

TOP 100 MOST CITED ARTICLES ON THE USE OF OZONE IN DENTISTRY: BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS

ABSTRACT

Introduction: density (number of citations per year), first author's country, year of publication, study design and subject.

VOSviewer software was used to create graphical bibliometric maps. **Results:** The total number of citations per paper ranged from 1 to 180, and only eight were cited more than 100 times. Papers were published from 1997 to 2022, mainly in dentistry journals. The studies originated from 30 different countries and the most papers were from Germany.

(16%) and Turkey (15%). In total, 250 keywords were used and the most used were ozone 50 (20%), dentistry 8 (3,2%) and periodontitis 7 (2,8%). **Conclusions:** 1) Germany was the main country that contributed to field research on the use of ozone in dentistry 2) The University of Basel was the most productive university in the researched field; 3) Clinical Oral Investigations was the journal that led the ranking with the most articles published, 4) The keyword ozone was the most used in the articles; 5) Oral and maxillofacial surgery was the research area most addressed by the 100 most cited articles.

Keywords: Bibliometrics; Citation analysis; Ozone; Dentistry.

INTRODUCTION

Ozone is an immunostimulant, antimicrobial, and biocompatible agent [1], and there is evidence of its effectiveness as a therapeutic agent in both medicine and dentistry [2].

In dentistry specifically, it is used through various indirect application methods, including gaseous ozone generators, ozonated water, and ozonated oil [3]. These diverse applications are being studied across several specialties, such as endodontics [4, 5, 6], restorative dentistry [2, 7, 8], oral medicine [9, 10, 11], surgery [12, 13, 14], periodontics [3, 15, 16], implantology [17, 18, 19], among others.

Although laboratory studies suggest a favorable potential for ozone use in dentistry, clinical evidence supporting its routine application as a treatment modality remains limited. Therefore, well-designed studies are essential to assess the efficacy and safety of this therapeutic approach [20].

Generally, studies with the highest methodological rigor are published in journals with the greatest impact. Consequently, bibliometric analyses have emerged to identify significant articles that influence medical practice and inspire new research ideas [21]. These bibliometric methods evaluate the quality, credibility, and impact of studies [22, 23] through citation analyses, which assess research performance [24] and determine whether it has achieved its objectives in a specific area of health research [25]. As a result, they assess numerous publications from institutions across different countries [26].

In 2021, the PubMed database recorded over three hundred bibliometric review articles in the health field, focusing on evaluating the top 100 cited articles within their areas of interest, many of which were related to Dentistry [27]. However, a search using the MeSH descriptors 'Bibliometrics' AND 'ozone therapy' AND 'dentistry' yielded no results in this database. Consequently, a bibliometric study on the use of ozone therapy in dentistry could significantly contribute to the scientific literature by guiding future research and publications. It would enable researchers to track the progress of studies in this area and deepen their understanding.

Thus, the objective of this bibliometric analysis was to identify and classify the 100 most cited articles related to the clinical use of ozone in dentistry.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

“The literature search was conducted following the Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) guidelines, using the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science database.

This methodology is similar to that described in a previous study, which analyzed the ranking of the 100 most cited articles related to orthognathic surgery, and another study, which focused on the 100 most cited articles concerning third molar surgery. As a review, this study is exempt from research ethics board approval” [27-28].

Search strategy

A search was conducted on October 10, 2022, using Clarivate Analytics' Web of Science database. The search terms included "ozone" or "ozone therapy" or "ozone" combined with "dentistry" or "dental" in the title and/or abstract. The results were extracted into a table using Microsoft Excel and organized in descending order of citation count. Manuscripts were selected by two independent, previously calibrated researchers.

To be included in this study, publications needed to mention ozone in the title and/or abstract. Publications unrelated to the topic were excluded. There were no restrictions on the year of publication, journal impact factor, study design, or manuscript language.

The most cited articles were manually analyzed for the following information from the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science database: number of citations, year of publication, journals, keywords, authors, contributing institutions, countries, and research fields in dentistry. The country of origin and contributing institution of each article were determined based on the address provided for the first corresponding author.

The number of articles and citations per article were graphed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS version 22.0). The relationship between authors was determined based on how frequently they cited each other, using network visualization created with VOS viewers software (Leiden University, Netherlands).

RESULTS

The initial search identified 743 articles in the database. After reviewing titles and abstracts, the 100 most cited manuscripts involving ozone in dentistry were listed in Table 1, ordered by citation count. The study selection process, including the search strategy used in the database, is summarized in a flow diagram (Figure 1).

Authors publications and citations

The number of authors ranged from one to twelve, with a mean of 4.80 ± 2.23 . The authors and co-authors with the highest number of publications among the top 100 were Edward Lynch (8), Reinhard Hickel (5), and Hakkı Oğuz Kazancıoğlu (5). Figure 2 provides a graphical representation of the network between the authors.

The articles with the highest number of citations among the top 100 were by Fliefel R (2015) with a total of 180 citations, Azarpazhooh A (2008) with 158 citations, and Baysan A (2000) with 146 citations. The number of citations ranged from 13 to 180, with a mean of 38.56 ± 33.06 . Only 8 articles reached 100 citations (Table 1).

The earliest manuscript in this bibliometric analysis was published in 1997 by Filippi A in *Ozone: Science & Engineering (OSE)* and was cited 15 times. The most recent article was published in 2022 by Rapone B in *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJER)* and was cited 33 times.

Figure 3 illustrates the correlation between the number of citations and the year of publication of the studies. The citation distribution shows significant peaks in the years 2008 and 2015, with the top 100 studies receiving 436 and 413 citations, respectively.

Institutions and countries

A total of 76 different international institutions are associated with these studies. The University of Basel led the list with 5 manuscripts published among the top 100 most cited, followed by Bezmialem Vakif University with 4 articles.

The studies originated from 30 different countries. The leading countries were Germany with 16 manuscripts, Turkey with 15 articles, Italy with 12 articles, and Switzerland with 11 manuscripts. England, Japan, and the USA each contributed eight manuscripts to the top 100 articles (Figures 4 and 5).

Journals

The 100 most cited articles involving ozone in dentistry were published in 59 different journals. *Clinical Oral Investigations (COI)* led the list with 7 articles, followed by *American Journal of Dentistry (AJD)* with 5 articles. *European Journal of Oral Sciences (EJPS)*, *Journal of Craniofacial Surgery (JCS)*, *Journal of Endodontics (JE)*, and *Lasers in Medical Science (LMS)* each published four articles (Figure 6).

Keywords

A total of 250 keywords were used across the top 100 articles. The five most frequently used keywords were: ozone (50 times, 20%), dentistry (8 times, 3.2%), periodontitis (7 times, 2.8%), ozone therapy (6 times, 2.4%), and disinfection (5 times, 2%). The most frequently used keyword appeared in 50 studies, with the frequency of keywords ranging from one to fifty occurrences. Figure 7 provides a graphical representation of the keywords in map form.

Research Field

Figure 8 displays the research fields covered by the 100 most cited articles on ozone in dentistry. The leading fields were Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and Operative Dentistry, each with 19 studies, followed by Microbiology with 18 studies.

Another significant finding from this bibliometric analysis is that 9 studies within the top 100 evaluated ozone as an alternative treatment for medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ).

Time-pattern of publications

Based on the distribution of the 100 articles over the years, 2008, followed by 2009 and 2012, were the years with the highest concentration of publications, with 12, 10, and 9 studies respectively (Figure 9).

DISCUSSION

This paper aims to conduct a bibliometric analysis of ozone therapy in dentistry. Given the considerable growth in scientific publications over time, bibliometric methods can assist researchers and clinicians in identifying key factors to consider when choosing where to publish their work or where to search for information on a field. Thus, a list of the top 100 most-cited articles on ozone therapy in dentistry was compiled, accompanied by graphic data visualization to provide researchers and academics with a better understanding of the subject.

One important parameter in bibliometric analyses is the total number of citations, with articles receiving over 100 citations often classified as classics [25]. While studies with high citation rates are generally considered influential in their field, a low citation count does not necessarily indicate poor quality [29], as citation patterns can vary greatly depending on the type of publication, research, and discipline, and their significance can evolve over time [26].

The two most cited articles on ozone in dentistry were systematic reviews. The most cited study discussed ozone as an adjunctive treatment for bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaws [9], while the second most cited article systematically reviewed the clinical application and potential of ozone remineralization in dentistry [20]. The third most cited article featured an in vitro study designed to evaluate the antimicrobial effect of ozone from a new ozone-generating device on primary root caries lesions, specifically targeting *Streptococcus mutans* and *Streptococcus sobrinus* [2].

In terms of disciplines, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and Operative Dentistry lead the ranking. The high number of citations in these areas can be attributed to the success of ozone therapy in decontaminating both surgical and clinical environments. Ozone therapy has established itself as an extremely effective alternative treatment for challenging conditions such as medication-induced osteonecrosis of the jaws (MRONJ) [9, 30, 31],

32,

33,34]. Additionally, other surgical procedures benefit from ozone therapy, including third molar extractions [13,14], oral pathology [11], temporomandibular disorders [35], and dental implants [17,18,19,36].

Decontamination of caries is also a well-established procedure [7,37,38,39,40,41,42,43], including root caries decontamination and its use as an endodontic irrigation solution [2,4,5,6,44,45,46,47,48,49].

Bibliometrics provides a tool that can be scaled from the micro level (institutions) to the macro level (countries) [26]. In this analysis, the diverse range of studies is evident, with contributions from over 70 institutions, notably the University of Basel, and 30 different countries, with Germany being prominent.

Ozone generation is considered a cost-effective and efficient method. Although most leading countries are high-income economies, Turkey, a middle-income country, stands out as a significant contributor to research on this topic. The subject of ozone therapy is taken seriously by researchers, as evidenced by the high impact factors of several journals listed in the top 100, such as *Clinical Oral Investigations* [17,50,51,52,53,54,55] and *Journal of Endodontics* [47, 50, 56, 57]. Increased international collaborations and the use of the Internet could further expand the volume of publications and foster knowledge exchange among researchers.

As noted in the literature, using appropriate keywords is crucial for extensive article dissemination [28,58]. The keyword ozone was used in only half of the most-cited articles, often alongside related terms such as dentistry or periodontitis. Despite its relevance, ozone therapy is not listed among MeSH keywords. The authors suggest adopting MeSH keywords for standardization and broader use [59].

In conclusion, the application of ozone in dentistry and medicine has increased in recent years due to its recognized benefits [36]. However, the bibliometric data from this study indicate that the years 2008, 2009, and 2012 were the most productive, with peaks in citations observed in 2008 and 2015. Despite the expected rise in publications over the last five years, the oldest article in the analysis was published in 1997 [60] and the most recent in 2022 [7]. It is important to consider that the ranking of the 100 most cited articles represents the current landscape, and ongoing scientific advancements necessitate periodic updates to reviews.

A major limitation of this study is the reliance on the Web of Science for bibliometric analysis. Other bibliometric databases, such as Medline, Embase, and Cochrane Library, were not included. However, Web of Science is widely used due to its established metrics for comparing journal impact within disciplines through Journal Citation Reports (JCR; Clarivate Analytics). Factors such as journal and author self-citations, incomplete citing, and manuscript availability can affect citation rates. Thus, while many journals report on ozone in dentistry, this reflects growing interest in the topic rather than necessarily indicating high-quality research.

CONCLUSIONS

This bibliometric analysis can lead us to conclude that: 1) Germany was the main country that contributed to field research on the use of ozone in dentistry 2) The University of Basel was the most productive university in the researched field; 3) Clinical Oral Investigations was the journal that led the ranking with the most articles published, 4) The keyword ozone was the most used in the articles; 5) Oral and maxillofacial surgery was the research area most addressed by the 100 most cited articles.

The bibliometric list helps locate studies on specific topics and highlight trends in the research over time. These results can guide authors on where to consider submitting their research on ozone therapy in dentistry.

ABBREVIATIONS

AD: Annals of Dermatology; ADJ: Australian Dental Journal; AJD: American Journal of Dentistry; AMR: Archives of Medical Research; AMS: Advances in Medical Sciences; AO: Angle Orthodontist; ASB: Applied Sciences-Basel; B: Biomaterials; BF: Biofactors; BOH: BMC Oral Health; BOR: Brazilian Oral Research; BRI: Biomed Research International; CA: Collegium Anthropologicum; CDSR: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; COI: Clinical Oral Investigations; COIR: Clinical Oral Implants Research; CR: Caries Research; DM: Dental Materials; DMJ: Dental Materials Journal; DT: Dental Traumatology; EJPS: European Journal of Oral Science; HTA: Health Technology Assessment; IEJ: International Endodontic Journal; IJER: International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; IJOMI: International Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Implants; IJOMS: International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; IJP: International Journal of Prosthodontics; IN: Interventional Neuroradiology; JAD: Journal of Adhesive Dentistry; JAOS: Journal of Applied Oral Science; JBO: Journal of Bone Oncology; JCPD: Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry; JCS: Journal of Craniofacial Surgery; JD: Journal of Dentistry; JDR: Journal of Dental Research; JDS: Journal of Dental Sciences; JE: Journal of Endodontics; JERD: Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry; JFMA: Journal of the Formosan Medical Association; JP: Journal of Periodontology; JPIERD: Journal of Prosthodontics-Implant Esthetic and Reconstructive Dentistry; JPIS: Journal of Periodontal and Implant Science; JPR: Journal of Periodontal Research; JPRE: Journal of Pain Research; LMS: Lasers in Medical Science; LSM: Lasers in Surgery and Medicine; MGR: Medical Gas Research; MSE: Materials Science & Engineering C-Materials for Biological Applications; NM: New Microbiology; O: Odontology; OMI: Oral Microbiology and Immunology; OO: Oral Oncology; OSE: Ozone-Science & Engineering; QUADO: Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endodontology; PLS: Photomedicine and Laser Surgery; PPT: Photodiagnosis and Photodynamic Therapy; QI: Quintessence International; SDJ: Swedish Dental Journal; SR: Scientific Reports; STAM: Science and Technology of Advanced Materials.

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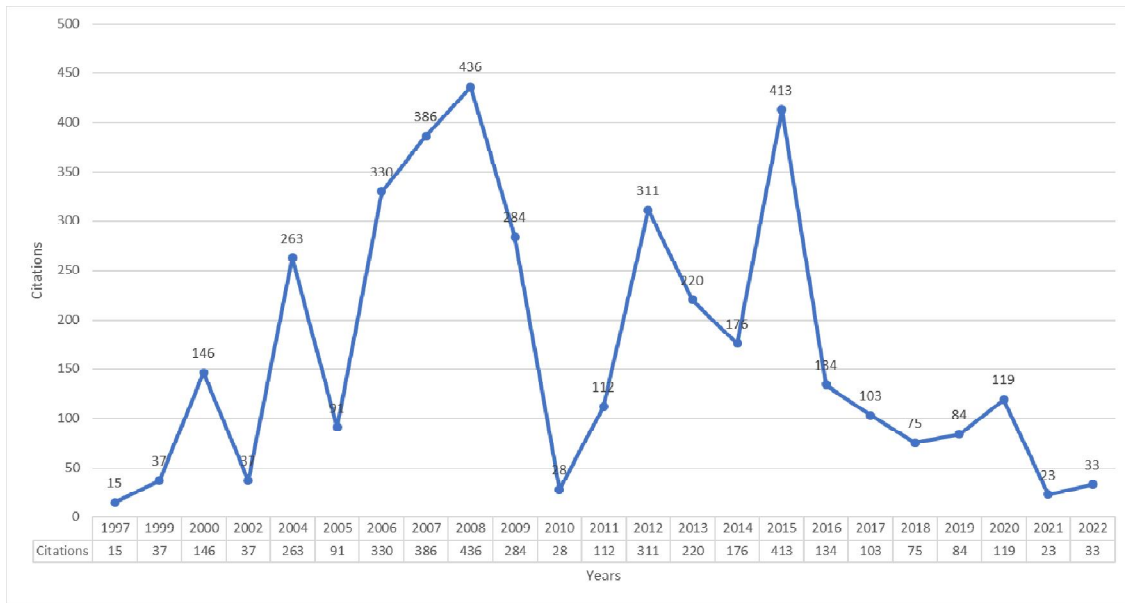


FIGURE3. Correlation between the number of citations and the year of publication of the studies.

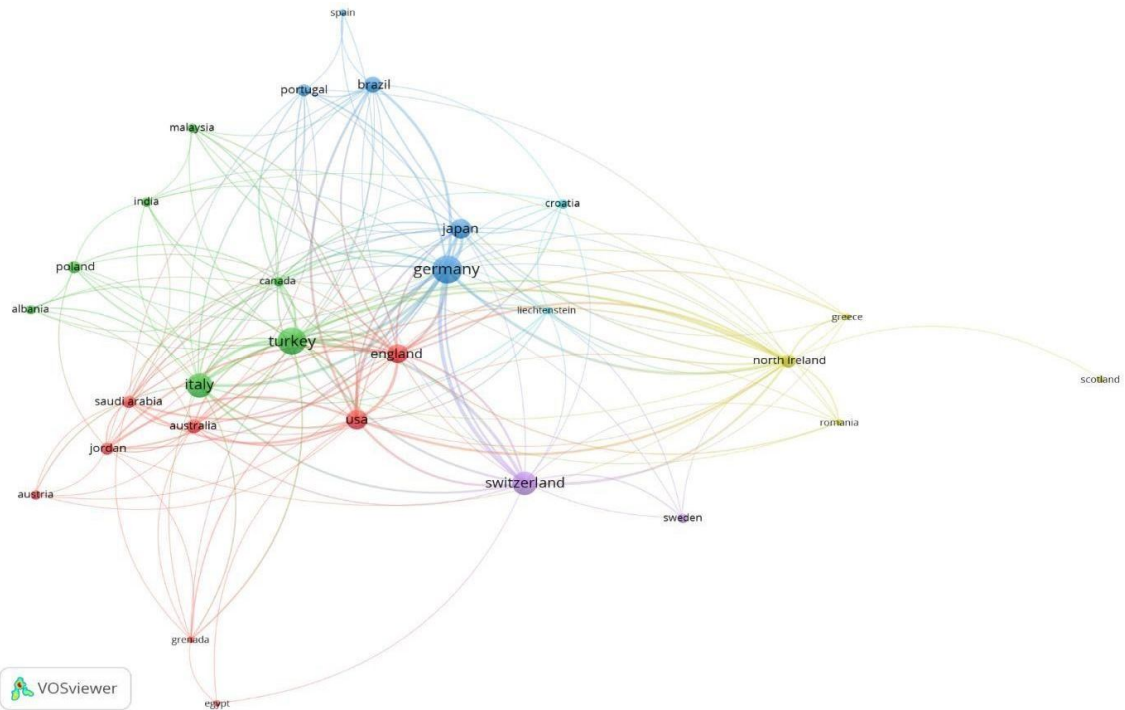


FIGURE4. Network analysis of countries from “ozone indentistry” bibliographic search. Circle sizes are related to countries and their number of publications.

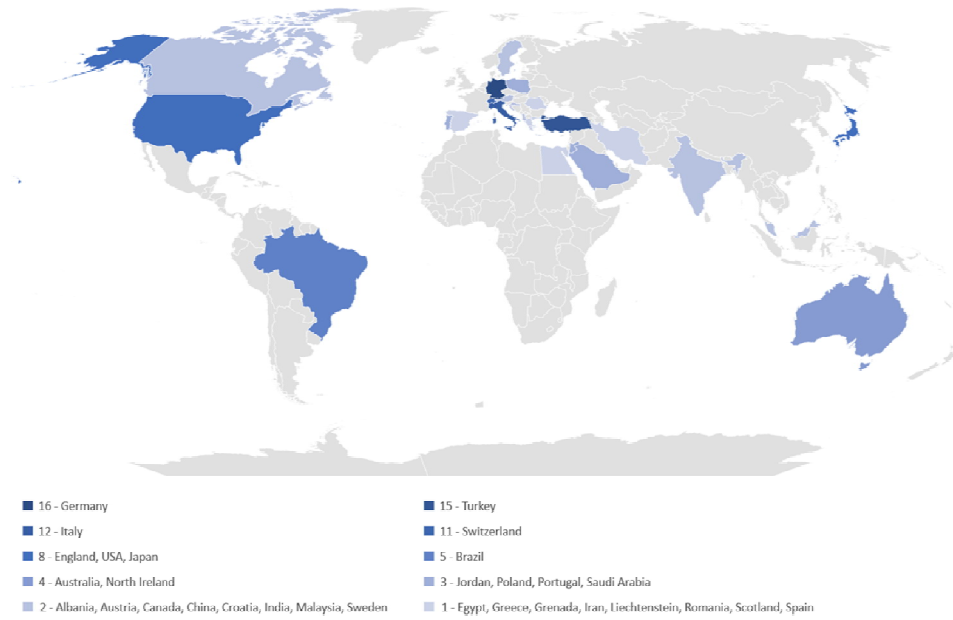


FIGURE 5. Countries of origin of top 100 articles.

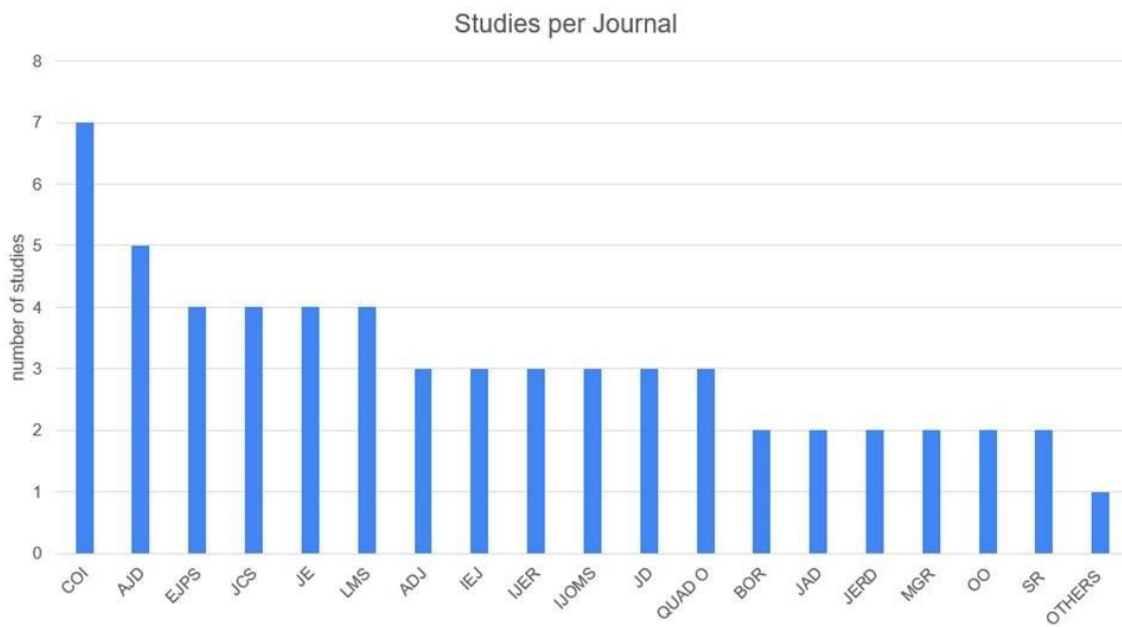


FIGURE 6. Most frequently cited journal.

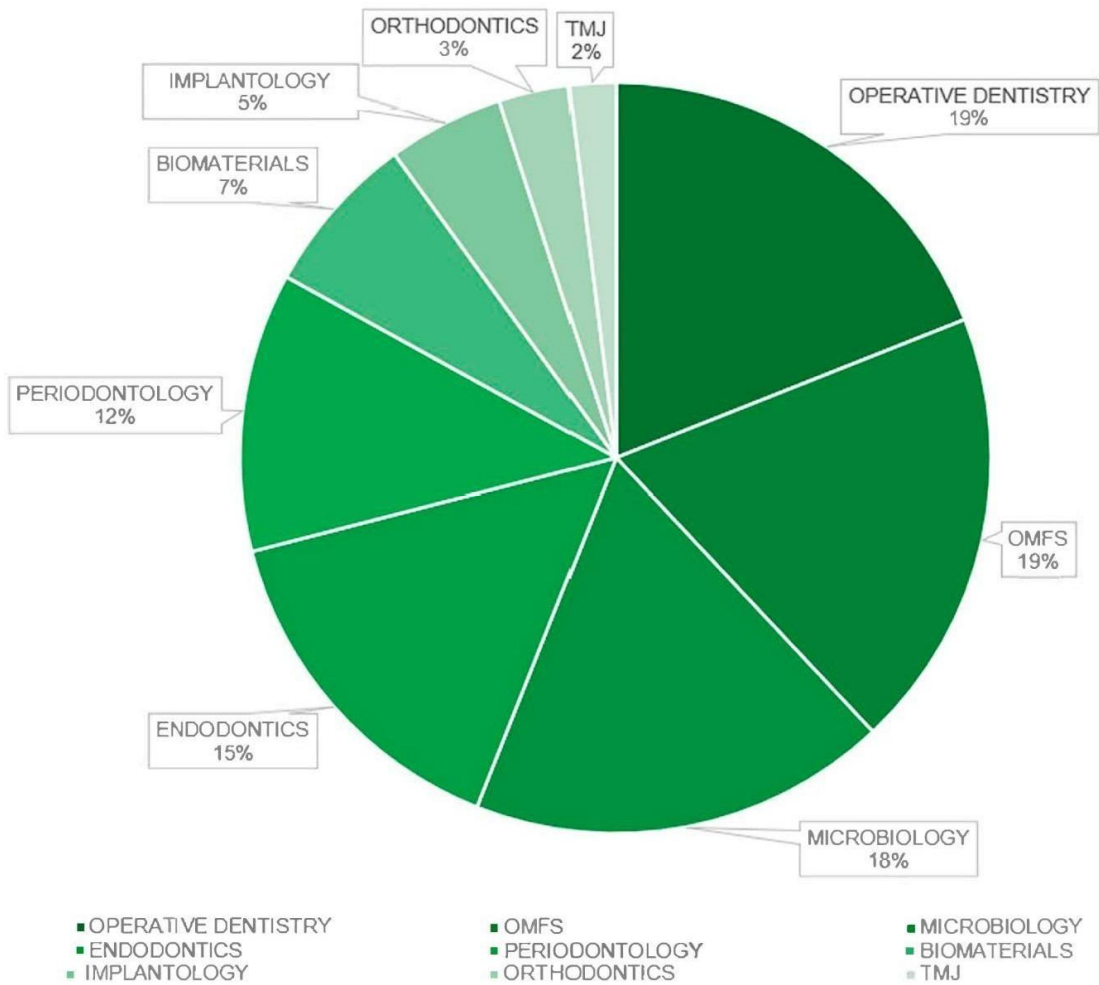


FIGURE 8. Top-100 ozone dentistry -research fields of included studies.

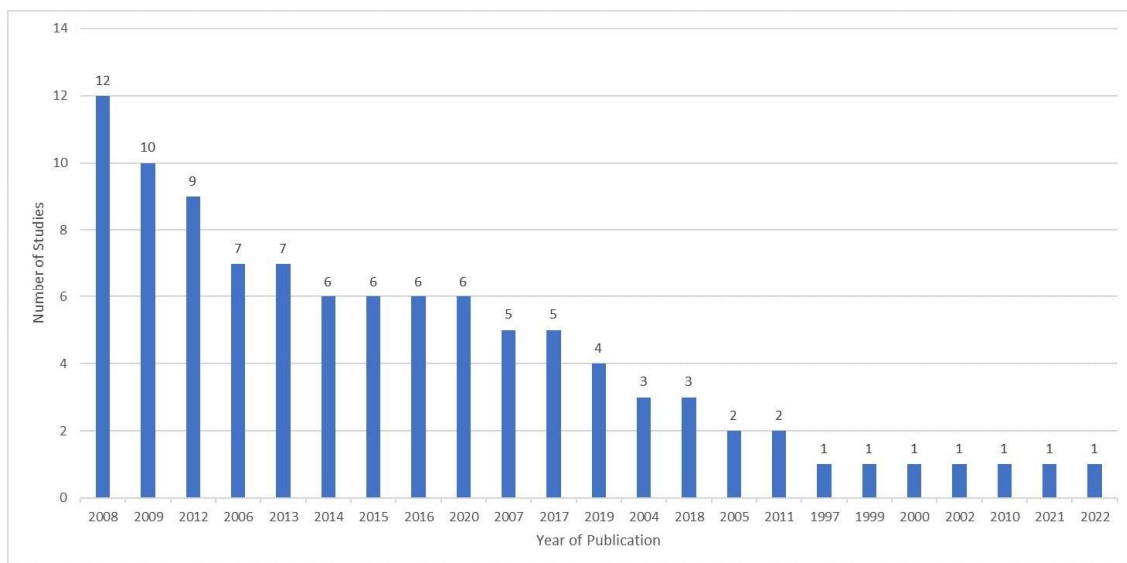


FIGURE 9. Time-pattern distribution of the 100 most-cited studies on ozone dentistry over the years.

Table 1. The top 100 cited studies about ozone in dentistry

Rank	Author	Title	Publication year	Journal	Institution	Citations
1	Fliefel Retal	Treatment strategies and outcomes of bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (BRONJ) with characterization of patients: a systematic review	2015	IJOMS	UniversitatMunich	180
2	Azar pazhooh A, Limeback H	The application of ozone in dentistry: A systematic review of literature	2008	JD	University Toronto	158
3	Baysan A et al	Antimicrobial effect of a novel ozone-generating device on micro-organisms associated with primary root carious lesions in vitro	2000	CR	Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry	146
4	Nagayoshi Metal	Efficacy of ozone on survival and permeability of oral microorganisms	2004	OMI	Kyushu Dental College	136
5	Muller P et al	Efficacy of gasiform ozone and photodynamic therapy on a multispecies oral biofilm in vitro	2007	EJPS	University of Zurich	113
6	Kuhl Set al	Bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaws - A review	2012	OO	University of Basel	104
7	Wierichs R, Meyer-Lueckel H	Systematic Review on Noninvasive Treatment of Root Caries Lesions	2015	JDR	RWTH Aachen University	104
8	Huth KC et al	Effect of ozone on oral cells compared with established antimicrobials	2006	EJPS	Ludwig-Maximilians University	101
9	Estrela C et al	Antimicrobial efficacy of ozonated water, gaseous ozone, sodium hypochlorite and chlorhexidine in infected human root canals	2007	IEJ	Universidade Federal de Goiás	99
10	Baysan, A; Lynch, E	Effect of ozone on the oral microbiota and clinical severity of primary root caries	2004	AJD	University Birmingham	97
11	Foschi F et al	Photodynamic inactivation of <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> in dental root canals in vitro	2007	LSM	The Forsyth Institute	97
12	Ripamonti C et al	Efficacy and safety of medical ozone (O ₃) delivered in oil suspension applications for the treatment of osteonecrosis of the jaw in patients with bone metastases treated with bisphosphonates: Preliminary results of a phase I-II study	2011	OO	National Cancer Institute of Milan	78

13	HuthKCetal	Effectivenessofozoneagainstendodontopathogenicmicroorganismsinarootcanalbiofilm model	2009	IEJ	Ludwig-MaximiliansUniversity	65
14	PolydorouOetal	Antibacterial effect of an ozone device and its comparison with two dentin-bondingsystems	2006	EJPS	Albert-LudwigsUniversityFreiburg	59
15	StubingerS etal	Theuseofozonein dentistryandmaxillofacialsurgery:Areview	2006	QI	University ofBasel	59
16	AgrilloAet al	Ozonetherapyinthetreatment ofavascularbiphosphonate-relatedjawosteonecrosis	2007	JCS	University ofRomeLaSapienza	56
17	HuthKCetal	Effect of ozone on non-cavitated fissure carious lesions in permanent molars. Acontrolledprospective clinicalstudy	2005	AJD	UniversityMunich	50
18	KazanciogluHOetal	Comparison of the influence of ozone and laser therapies on pain, swelling, and trismusfollowingimpacted third-molarsurgery	2014	LMS	BezmialemVakifUniversity	49
19	RaponeBetal	The Effect of Gaseous Ozone Therapy in Conjunction with Periodontal Treatment onGlycatedHemoglobinLevelin SubjectswithType2DiabetesMellitus:AnUnmaskedRandomizedControlled Trial	2020	IJER	Aldo MoroUniversityofBari	46
20	DuangthipDetal	Non-surgicaltreatmentofdentincariesinpreschoolchildren-systematicreview	2015	BOH	UniversityofHongKong	42
21	CardosoMG etal	Effectiveness of ozonated water on Candida albicans, Enterococcus faecalis, andendotoxinsinrootcanals	2008	QUADRO	UniversityofTaubaté	42
22	HayakumoSet al	Clinical and microbiological effects of ozone nano-bubble water irrigation as an adjunctto mechanical subgingival debridement in periodontitis patients in a randomizedcontrolledtrial	2013	COI	Tokyo MedicalandDentalUniversity	41
23	Bitter Ketal	Bond strength of fiber posts after the application of erbium: yttrium-aluminum-garnetlasertreatment and gaseousozonetotherootcanal	2008	JE	Charité-UniversitätsmedizinBerlin	41
24	PolydorouOetal	Theantibacterialeffect ofgasozoneafter 2monthsofinvitroevaluation	2012	COI	UniversityMedicalCenterFreiburg	41
25	AgrilloAet al	Newtherapeuticprotocolinthetreatment ofavascularnecrosisofthejaws	2006	JCS	Universityof RomeLaSapienza	41

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26	CasePDetal	Treatment of Root Canal Biofilms of Enterococcus faecalis with Ozone Gas and Passive Ultrasound Activation	2012	JE	The University of Queensland	41
27	SchmidlinPRetal	Effect of ozone on enamel and dentin bond strength	2005	JAD	University of Zurich	41
28	Kazancioglu HO et al	Effects of ozone therapy on pain, swelling, and trismus following third molar surgery	2014	IJOMS	Bezmialem Vakif University	39
29	Kazancioglu HO et al	Effects of Laser and Ozone Therapies on Bone Healing in the Calvarial Defects	2013	JCS	Bezmialem Vakif University	38
30	Hayakumo Set al	Effects of ozone nano-bubble water on periodontopathic bacteria and oral cells - in vitro studies	2014	STAM	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	37
31	Krozer A et al	Chemical treatment of machined titanium surfaces - An in vitro study	1999	COIR	Lund University	37
32	Al Habashneh R et al	Ozone as an adjunct to conventional nonsurgical therapy in chronic periodontitis: a randomized controlled clinical trial	2015	JPR	Jordan University of Science and Technology	37
33	Ebensberger U et al	PCNA-expression of cementoblasts and fibroblasts on the root surface after extraoral rinsing for decontamination	2002	DT	University of Basel	37
34	Ozgul B Metal	Clinical Evaluation of Desensitizing Treatment for Incisor Teeth Affected by Molar-Incisor Hypomineralization	2013	JCPD	Ankara University	36
35	Raeissadat SA et al	Intra-articular ozone or hyaluronic acid injection: Which one is superior in patients with knee osteoarthritis? A 6-month randomized clinical trial	2018	JPRE	Shahid Beheshti University	35
36	Cho H et al	Postoperative interventions to reduce inflammatory complications after third molar surgery: review of the current evidence	2017	ADJ	The University of Queensland	35
37	Kustarci A et al	Bactericidal effect of KTP laser irradiation against Enterococcus faecalis compared with gaseous ozone: an ex vivo study	2009	QUAD O	Cumhuriyet University	34
38	Rollason V et al	Interventions for treating bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (BRONJ)	2016	CDSR	Geneva University Hospitals	34
39	Yilmaz S et al	Evaluation of the Clinical and Antimicrobial Effects of the Er: YAG Laser or Topical Gaseous Ozone as Adjuncts to Initial Periodontal Therapy	2013	PLS	Yeditepe University	34

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40	Kronenberg O et al	Preventive Effect of Ozone on the Development of White Spot Lesions during Multibracket Appliance Therapy	2009	AO	University of Bern	34
41	Huth KC et al	Effectiveness of ozone against periodontal pathogenic microorganisms	2011	EJPS	Ludwig-Maximilians University	34
42	Rapone B et al	The Gaseous Ozone Therapy as a Promising Antiseptic Adjuvant of Periodontal Treatment: A Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial	2022	IJER	Aldo Moro University of Bari	33
43	Dahnhardt JE et al	Treating open carious lesions in anxious children with ozone. A prospective controlled clinical study	2006	AJD	University of Bern	33
44	Hauser-Gerspach I et al	Influence of gaseous ozone in peri-implantitis: bactericidal efficacy and cellular response. An in vitro study using titanium and zirconia	2012	COI	University of Basel	32
45	Shi XL et al	Partial oxidation of TiN coating by hydrothermal treatment and ozone treatment to improve its osteoconductivity	2016	MSE	Jiangsu University of Science and Technology	31
46	Chidambaranathan A et al	Comprehensive Review and Comparison of the Disinfection Techniques Currently Available in the Literature	2019	JPIERD	SRM Dental College	30
47	Matsumura, K et al	Surface modification of poly(ethylene-co-vinyl alcohol): hydroxyapatite immobilization and control of periodontal ligament cells differentiation	2004	B	Kyoto University	30
48	Bezirtzoglou E et al	A quantitative approach to the effectiveness of ozone against microbiota organisms colonizing toothbrushes	2008	JD	Democritus University of Thrace	30
49	Manton DJ et al	Effect of ozone and Tooth Mousse (TM) on the efficacy of peroxide bleaching	2008	ADJ	The University of Melbourne	30
50	Magni E et al	Effect of ozone gas application on the mechanical properties of dental adhesives bonded to dentin	2008	DM	University of Siena	29
51	Montevecchi M et al	Comparison of the antibacterial activity of a ozonated oil with chlorhexidine digluconate and povidone-iodine. A disk diffusion test	2013	NM	University of Bologna	29
52	Kazancioglu HO, Erisen M	Comparison of Low-Level Laser Therapy versus Ozone Therapy in the Treatment of Oral Lichen Planus	2015	AD	Bezmi Alem Vakif University	28

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53	Azar pazhoob A et al	Evaluating the Effect of an Ozone Delivery System on the Reversal of Dentin Hypersensitivity: A Randomized, Double-blinded Clinical Trial	2009	JE	University of Toronto	28
54	Skurska A et al	Evaluation of the influence of ozonotherapy on the clinical parameters and MMP levels in patients with chronic and aggressive periodontitis	2010	AMS	Medical University of Białystok	28
55	Hauser-Gerspach J et al	Comparison of the immediate effects of gaseous ozone and chlorhexidine gel on bacteria in cavitated carious lesions in children in vivo	2009	COI	University of Basel	25
56	Suh Y et al	Clinical utility of ozone therapy in dental and oral medicine	2019	MGR	Stony Brook University Renaissance School of Medicine	25
57	Noguchi F et al	Ozonated Water Improves Lipopolysaccharide-induced Responses of an Odontoblast-like Cell Line	2009	JE	Kyushu Dental College	24
58	McKenna D F et al	The Effect of Subgingival Ozone and/or Hydrogen Peroxide on the Development of Peri-implant Mucositis: A Double-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial	2013	IJOMI	University of Warwick	24
59	Cadenaro M et al	Enamel and Dentin Bond Strength Following Gaseous Ozone Application	2009	JAD	University of Trieste	24
60	Butera A et al	Ozonized Water Administration in Peri-Implant Mucositis Sites: A Randomized Clinical Trial	2021	ASB	University of Pavia	23
61	Tasdemir Z et al	Effects of Ozone Therapy on the Early Healing Period of Deepithelialized Gingival Grafts: A Randomized Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trial	2016	JP	Erciyes University	23
62	Al-Omiri M K et al	Randomized controlled clinical trial on bleaching sensitivity and whitening efficacy of hydrogen peroxide versus combination of hydrogen peroxide and ozone	2018	SR	University of Jordan	22
63	Almaz ME, Sonmez S	Ozone therapy in the management and prevention of caries	2015	JFMA	Kırıkkale University	22
64	Knight G M et al	The inability of Streptococcus mutans and Lactobacillus acidophilus to form a biofilm in vitro on dentine pretreated with ozone	2008	ADJ	The University of Adelaide	22
65	Sadatullah S et al	The antimicrobial effect of 0.1 ppm ozonated water on 24-hour plaque microorganisms in situ	2012	BOR	King Khalid University	21

66	AgrilloAet al	Ozonetherapyinextractivesurgeryonpatientstreatedwithbisphosphonates	2007	JCS	University of RomeLaSapien za	21
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67	LynchE,Swift EJ	EVIDENCE-BASEDEFFICACYOFOZONEFORROOTCANALIRRIGATION	2008	JERD	Queen'sUniversity	20
68	Daif ET	Roleofintra-articularozonegasinjectioninthemanagementofinternalderangement ofthetemporomandibularjoint	2012	QUAD O	CairoUniversity	20
69	Samuel SRet al	Effectofozonetoremineralizeinitial enamelcaries:insitustudy	2016	COI	Thai MoogambigaiDental College	19
70	BrazzelliMet al	Systematic review of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of HealOzone for thetreatment of occlusalpit/fissurecariesandrootcaries	2006	HTA	University ofAberdeen	19
71	Bayer Setal	Comparisonoflaserandozonetreatmentsonoral mucositisinanexperimentalmodel	2017	LMS	BezmialemVakif University	18
72	PiresPTetal	Effect ofozone gasontheshearbondstrength toenamel	2013	JAOS	UniversityofPorto	18
73	DalkilicEEet al	Effectofdifferentsanitizermethodsontheinitialmicrotensilebondstrengthofaself-etchadhesive to dentin	2012	LMS	YuzuncuYil University	18
74	Swift,EJ	Evidence-basedcariesreversal usingozone	2008	JERD	Queen'sUniversity	18
75	Isler SCet al	Theeffectsofozonetherapyasanadjunct tothesurgical treatment ofperi-implantitis	2018	JPIS	GaziUniversity	18
76	Tasaki Tet al	Plasma-treatedwatereliminatesStreptococcusmutansininfecteddentinmodel	2017	DMJ	Tsurumi UniversitySchool of DentalMedicine	18
77	NoitesRet al	SynergisticAntimicrobialActionofChlorhexidineandOzoneinEndodonticTreatment	2014	BRI	Catholic UniversityofPortugal	18
78	Ripamonti Cietal	Efficacy and tolerability of medical ozone gas insufflations in patients withosteonecrosis of the jaw treated with bisphosphonates-Preliminary data Medical ozonegasinsufflationintreatingONJ lesions	2012	JBO	IstitutoNazionale deiTumori	18
79	GrootveldMet al	High resolution H-1 NMR investigations of the oxidative consumption of salivarybiomolecules by ozone: Relevance to the therapeutic applications of this agent inclinical dentistry	2006	BF	London South BankUniversity	18
80	DukicW etal	TheInfluenceofHealozoneonMicroleakageandFissurePenetrationofDifferentSealingMaterials	2009	CA	University ofZagreb	17
81	AnzolinAP etal	Ozonatedoilinwoundhealing: whathasalreadybeenproven?	2020	MGR	Universidade dePasso	17

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82	XimenesMet al	AntimicrobialactivityofozoneandNaF-chlorhexidineonearlychildhoodcaries	2017	BOR	UniversidadeFederal de SantaCatarina	17
83	NoetzelJetal	Efficacyofcalciumhydroxide,Er:YAG laserorgaseousozoneagainstEnterococcusfaecalisin rootcanals	2009	AJD	Charité- Universitätsmedizin Berlin	17
84	Domb WC	OzoneTherapyinDentistryABriefReviewforPhysicians	2014	IN	Inland Institute ofAestheticDentistry	17
85	ErdemciF etal	Histomorphometricevaluationoftheeffectofsystemicandtopicalozoneonalveolarbonehe alingfollowing tooth extraction inrats	2014	IJOMS	AkdenizUniversity	16
86	LoncarB etal	OzoneApplicationinDentistry	2009	AMR	UniversityZagreb	16
87	Al Shamsi AH etal	Theeffectsofozonegasapplicationonshearbondstrengthforthodonticbracketstoenamel	2008	AJD	Queen’sUniversity	16
88	EickS et al	Effect of ozoneonperiodontopathogenicspecies-aninvitrostudy	2012	COI	UniversityofBern	16
89	Grocholewicz K etal	Effectofnano-hydroxyapatiteandozoneonapproximalinitialcaries:arandomizedclinicaltrial	2020	SR	PomeranianMedicalUniversity	15
90	Matys Jetal	Effect of ozone and diode laser (635 nm) in reducing orthodontic pain in the maxillaryarch-arandomizedclinicalcontrolledtrial	2020	LMS	MedicalUniversity	15
91	EgusaH etal	Clinical Evaluation of the Efficacy of Removing Microorganisms to Disinfect Patient-DerivedDentalImpressions	2008	IJP	Osaka UniversityGraduate School ofDentistry	15
92	Filippi,A	Ozoneinoralsurgery -Currentstatusandprospects	1997	OSE	Justus-Liebig- UniversitätGießen	15
93	Camacho-Alonso,Fetal	Effectsofphotodynamictherapy,2% chlorhexidine,tri-antibioticmixture,propolisandozone on root canals experimentally infected with Enterococcus faecalis: an in vitrostudy	2017	O	University ofMurcia	15
94	FagrellTGetal	Effectofozonetreatmentondifferentcariogenicmicroorganismsinvitro	2008	SDJ	University ofGothenburg	15
95	UrazAetal	Ozoneapplicationasadjunctivetherapyinchronicperiodontitis:Clinical,microbiological andbiochemicalaspects	2019	JDS	GaziUniversity	15

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96	BalFAetal	EffectsofphotodynamictherapywithindocyaninegreenonStreptococcusmutansbiofilm	2019	PPT	AbantIzzetBaysal University	14
97	Al-Omiri MKet al	Improvedtoothbleachingcombiningozoneandhydrogenperoxide-Ablindedstudy	2016	JD	The University ofJordan	14
98	NardiGetal	Mouthwash Based on Ozonated Olive Oil in Caries Prevention: A Preliminary In-VitroStudy	2020	IJER	SapienzaUniv ersityofRome	13
99	SilvaE et al	Theeffect ofozone therapyinrootcanal disinfection:asystematicreview	2020	IEJ	Universidade GrandeRio	13
100	Boch Tetal	Effect ofgaseous ozoneonEnterococcusfaecalisbiofilm-aninvitrostudy	2016	COI	University MedicalCenterFr eiburg	13