor functioning of implant and issues of cytotoxicity are also associated with Vanadium implants. Corrosion of Vanadium–implants is also an issue to be addressed. Various types of surface engineering and surface coating like thermal and chemical modifications can be conducted in Vanadium–implants to improve their performance and longevity(MacDonald *et al.*, 2004). Vanadium can be used for biomaterials and researchers had found that vanadium doesn't have any adverse effect on red blood cells and can improve the anti-bacterial functions of the implant.

Even though Vanadium is used for hip implants, there is evidence for the Vanadium metallosis following ceramic-on-ceramic total hip arthroplasty. This can result in high Vanadium content(Pesce *et al.*, 2013) in human blood, serum, and urine (Catalani *et al.*, 2013)and can have negative health impacts on the nervous system and immune system (Pesce *et al.*, 2013). This cytotoxic nature of Vanadium based implants had lead to any Vanadium free hip implants (Maehara *et al.*, 2002).

Material engineering and surface engineering can play a significant role in improving the performance and life of Vanadium hip–implants along with measures for reducing toxicity and hypersensitivity of the metal. This review analysis will be a useful platform for future researchers by realizing the top researchers, organizations, and countries involved in research regarding Vanadium hip implants.

This article is arranged into four sections. The first section is the introduction, followed by the discussion of the methodology by which the research was conducted. The third section deals with results and discussion. The fourth section deals with the conclusion. The following research objectives and research questions were framed for conducting review analysis systematically.

1.1 Research Objectives

- a) To consolidate the literature regarding Vanadium hip-implants
- b) To find out the trends related to research in Vanadium hip-implants

1.2 Research Questions

- a) Who are the active researchers working on Vanadium hip implants?
- b) Which are the main organizations and countries working on Vanadium hip implants?
- c) Which are the main journals on Vanadium hip implants?

2. Research Methodology

Scopus files had been used for this article. For the article selection, the Boolean used was TITLE-ABS-KEY(Vanadium hip). All the tables in this paper were created by using Microsoft Excel and Meta Analysis. Grammarly was used for spelling and grammar checks. Mendeley was used for article review and citation. This paper had been inspired by review analysis in its presentation style, analysis, and methodology from the works.

3. Results and discussion

3.1 Results

This first round of search produced an outcome of 460 documents, in six languages, out of which 422 documents were in English. The classification of document categories is shown in Table 1. For improving the quality of the analysis, we had selected only the peer-reviewed articles and all other documents had not been considered. Thus, after using filters “Article” and “English” the second-round search produced an outcome of 296 English articles (both open access and others) and had been used to conduct review analysis and visualization using meta Analysis. The English research articles in this domain since 1973 had been shown in Table1.Co-authorship analysis of top authors had been shown in Table1. For a better presentation of the analysis, the parameters used were the minimum number of documents of an author as four and the minimum number of citations of authors as one. This combination plotted the map of 16 authors, in nine clusters. The overlay visualization map of co-authorship analysis plotted in Table1, points out the major researchers with their strong co-authorship linkages and clusters involved. The citation analysis of top authors had been shown in table 1, along with co-authorship links. For the citation analysis, the parameters used were the minimum number of documents of an author as one and the minimum citations of an author as one.

Table 1: Highlights of most active authors

Description	Authors	Documents	Citations	Average citations per documents	Link strength
Authors with the highest publication, citations, and co-authorship links	Jacobs J.J	11	803	73	39

In Co-occurrence analysis, we had used all keyword analyses, by keeping the minimum number of occurrences of a keyword as 40. This combination plotted the map of 25 thresholds, in two clusters. The overlay visualization of co-occurrence analysis of keywords has been shown in Table2. The leading organizations engaged in research on “Vanadium hip implants” had been found out by the volume of publications and citation analysis, the parameters used are the minimum number of documents of an organization as one and the minimum number of citations of organizations as one. The leading organization

in the research regarding “Vanadium hip-implants”, with the highest number of publications and citations, was the Rush University Medical center(Refer to table 2).

Table 2: Highlights of the most active organization

Organizations	Country	Documents	Citations	Average Citations per document
Rush University Medical Center	United States of America	14	821	58.6

Co-authorship analysis of the countries engaged in the research on “Vanadium hip implants” had been shown in Table3. The overlay visualization map of co-authorship analysis plotted in Table3, points out the main countries with their strong co-authorship linkages and clusters involved. The citation analysis of top countries had been shown in table 3, along with co-authorship links. For the citation analysis, the parameters used were the minimum number of documents of a country as one and the minimum citations of the country as one.

Table 3: Highlights of Active Countries

Description	Country	Documents	Citations	Link strength
The country with the highest publication, citations, and co-authorship links	United States of America	81	3433	16

The most active country in this research domain was the United States of America, with the highest number of publications, and citations.

Link analysis and citation analysis were used to identify the most active journal in this research domain. We have taken the parameters of the minimum number of documents of a journal as one and the minimum number of citations of a journal as one for the link analysis and citation analysis. Highlights of the most active and relevant journals related to “Vanadium hip-implants” are shown in table 4. Table 4shows the journal activity of this research domain through parameters of publication volume, citations, and co-authorship linkages.

Table 4: Analysis of journal activity

Description	Journal details	Documents	Citations	Average citations per documents	Links
Journal with the highest publications	Journal of Mechanical Behaviour of Biomaterials	13	386	30	10
Journal with highest co-authorship and citations	Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery-A	5	1309	262	12

From the above discussion regarding the review patterns in the research regarding Vanadium hip implants, this research had observed a gradual increase in research interest regarding Vanadium hip implants from the starting of the millennium, and the momentum is going on positively. This points out the relevance and potential of this research domain (Refer to Table 2). The most active author in this research domain was Jacobs J.J with the highest publication, co-authorship links, and citations (Refer to table 1). The overlay analysis of top countries researching Vanadium hip implants indicates that the United States of America was the leading country relating to the highest number of publications, citations, and co-authorship links (Refer to Table 5). The top journals of this research domain were identified as the Journal of Mechanical Behaviour of Biomaterials and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery-A. From these wide sources of information, researchers can focus on top journals where they can identify the most relevant and highly cited articles regarding Vanadium hip implants.

4. Conclusion

Vanadium hip implants was an interesting research domain and the most active journals related to this research domain was the Journal of Mechanical Behaviour of Biomaterials and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery-A. The most active country was the United States of America. The leading organization engaged in the research regarding Vanadium hip implants was the Rush University Medical center, USA. The most active authors who had made valuable contributions related to Vanadium hip implants were Jacobs J.J. This research domain offers a new avenue for researchers and future research can be on innovations in Vanadium hip implants.

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