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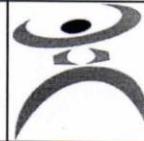
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RESUMO

Mamadeira e aleitamento materno como fatores de risco para cárie dentária na dentição decídua: revisão sistemática e meta-análise.

Entender o papel do aleitamento materno e uso de mamadeira na experiência de cárie dentária é essencial para auxiliar dentistas e famílias em sua prevenção, além de aprimorar o desenvolvimento de políticas públicas adequadas. Entretanto, a relação do aleitamento materno e uso de mamadeira na etiologia da cárie ainda é controversa. O objetivo desta revisão sistemática e meta-análise foi avaliar a evidência científica disponível para a seguinte pergunta clínica: Crianças que usaram mamadeira apresentam mais lesões de cárie dentária na dentição decídua comparadas com crianças amamentadas no peito? A busca foi realizada em sete bases de dados eletrônicas e literatura cinzenta. Dois revisores independentes selecionaram os estudos, extraíram os dados e avaliaram o risco de viés por meio da análise de qualidade metodológica. A meta-análise foi realizada e foram calculados *odds ratio* (OR) e intervalo de confiança de 95% (IC95%). Sete estudos foram incluídos: cinco transversais, um caso-controle e uma coorte. A meta-análise de quatro estudos transversais não mostrou diferença estatisticamente significativa entre crianças aleitadas no peito e que usaram mamadeira em relação à cárie dentária (OR: 1,16; 95%IC: 0,60-2,23). Os resultados individuais de quatro estudos mostraram que crianças que fizeram uso da mamadeira apresentaram mais lesões cariosas ($p < 0,05$) enquanto outros três estudos não mostraram essa associação ($p > 0,05$). Apesar de a evidência científica ser fraca para fazer afirmações sobre o papel do tipo de alimentação para a cárie dentária nos primeiros anos da infância, os benefícios do aleitamento materno para a saúde geral fazem com que a melhor recomendação continue sendo o aleitamento materno exclusivo até os seis meses de vida. Estudos prospectivos observacionais do tipo coorte são necessários para obter novas evidências.

Palavras-chave: Revisão Sistemática, Aleitamento materno, Cárie dentária, meta-análise, mamadeira.

ABSTRACT

Bottle feeding and breastfeeding as risk factors for dental caries in deciduous teeth: systematic review and meta-analysis.

Studies of the role of breastfeeding and bottle feeding in the occurrence of dental caries during childhood are important to help dentists and parents prevent caries, and also for the creation of public health policies. However, no consensus has yet been reached in literature regarding the issue. The aim of the present systematic review and meta-analysis was to seek scientific evidence relating to the clinical question: Do bottle fed children have more dental caries in primary dentition than children that were breastfed? Seven electronic databases and grey literature were searched. Two independent reviewers selected the studies, extracted data and evaluated risk of bias by quality assessment. Meta-analysis was conducted and the summary risk measure (odds ratio-OR) and 95% confidence intervals (95%CI) were calculated. Seven studies were included in the review: five cross-sectional, one case-control and one cohort study. Meta-analysis of the four cross-sectional studies did not reveal a statistically significant association between dental caries and whether the child was breast or bottle fed (OR: 1.16; 95%CI: 0.60-2.23). Four studies showed that bottle fed children had more dental caries than breast fed children ($p < 0.05$), while three studies did not find an association ($p > 0.05$). Scientific evidence regarding the role of breastfeeding and bottle feeding in the occurrence of dental caries during childhood is weak. Until new evidence is found, breastfeeding is recommended until up to six months of age, due to the fact that it has major benefits for the systematic health of babies. Further prospective observational cohort studies are needed to obtain new evidence.

Keywords: Meta-analysis, Systematic Review, Breast feeding, Dental caries.

LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

AAPD	<i>American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry</i>
ceo-d	Dentes decíduos cariados, extraídos, obturados devido à cárie dentária
CPI	Cárie precoce na infância
CPSI	Cárie precoce e severa na infância
ICDAS	<i>International Caries Detection and Assessment System</i>
OMS	Organização Mundial de Saúde
OR	<i>Odds ratio</i>
PRISMA	<i>Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses</i>
SB Brasil	Saúde bucal Brasil
S-ECC	<i>Severe early childhood caries</i>
WHO	<i>World Health Organization</i>

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1 INTRODUÇÃO

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A cárie dentária é resultante da desmineralização da superfície dentária pelos ácidos produzidos por bactérias, que ao longo do tempo metabolizaram os açúcares que permaneceram na superfície do dente (Loesche, 1986). A cárie precoce da infância (CPI) é caracterizada pela presença de um ou mais dentes cariados, extraídos por cárie ou restaurados em qualquer superfície em crianças menores de 71 meses (American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 2014-2015).

Um dos primeiros trabalhos sobre cárie dentária em crianças foi publicado em 1927, quando médicos notaram um grande número de bebês com extensas lesões de cárie (Lancet, 1927). Apesar de nesta época ainda não haver pesquisas relacionando a etiologia da cárie dentária com o tipo de alimentação, posteriormente, vários autores mostraram resultados ambíguos a respeito da relação entre amamentação e uso de mamadeira com a cárie dentária (Hong *et al.*, 2014; Chaffee *et al.*, 2014).

Os benefícios do aleitamento materno para a saúde geral são bem conhecidos, principalmente na redução da morbidade infantil e incidência de doenças infecciosas (Horta, Victora, 2013). Por outro lado, uma revisão sistemática de literatura observou que o aleitamento materno parece não trazer benefícios para o desenvolvimento normal da oclusão (Hermont *et al.*, 2015). O aleitamento materno exclusivo é recomendado pela Organização Mundial de Saúde (OMS) até os seis meses de idade. A partir desta idade e até dois anos, deve ser complementada com alimentos sólidos (Organização Mundial de Saúde, 2013). Entretanto, aspectos culturais e sociais podem afetar diretamente a prática do aleitamento materno bem como a sua duração (Martin-Bautista *et al.*, 2010).

Há medidas que possivelmente ajudam a reduzir a incidência de cárie dentária nas crianças, principalmente em relação ao aleitamento ou uso de mamadeira durante a primeira infância. Essas medidas precisam ser discutidas e disseminadas com a ajuda de todos os profissionais de saúde (Caplan *et al.*, 2008).

Alguns autores não identificaram o aleitamento materno como fator de risco para cárie dentária (Roberts *et al.*, 1994; Du *et al.*, 2007; Perera *et al.*, 2014), enquanto outro estudo encontrou esta associação, especialmente relacionada à sua duração (Corrêa-Faria *et al.*, 2013). Em relação ao uso de mamadeira, alguns autores o colocam como fator de risco para a cárie dentária (Plonka *et al.*, 2013; Majorana *et al.*, 2014; Qadri *et al.*, 2012), mas resultado contrário já foi encontrado (Declerck *et al.*, 2008). A falta de consenso sobre o assunto torna evidente a necessidade de mais estudos (Al-Jewair, Leak, 2010).

Uma única revisão sistemática sobre a relação entre o aleitamento materno e cárie dentária foi publicada no ano 2000, e na época, não obteve respostas conclusivas sobre a questão (Valaitis *et al.*, 2000). Após quinze anos, esta questão ainda não foi totalmente compreendida. Diante da importância da alimentação na infância na etiologia da cárie dentária, o esclarecimento sobre o assunto faz-se necessário. O melhor entendimento sobre o tema possibilitará cirurgiões-dentistas a darem orientações mais adequadas aos pais. Responsáveis melhores orientados podem agir de maneira mais cuidadosa com a saúde bucal de seus filhos. Como consequência, crianças livres de alterações dentárias, dor e inflamação apresentam melhor qualidade de vida.

A cárie dentária na infância é um assunto que deve ser debatido, visto que afeta o bem estar, crescimento (Sheiham, 2006) e qualidade de vida de crianças e suas famílias (Ramos-Jorge *et al.*, 2014). Apesar do declínio da prevalência de cárie dentária em países desenvolvidos (Beaglehole *et al.*, 2009) e em desenvolvimento (Narvai *et al.*, 2006), a prevalência de cárie dentária em crianças de cinco anos de idade ao redor do planeta permanece alta: Inglaterra com 27,9% (Public Health England, 2013); Brasil com 46,6% (Brasil, 2010) e nos Estados Unidos da América varia entre 11,0-53,0% (Tyagi, 2008).

O objetivo desta revisão sistemática com meta-análise foi procurar por evidências científicas sobre a associação entre uso de mamadeira, amamentação e cárie dentária em crianças com dentição decídua. A pergunta cínica foi (PICO question): Pacientes: crianças com dentição exclusivamente decídua; Intervenção/Exposição ao fator de risco: uso de mamadeira; Comparação: aleitamento materno; Desfecho: cárie dentária.

2 CONSIDERAÇÕES INICIAIS

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2.1 A Odontologia Baseada em Evidências

A Prática Baseada em Evidência pode ser definida como o uso consciente, explícito e judicioso da melhor evidência na tomada de decisões sobre o cuidado de saúde dos pacientes (Sackett *et al.*, 1996). O objetivo principal é a aplicação mais válida da abordagem baseada em evidência para a prática odontológica. Além disso, busca encorajar o cirurgião dentista focado nos cuidados primários de saúde a basear sua conduta clínica nas evidências científicas disponíveis (Richards, Lawrence, 1995).

A prática da Odontologia Baseada em Evidência implica na integração da experiência clínica individual com a melhor evidência científica. A revisão sistemática é importante porque proporciona uma ampla discussão da evidência disponível. Ela pode tornar claro o conhecimento sobre determinado assunto por meio de um posicionamento crítico sobre o que foi feito e o que deve ser feito. Em Odontologia, é crescente o número de revisões sistemáticas com e sem meta-análise publicadas nos últimos anos. Há uma grande demanda que deve ser suprida por meio da pesquisa de dados secundários e seu agrupamento, visando a tomada de decisões em saúde baseada em evidências científicas.

2.2 Cárie precoce na infância: nomenclatura e dados epidemiológicos

Desde a década de 60, a definição da cárie precoce na infância (CPI) tem sido controversa. Várias nomenclaturas e definições apareceram: cárie de mamadeira, cárie rampante, feeding bottle syndrome, nursing caries, nursing bottle mouth, todas relacionadas à forma de alimentação e não levavam em consideração toda a etiologia multifatorial da cárie dentária. Em 2003, a American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) adotou uma nova definição de cárie precoce na infância (CPI), que pode ser definida como a presença de uma ou mais superfícies cariadas (cavidades ou não), perdidas ou restauradas em crianças de até 71 meses de idade. Já a cárie precoce e severa na infância

(CPSI) foi definida em casos em que houvesse qualquer superfície dental cariada, perdida ou restaurada em crianças com até três anos de idade (AAPD, 2013; Borutta *et al.*, 2010; Drury *et al.*, 1999).

Apesar de a prevalência de cárie dentária continuar elevada em grupos populacionais mais vulneráveis (Arora *et al.*, 2011), tem havido uma redução de sua prevalência no Brasil (Tyagi, 2008; Brasil, 2004), bem como em outros países desenvolvidos, como Austrália, Reino Unido e Estados Unidos da América. Porém, ao utilizar-se o índice ICDAS (International Caries Detection and Assessment System) para levantamento da prevalência de cárie dentária em crianças colombianas, observou-se que esta ainda é alta ao considerar lesões de mancha branca (Cadavid *et al.*, 2010).

O levantamento epidemiológico do SB Brasil 2003 (Ministério da Saúde, Brasil, 2004) mostrou que 27% das crianças de 18 a 36 meses apresentavam pelo menos um dente cariado. Nas crianças com cinco anos de idade, essa proporção chegou a 60%. Houve uma redução na prevalência de cárie nos últimos sete anos, como pode ser visto no levantamento epidemiológico do SB Brasil 2010: crianças aos cinco anos de idade possuíam em média 2,43 dentes com experiência de cárie, correspondendo a 53,4% das crianças nesta idade com cárie dentária (Ministério da Saúde, Brasil, 2011; Ministério da Saúde, Brasil, 2004). Apesar da evidente redução da prevalência quando se compara os dois levantamentos, a cárie dentária continua a ser a doença bucal mais comum na infância.

2.3 Aleitamento materno

A OMS considera o leite humano como alimento ideal nos primeiros anos de vida do bebê, visto que seus benefícios são evidentes no desenvolvimento, prevenção e manutenção de sua saúde. O aleitamento materno traz inúmeros benefícios, tais como a redução da morbidade, da mortalidade, da diarreia e de infecções no trato respiratório inferior (Quigley *et al.*, 2007). A OMS recomenda o aleitamento materno exclusivo até os seis meses de idade, se estendendo até os dois anos de idade em adição a formas complementares de alimentação (OMS, 2003). A recomendação da OMS se

baseia em uma revisão sistemática de literatura (Kramer, Kakuma, 2012) que mostrou que o aleitamento materno exclusivo até os seis meses de idade diminui a morbidade, as doenças gastrointestinais e alérgicas nos primeiros anos de vida do bebê. Em contrapartida, não há evidência de benefícios do aleitamento materno para saúde bucal, por exemplo, na prevenção de má oclusão (Hermont *et al.*, 2015).

O aleitamento materno deve ser incentivado, tendo em vista todos os benefícios para a saúde sistêmica do bebê (Salone *et al.*, 2013). Porém, devido à falta de evidência científica que mostre uma relação entre aleitamento materno/ uso da mamadeira e cárie dentária, a prevenção deve ser enfatizada e mais pesquisas sobre o assunto devem ser realizadas.

2.4 Aleitamento materno, uso de mamadeira e a cárie dentária

Em um estudo realizado na Índia, composto por uma amostra de 1500 crianças de 8 a 48 meses, detectou-se que aquelas crianças que faziam uso de mamadeira com conteúdo adoçado ou aleitamento em livre demanda apresentavam aumento significativo de lesões cariosas. O grupo de crianças aleitadas exclusivamente no peito e em livre demanda apresentou uma prevalência de cárie de 29,6%, valor esse maior que a prevalência de cárie nas crianças que não amamentavam em livre demanda (26,7%). A prevalência de crianças com cárie que usavam mamadeira durante a noite foi ainda maior (40,7%) (Prakash *et al.*, 2012).

Outra pesquisa, realizada nos Estados Unidos da América, utilizando exame clínico em crianças de 1 a 5 anos de idade e entrevista com as mães, mostrou que o índice de dentes decíduos cariados, extraídos e restaurados devido a cárie dentária (ceo-d) aumentou conforme a duração do aleitamento materno aumentava. Crianças que usavam mamadeira por pelo menos 1,5 anos apresentavam mais lesões cariosas (Caplan *et al.*, 2008).

No Japão, um estudo transversal com 315 participantes mostrou que crianças que amamentaram por 18 meses ou mais apresentaram alto índice de CPI (OR: 2,70), e aquelas que usaram mamadeira com conteúdo adoçado apresentaram 2,63 vezes mais chance de apresentar alto índice de CPI

(IC=1,17-6,08). Os autores acreditam que o risco para cárie dentária foi aumentado em crianças com aleitamento prolongado, devido à alta concentração de lactose no leite humano, que é mais facilmente fermentado pelas bactérias. Outra possível explicação, seria de que mães que amamentam seus filhos por mais tempo, tendem a fazê-lo em livre demanda, o que também aumentaria o risco de desenvolvimento da cárie dentária (Tanaka *et al.*,2013).

Os estudos realizados sobre a relação entre o aleitamento materno e cárie dentária apresentam diferentes conclusões, alguns não mostram esta associação (Iida *et al.*, 2007), e outros observaram que a amamentação estava associada com a cárie dentária (Kato *et al.*, 2015). Uma revisão crítica de literatura (Ribeiro, Ribeiro, 2004) relatou informações conflitantes a respeito da cariogenicidade do leite materno. Apesar de o aleitamento materno prolongado ser a recomendação da OMS e da AAPD (AAPD, 2013), o aleitamento como fator de risco para a cárie dentária permanece um assunto sem consenso.

A única revisão sistemática publicada não encontrou tendência forte e consistência suficiente quanto à associação entre aleitamento materno e cárie dentária (Valaitis *et al.*, 2000). A maior parte dos estudos incluídos foram do tipo casos-controle, num total total de vinte e quatro, os demais estudos foram três séries de casos e um transversal. Nenhum dos estudos incluídos foi considerado de forte qualidade metodológica, e apenas três foram classificados medianos, sendo que apresentavam baixo rigor no desenho de estudo.

Tendo em vista a mudança do quadro epidemiológico da doença bem como as possíveis alterações no método de alimentação, torna-se importante uma nova revisão sobre o tema.

Desta forma, esta revisão sistemática poderá contribuir para a atualização do assunto, identificar quais aspectos na pesquisa científica do tema avançaram e quais ainda precisam avançar. Por meio dos dados obtidos, poderá auxiliar no estabelecimento de condutas de profissionais e na elaboração de políticas públicas de saúde. Além da revisão sistemática resultante da análise da comparação do aleitamento materno e uso de mamadeira no desenvolvimento de cárie dentária, também foi realizada a meta-análise. Este trabalho é fruto da inclusão de estudos dos tipos coorte, transversal e caso-controle.

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3.1 Objetivo Geral

Verificar as evidências científicas da relação entre o aleitamento materno, o uso da mamadeira e a presença de lesão de cárie dentária.

3.2 Objetivos Específicos

Avaliar a qualidade metodológica dos estudos realizados sobre o tema.

Estabelecer a relação entre aleitamento materno, uso da mamadeira e cárie precoce na infância.

Estabelecer em quais áreas as futuras pesquisas precisam avançar.

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Breast and bottle feeding as risk factors for dental caries: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Abstract

Understanding the role that breastfeeding and bottle feeding play in the development of dental caries during childhood is essential in helping dentists and parents and care providers prevent the disease, and also for the development of effective public health policies. However, the issue is not yet fully understood. The aim of this systematic review and meta-analysis was to search for scientific evidence in response to the question: Do bottle fed children have more dental caries in primary dentition than breastfed children? Seven electronic databases and grey literature were used in the search. The protocol number of the study is PROSPERO CRD 42014006534. Two independent reviewers selected the studies, extracted data and evaluated risk of bias by quality assessment. A random effect model was used for meta-analysis, and the summary effect measure were calculated by odds ratio (OR) and 95% CI. Seven studies were included: five cross-sectional, one case-control and one cohort study. Meta-analysis for the cross-sectional studies and did not find a statistically significant difference between breast and bottle fed children regarding dental caries (OR: 1.17; 95%CI: 0.61-2.24). Four studies showed that bottle fed children had more dental caries ($p < 0.05$), while three studies found no such association ($p > 0.05$). Although the scientific evidence for statements about the role of breastfeeding and bottle feeding in dental caries during childhood is weak, the benefits of breastfeeding until age two is recommended by WHO/UNICEF guidelines. Further prospective observational cohort studies are needed to strengthen the evidence.

Introduction

Early childhood caries (ECC) are defined as the presence of one or more decayed, missing or filled tooth surface in any primary tooth of children aged under 71 months [1].

One of the first published reports into dental caries in babies was performed in 1927[2], when doctors noticed that a large number of babies had extensive caries in tooth surfaces. Although no research into the role of breastfeeding and bottle feeding in the etiology of ECC existed at this time, many studies since then have revealed ambiguous results with respect to feeding habits and dental caries [3,4].

The benefits of breastfeeding for systemic health, such as the reduction of morbidity, infectious disease and low weight in newborns [5], are well known. The PROBIT trial emphasized the importance of breastfeeding, as it decreased the risk of gastrointestinal infections and inflammatory skin conditions [6]. Although it seems the practice does not benefit the development of normal occlusion [7]. Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) until the age of six months, and breastfeeding complemented with food intake is suggested until two years old [8]. However, cultural and social factors directly affect knowledge of how long a child should be breastfed for [9].

The issue of whether bottle feeding is more cariogenic than breastfeeding remains unresolved even today. Some authors have not found an association between breastfeeding and dental caries [10-12], while other study have reported the existence of such an association[13]. Some authors have stated that bottle feeding is a risk factor for dental caries [14-16], while another author did not find such an association [17]. Due to the disagreement between these findings, further studies are needed to clarify the existence of this association [18].

A systematic review of studies investigating the relationship between breastfeeding and dental caries was published in 2000 and included twenty four case-control studies, three case series and one cohort. The systematic review could not confirm that breastfeeding was a risk factor of dental caries. However, it did not report comparisons between breastfeeding and bottle feeding [19]. Another review [20] identified three factors related to breastfeeding and/or bottle feeding as risk factors for dental caries: duration of breastfeeding greater than 18 months, used to feed or

stop crying during the night, and to put the child to sleep. However, none of these reviews compared bottle feeding vs. breastfeeding in relation to dental caries, and as such it has not been confirmed whether bottle feeding is more associated with dental caries in primary dentition than is breast feeding. Fifteen years later, the issue of whether bottle feeding can contribute to an increased risk of dental caries compared to breastfeeding remains unclear, as none of the reviews aimed to answer this clinical question. Therefore, this systematic review is the first to compare the rate of caries in different type of feeding practices: breastfeeding and bottle feeding.

Greater understanding of the subject is important, however, as improved knowledge can help dentists provide more appropriate instructions and lead to healthier children. The presence of dental caries in childhood is an important theme, which should be exhaustively discussed and treated as it affects well-being, growth [21] and quality of life [22]. Despite a decrease in the prevalence of dental caries in both developed [23] and developing countries [24], worldwide prevalence in five-year-old children remains high, with a level of 27.9% in England [25] ; 46.6% in Brazil [26], between 11.0 and 53.0% in the USA [27] and 23% in American children aged 2-3 years old [28] .

The aim of this study was to systematically review the scientific evidence relating to the association between feeding practice (breastfeeding vs. bottle feeding) and dental caries in childhood. The clinical question is (PICO): Patients: children with exclusively primary dentition; Intervention / Exposure to risk factor: bottle feeding; Comparison: breast feeding; Outcome: dental caries.

Material and Methods

The present systematic review was undertaken in accordance with the guidelines of the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) [29] (protocol number: PROSPERO CRD42014006534).

This systematic review included observational cross-sectional, case-control, and cohort studies, together with clinical trials of children with exclusively primary dentition (age \leq 71 months), which compared breastfeeding and bottle feeding in association with dental caries, and included statistical data comparing bottle to breast feeding. Statistical data could be: *odds ratio* (OR), *relative risk* (RR), *prevalence ratio* (PR), confidence intervals (95%CI), p-values, or studies that

reported frequency or an absolute number of events/total number of individuals per group.

Seven electronic databases were searched in March 2014: Pubmed (www.pubmed.gov); Cochrane Library (<http://www.cochrane.org/index.html>); Web of Science (<http://www.isiknowledge.com>); Controlled-trials Database of Clinical Trials (<http://www.controlled-trials.com>); Clinical Trials – US National Institute of Health (<http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>); National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (<http://www.nice.org.uk>); Lilacs (www.bireme.br) without restriction of date of publication. The search was updated in March 2015.

The following search strategy was used for the Pubmed, Cochrane Library and Web of Science databases: ((caries OR dental caries OR dental decay OR decay OR DMF index OR DMF Indices OR decayed teeth OR tooth decay) AND (bottle feeding OR bottlefeedings OR bottlefeed* OR breastfed* OR breast fed OR breastfeeding)).

The controlled-trials Database of Clinical Trials, Clinical Trials, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, Lilacs were searched using the following combined keywords: dental caries AND breast feeding AND bottle feeding. A manual search was conducted in the reference lists of the included studies.

The online search identified a total of 1033 papers (Figure 1). After duplicate references were removed, a total of 784 studies were entered in the Reference Manager[®] program (Reference Manager, Thomson Reuters, version 12.0.3). The list provided by the reference manager was analyzed, and articles were selected based on abstracts and/or title by two independent reviewers (WMA and an undergraduate student). The independent reviewers were calibrated in accordance with inclusion/exclusion criteria using a sample of 20% of the retrieved studies, and agreement between reviewers was found to be good ($K=0.79$). The inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied independently to the remainder of the studies and any disagreement was resolved by consensus with a third reviewer (CCM).

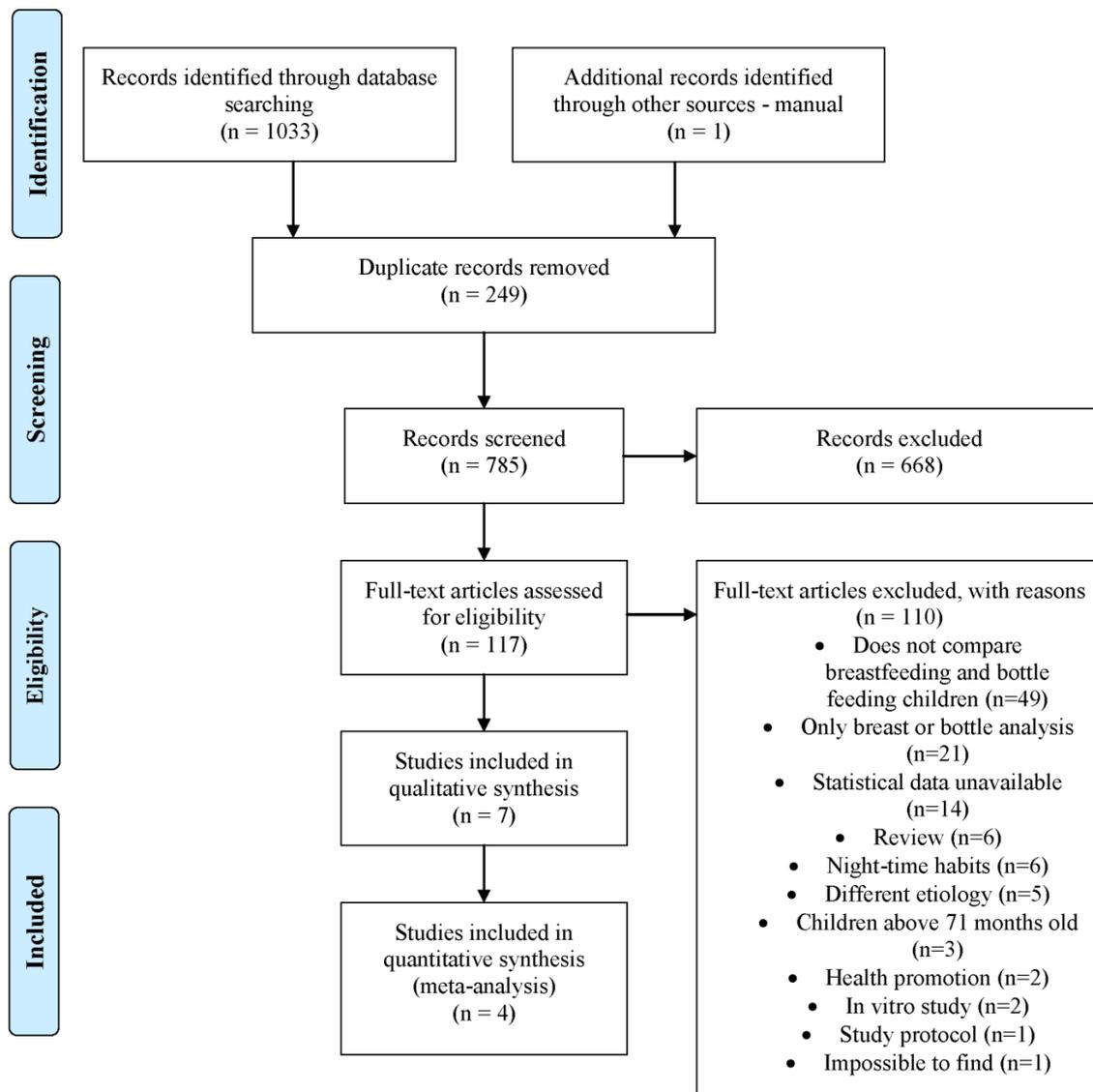


Figure 1. Screening of articles. Four-phase PRISMA flow-diagram for study collection, showing number of studies identified, screened, eligible, included in review and meta-analysis [26].

The exclusion criteria were: literature review, letters to the editor, editorials, patient handout, case report or case series, in vitro studies, etiology other than breast or bottle feeding, treatment of dental caries, health promotion, outcome other than dental caries (eg. malocclusion, dental hypoplasia, and others), other feeding habits, study protocol, studies reporting only bottle or breastfeeding, animal studies, studies of quality of life, language other than English.

A total of 667 studies were excluded after title/abstract analysis and 117 were selected for full text analysis. Where the studies could not be found, authors were

personally contacted by e-mail (for a list of excluded abstracts and/or title, see S1 Appendix). After full text analysis, 109 studies were excluded (for a list of excluded studies, see S2 Appendix). These studies were excluded for several reasons, such as: investigation of only one type of feeding practice (only breastfeeding or only bottle feeding), absence of comparison of breastfeeding and bottle feeding, investigation of other issues such as night-time feeding or weaning time, absence of statistical data, other etiology, in vitro study, case report, children above 71 months old. Grey literature was searched using abstracts presented in meetings, and a manual search was conducted from a reference list of included studies.

Data extraction

Descriptive data of clinical and methodological factors such as country, local setting, initial and final sample, dental examination, feeding habit evaluation, statistics, outcome and study design were extracted. In case of missing or misunderstood data, the authors were personally contacted by e-mail.

Methodological quality assessment

Quality assessment was performed by using the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale [30], which measures the methodological quality of a study by the number of points the study received. For case-control and cohort studies, the original scale was used. For cross-sectional studies, a modified version of the case-control study scale was used (Figure 2). Risk of bias was evaluated for each question. For each question-based entry the judgment was: “Yes, for low risk of bias” and a point was allocated (*), and “No, for high risk of bias” and a point was not allocated [31]. The questions evaluated in each study were based on the following criteria from the Newcastle-Ottawa scale: exposition/non-exposition and case/control definition; representativeness of the sample (evaluated by the methods of generation of samples, allocation concealment and sample calculation); sample selection (e.g., community, hospital, etc.), adjustment for confounders, blindness, acquisition of data on the dependent variable, description of bias, non-response rate (Figure 2).

	Definition /diagnosis of dental caries ¹	Definition for caries-free children ²	Ascertainment of feeding habits ³	Dental caries absence at start of study ³	Sample selection ^{4†}	Representativeness ⁴	Comparability ^{4†}	Exposure/Outcome ^{4††}
Roberts <i>et al.</i> , 1994	*	*	NR	NR	**		*	**
Al-Dashti <i>et al.</i> , 1995	*	NR	NR	NR	*			**
Du <i>et al.</i> , 2000	*	NR	NR	NR	*		*	**
Du <i>et al.</i> , 2007	*	NR	NR	NR	*	*	*	*
Qadri <i>et al.</i> , 2012	*	NR	NR	NR	*	*		*
Perera <i>et al.</i> , 2014	*	NR	NR	NR	*			*
Majorana <i>et al.</i> , 2014	NR	NR		*	*		*	***

Figure 2. Newcastle-Ottawa quality assessment summary. ¹For cross-sectional and case-control studies. ²For case-control study only. ³For cohort study only. ⁴For all study designs. †This item was allocated a maximum of 2 points. †† This item was allocated a maximum of 2 point for cross-sectional and 3 points for cohort and case-control studies. NR = not rated.

The representativeness criteria was evaluated through the sampling methods. The presence of a random component in the sequence generation was judged as low risk of bias. Allocation concealment was also used as a criteria for assessing representativeness. Thus, any method that precluded participants and researchers from foreseeing assignment was judged as low risk of bias.

Data synthesis

The Comprehensive Meta-Analysis software program (version 2) was used for meta-analysis [32]. Heterogeneity among the studies was evaluated using I^2 statistics and a sensitivity test was used to test consistency of data. Fixed effect model was used for low heterogeneity and random effect model for high heterogeneity. As values exceeding 50% can be considered to be of notable heterogeneity [33], the random effect model was used for these cases. [34]. For categorical data, risk measures, odds ratio (OR), 95% confidence intervals (CI) and p-values were calculated in a forest plot.

The studies featured different weaning ages or breastfeeding duration, different study designs and differences in statistical tests. Meta-analysis was conducted only for those studies featuring variables that could be grouped. Data was extracted for the categorical variable feeding habit (breastfeeding vs. bottle feeding). For other studies a narrative synthesis of the data was conducted. Publication bias was not quantitatively evaluated by Egger test or funnel plot, as there were not enough studies to be grouped in a funnel plot [35].

Results

Study characteristics

Seven studies were included in this systematic review (four in meta-analysis): five cross-sectional [11, 12, 16, 36, 37], one case-control [10], and one cohort [15] (Table 1). Three studies recruited children from kindergartens [12, 16, 36] and four recruited children from hospital and health centers [10, 11, 15, 37]. The age of patients ranged from 18 months to 60 months. The sample size of the studies ranged from 218 to 2395 children. Only two studies used a representative sample and both collected the sample from kindergartens, one in one of the largest cities in Syria [15] and the other in two provinces of China [12, 16].

Table 1. Characteristics of studies included in systematic review.

Authors (year)	Country, design	Local setting	Initial Sample (final)	Children with caries (total)	Child's age at dental examination	Dental examination (calibration)	Feeding habit evaluation	Statistics (adjusted for confounder)	Outcomes (OR, 95% CI) or (p-value)
Al-Dashti et al. (1995)	Kuwait, cross- sectional	One hospital and one health center	227	82(179) were breastfed. 23 (30) had both feeding habits. 12(15) were bottlefed	18-48 months	2 dentists	Interview	Chi-square (no)	Breastfed children were affected by caries less frequently than bottle fed children (p<0.05); breastfed and mixed-fed (bottle+breast) children were less often affected by caries than bottle fed children

										(<0.05); breastfed children were less affected by caries than bottle fed and mixed fed children ($p<0.01$).
Du et al. (2000)	China, cross- sectional	Kindergartens in a suburban area	426	17(34) children bottle fed. 136 (392) children breast fed.	24-48 months	3 examiners ($k=0.81-0.86$)	Questionnaire for the mothers	Chi-square and Logistic regression (yes)	Bottle fed children were associated with rampant caries (OR_{adj} : 5.27; 95%CI: 2.16- 12.89; $p=0.003$). Bottle fed children associated with incisor caries (OR_{adj} : 2.38; 95%CI: 1.03-	

4.76; p=0.042)

Bottle fed children were not associated with dental caries (OR_{adj}: 0.53; 95%CI: 0.26-1.09; p=0.08)

Du et al. (2007)	China, cross-sectional	Two provinces in China. Kindergartens in city and countryside.	2014 (1621)	59(130) bottle fed only ; 604(1070) children breast fed and 218(421) both feeding habits.	36-60 months	3 examiners (k = 0.85 for interexaminer agreement)	Questionnaire for the mothers (urban) and interview (rural).	Chi-square and multivariate regression analysis: logistic and linear regression (yes)	Logistic regression: no significance between feeding habit and dental caries (p>0.05).
Qadri et al. (2012)	Syria, cross-	Kindergartens	400	121(192) children	36-60 months	1 pediatric dentist (NR)	Interview with parents	Chi-square, Z statistic,	Breastfed children were

	sectional		were bottle fed. 71 were breastfed.					Logistic regression (yes)	less associated with ECC* (OR _{adj} : 0.27; 95%CI: 0.18- 0.41; p<0.001) and less associated with dmft† (OR:0.61; 95%CI: 0.39- 0.97; p=0.038). Higher number of teeth affected by ECC in bottle fed children (p=0.036)
Perera et al. (2014)	Sri Lanka, cross- sectional	Pediatric Unit at the University Hospital	300 (285)	88(176) were exclusively breastfed. 48(109) were non exclusively	36-60 months	2 medical graduates	Interview	Odds ratio and student t test (no)	The mean DEFT did not reveal a statistically significant difference between

				breastfed.					breastfed children and bottle fed children (p=0.28). Breastfed children had a higher prevalence of caries than bottle fed children (OR = 1.27; 95% CI = 0.79-2.05).
Roberts et al. (1994)	South Africa, case-control	Health centers	109 cases 109 controls	34(75) were breastfed. 21(34) were bottlefed	12-48 months	Examiner (K=0.95 for intra and interexaminer agreement)	Interview	Chi-square and Wilcoxon test (yes)	No statistically significant difference was found between breastfed children and bottle fed children

(p>0.05).

Majorana et al. (2014)	Italy, cohort	Obstetric ward of the city hospital	2517 (2395)	‡348(588); * 492 (534); α 533(538)	24-30 months	2 examiners (K=0.84 for intra examiner agreement)	Questionnaire for mothers at birth and then with 6, 9 and 12 months, including dietary diary. One clinical examination by the age of 24-30 months.	Ordered logistic regression (yes)	Comparison between exclusively breastfed‡; moderate-high mixed fedll, low mixed fed*, exclusive artificial formulaα and caries severity - ICDAS score. Children with a higher proportion of breast milk had a lower ICDAS score (p<0.01, log likelihood=-1956.14, OR (Standard Error) = 6.75
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(0.40), 95% CI
= 6.00-7.58).

OR_{adj} = Odds ratio adjusted

ECC = Early childhood caries

† Dmft= decayed tooth, decayed tooth indicated for extraction, filled tooth

‡Exclusive breast milk = 100% breast milk.

||Moderate-High mixed feeding = 58-99% breast milk.

*Low mixed feeding = 1-57% breast milk.

⊠Exclusive use of formula = 0% breast milk.

All studies included assessment of feeding habits by questionnaire [15, 36], interview [10, 11, 16, 37] or both, where an interview was used for the rural population and a questionnaire for the urban population [12]. The sample of the case-control study was drawn from a main study group of 1263 children in South African communities [38]. In this study, children aged one to four years were randomly selected from the birth records of every child of the community, targeting 300 children from each geographical area. First, children with dental caries were segregated from the main sample, giving a total of 109. These were matched with 109 children without dental caries for age, gender, race and social class.

The cohort study [15] analyzed children from a hospital from birth to up to 30 months of age. Feeding habits were identified through a questionnaire applied at birth, and then again at 6, 9 and 12 months. After feeding assessment, one clinical examination was conducted by two examiners between 24 and 30 months.

Diagnosis of dental caries

Most studies used WHO criteria [11, 12, 36, 37], ICDAS [15] or specific definition [10] for diagnosis of dental caries, while one study used three different criteria (those were ICDAS, WHO and Nyvad) [16]. One author [36] divided the presence of caries presence into three classifications: caries; rampant caries and incisor caries. The “with caries” group was defined according to WHO criteria [39], rampant caries was defined as two or more upper deciduous incisors with carious labial or palatal surfaces, while incisor caries considered only this tooth group.

Feeding habits

All studies considered categorical data regarding the presence and absence of breastfeeding, bottle feeding or mixed feeding, although the criteria used to define types of feeding differed between studies. One author considered breast feeding or bottle feeding at birth [37]; two authors considered feeding habits up to 6 months or more [11, 15], one author considered exclusive breastfeeding up to 12 months [10], and others considered feeding habits during infancy [12, 16, 36].

Meta-analysis

Meta-analysis was conducted in four cross sectional studies [11, 12, 36, 37], which presented categorical variables that could be grouped (breastfeeding vs. bottle

feeding). There was no significant association between feeding habit and dental caries (OR: 1.17, 95%CI: 0.61-2.24, I^2 : 85.95%) (Figure 3).

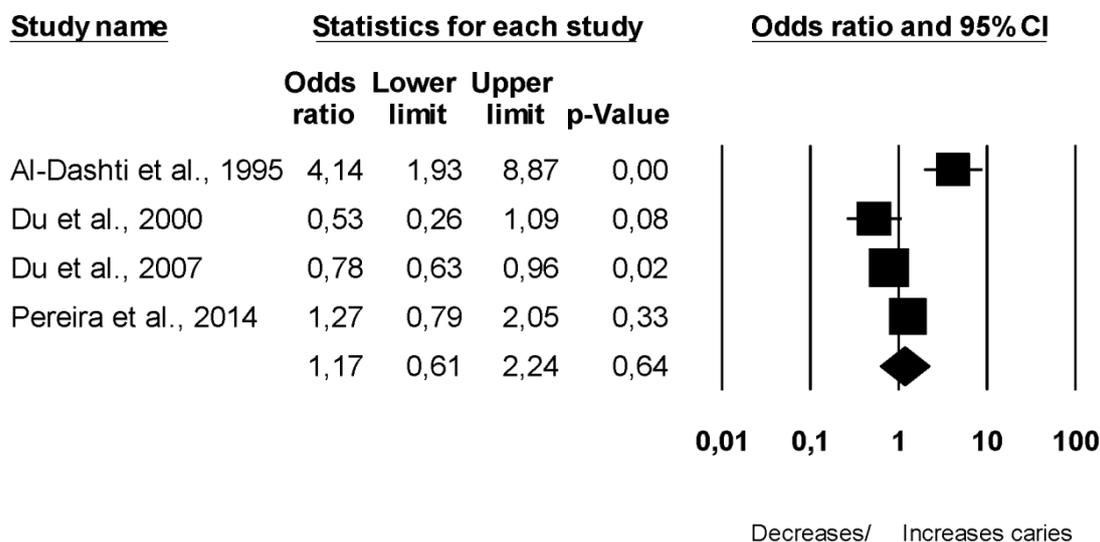


Figure 3. Forest plot of meta-analysis for four cross-sectional studies. Evaluates bottle or breast feeding practices and dental caries (outcome: presence of dental caries vs. absence of dental caries). Pooled effect measures [odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence interval (CI)] indicated no statistically significant difference between breast and bottle fed children. $I^2=85.95\%$. Random effect model used.

Methodological Quality Assessment

The summary of quality assessment is summarized in Figure 2. A high risk of bias was obtained when the item did not fulfill the Newcastle-Ottawa criteria, and the response given for the item was ‘no, the item has high risk of bias” [31]. Four items were judged as having a high risk of bias in a number of studies: failure to adjust for any confounding variables [11, 16, 37], representativeness [10, 11, 15, 36, 37] and ascertainment for feeding habits [15]. The confounding variables were searched for in the Methods and Results section and in the tables of the published papers.

Discussion

Methodological Quality Assessment

The diversity of study designs in this review was analyzed using an adapted version of the Newcastle-Ottawa scale for assessing the quality of studies. The process was

made complex [40] due to the heterogeneity of studies and differences in feeding habits and dental caries classification.

While most of studies used WHO criteria [11, 12, 16, 36, 37] for diagnosing dental caries, the cohort study [15] used ICDAS criteria. Besides the diagnostic criteria, the authors of this study divided the practice of feeding into a gradative scale of exclusively breast/bottle feeding and mixed feeding.

Some studies had high risk of bias for comparability of variables. Adjustment for confounders in cross-sectional studies was performed only for social class [12, 36]. The case-control study [10] matched cases and controls for social class in order to reduce confounding bias. However, the study did not adjust the confounders in a multivariate model. Adjustment was made for social class but in respect of the severity of caries in the cohort study. This study defined one of the outcomes (dependent variable) as severity of caries, as the authors used the ICDAS scale to measure severity of dental caries [15]. None analyzed bottle content during bottle feeding. As none of the studies were adjusted for all the confounding factors, all are susceptible to residual confounding. Confounding variables can include social class, hygiene and sugar in bottle content, ethnicity, early preventive dental visits, water fluoridation and on-demand feeding at night. Some of these variables such as sugar in bottle content and on-demand feeding at night can contribute to an increase in the risk of dental caries, while others can act as protective factors (water fluoridation, early preventive dental visits). These variables should be considered during data collection and should be adjusted in proper multivariate models to control the confounders.

Confounding factors have the power to mask an association or even falsely indicate an apparent association. The presence of plausible confounding makes it difficult to establish a causal link between a risk factor and outcome [41]. This makes evaluation of the role of feeding habits in the etiology of dental caries. Adjustment for major confounders such as social class, hygiene and sugar in bottle content is extremely important, as these are known to be etiological factors of dental caries [42-44].

One common reason for the decrease in quality was the absence of blindness during the ascertainment of bottle/breast feeding in relation to dental caries (exposure/outcome). Only examiners from one study [37] were unaware of the

responses of mothers about feeding practices when the clinical examination for dental caries was performed. Risk of bias assessment emphasized selection bias because of inadequate or unclear allocation sequence and concealment. Lack of or unclear blinding statement can generate detection bias.

Attrition bias was low risk as all studies declared the withdrawal of participants, which did not exceed 20% (exposure/outcome). A low risk of reporting bias was observed as most of studies adequately reported outcome through a validated dental caries diagnosis index. However, observer bias may be present, as there was a lack of inter- and intra- examiner statistical measurement, such as kappa. Additionally, memory bias is inherent to the ascertainment of feeding habits, as mothers are required to report the food intake of their children. Cohort designs with real time investigation of feeding habits [15] can minimize memory bias.

Only two studies were allocated points for representativeness criteria [12, 16]. Both of these used stratified random sampling of kindergartens before randomized sampling was used to select children. The locations for sample selection were kindergartens, which were created for children whose parents worked outside the home [45]. Samples from these locations may favor specific social classes, leading to selection bias. Furthermore, many children may not be enrolled at kindergartens and can be cared for at home by a childminder or mother, leading to selecting of the sample. Moreover, there was no mention of whether these were public or private kindergartens. For this reason, the generalizability of these studies is limited.

Inter- and intra-examiner reproducibility of recordings was not evaluated in all of the studies. Studies evaluated inter-examiner agreement [12, 36]; intra-examiner agreement by Cohen's Kappa Coefficient [15]; or both [10]. Some studies did not report any calibration testing [11] [16, 37]. The lack of a kappa statistic is also a critical issue in the studies [11, 16, 37], as this test is considered the most reliable way to assess the agreement of researchers during data collection [46, 47]. The absence of this assessment may produce bias and produce unreliable data and in consequence, unreliable results.

Data relating to feeding habits was collected through interviews with carers or mothers of children. This type of data collection may be subject to bias due to forgetfulness or inability to provide more precise information, called information bias.

All but one of the studies assessed feeding habits through questionnaires or interviews, while the remaining study [15] used a dietary diary for data collection in an attempt to reduce memory bias. However, it is important to clarify that this was only possible because it was a cohort study. A dietary diary consists of an individual writing down his or her entire food intake during a day. If this procedure is repeated regularly during a study, it could capture a more realistic view of the subject's feeding habits.

Information bias could not be measured quantitatively due to the imprecise information regarding feeding habits given by carers. Based on their knowledge of the importance of breastfeeding, mothers may overestimate the duration of breastfeeding. For this reason, information bias regarding feeding habit may have influenced the meta-analysis. Furthermore, psychological aspects are important in the decision of when to wean from the breast [48].

Strength of evidence

Randomized clinical trials were not found. This was expected because of the ethical questions related to the issue. Three cross-sectional [16, 36, 37] studies and the cohort [15] study showed that breastfed children were significantly less frequently affected by caries than bottle fed children. While the cross-sectional design features a lower level of evidence and may not give a cause-and-effect relationship [46], the cohort design may indicate a temporal sequence between exposure and outcome and allow the incidence of disease to be calculated [47]. Furthermore, such studies have a higher level of evidence.

Meta-analysis did not find a difference between dental caries and feeding practices. This finding was in accordance with two cross-sectional [11, 12] and the case-control study [10]. While case-control studies have an intermediate level of evidence, these studies, together with cohort studies, had a low risk of bias [10, 15].

Meta-analysis regarding breastfeeding duration could not be performed due to the impossibility of extracting this data. Studies showed clinical heterogeneity as the duration of breastfeeding varied from one study to another.

The studies that were included in the meta-analysis were all cross-sectional and statistically heterogeneous ($I^2=85.95\%$). Moreover, there was a lack of adjustment for

all confounders among studies, with two adjusting for social class only [12, 36]. Representativeness was also lacking [11, 36, 37]. Two studies [12, 36] were conducted in the same cities, although with different samples. More studies of different populations makes meta-analysis results more representative. In addition, meta-analysis may be affected by information bias, since all of the studies collected feeding habits data from the reports of carers and parents.

This systematic review involved a search of multiple electronic databases, with no year of publication restriction. Efforts were made to try to find unpublished studies through grey literature. Some shortcomings of this systematic review are the presence of many Asian studies, and the exclusion of studies written in other language than English. These points can imply some publication bias, although the search of grey literature may reduce its impact [44]. These shortcomings limit the global extrapolation of these conclusions, as the concentration of Asian studies may lead to an unrepresentative sample of studies [45].

Current scientific evidence has not been able to confirm that bottle feeding is a risk factor for dental caries. The same conclusion was reached regarding breastfeeding and dental caries, as the methodological approach was considered inconsistent [18]. Although this review is the first to attempt to compare the rate of dental caries rate in breastfed and bottle fed children, statements about the effect of these feeding habits on dental caries could not be made. However, breast feeding benefits the systemic health of children [6, 49] and for this reason, the breastfeeding of children for at least six months is prudent [8].

Conclusion

The available scientific evidence is too weak to make statements about the role of breastfeeding and bottle feeding in dental caries during childhood. The heterogeneity of study designs and the absence of controlling confounders made it impossible to determine the relationship between feeding practices in childhood and dental caries. Further prospective cohort studies with follow ups during childhood, blinding during dental examination, and control of confounders are suggested for future studies. Thus, breastfeeding should be encouraged and practiced by all children up to two years of age, in accordance with the WHO/UNICEF recommendation.

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Supporting Information Captions

S1 Appendix. List of all titles and abstracts for analysis and reasons for exclusion.

S2 Appendix. List of titles selected for full text analysis and the reasons for exclusion.

S3 Checklist. PRISMA 2009 Checklist.

5 CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

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A evidência científica é fraca para fazer qualquer afirmação sobre o papel do aleitamento materno e do uso de mamadeira durante a infância na etiologia da cárie dentária. A heterogeneidade dos desenhos de estudo e a falta de controle para confundidores principais na etiologia da cárie dentária, como higiene bucal, classe social e presença de açúcar no conteúdo da mamadeira, dificultam a determinação da real relação entre hábitos de sucção nutritivos na infância e cárie dentária. Para futuros estudos são necessários e recomendados mais estudos prospectivos do tipo coorte com acompanhamento durante a infância; com cegamento durante o exame clínico, além de controle de confundidores.

É recomendada a manutenção dos hábitos nutritivos indicados pela Organização de Saúde, como aleitamento materno exclusivo até os seis meses de vida, e então, a introdução gradativa de alimentação complementar. Esta recomendação se baseia nos benefícios à saúde sistêmica do bebê. Além disso, a consulta com o dentista ou odontopediatra deve acontecer, de preferência no primeiro ano de vida, para que os responsáveis pelas crianças sejam orientados sobre a higienização bucal, a fim de prevenir o desenvolvimento de cárie dentária.

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Anexo A – Registro PROSPERO

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PROSPERO International prospective register of systematic reviews

Review title and timescale

- 1 **Review title**
Give the working title of the review. This must be in English. Ideally it should state succinctly the interventions or exposures being reviewed and the associated health or social problem being addressed in the review.
Breast and bottle feeding as risk factors for dental caries: a systematic review and meta-analysis.
- 2 **Original language title**
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Aleitamento materno e uso de mamadeira como fatores de risco para cárie dentária: revisão sistemática e meta-análise.
- 3 **Anticipated or actual start date**
Give the date when the systematic review commenced, or is expected to commence.
01/01/2014
- 4 **Anticipated completion date**
Give the date by which the review is expected to be completed.
31/07/2015
- 5 **Stage of review at time of this submission**
Indicate the stage of progress of the review by ticking the relevant boxes. Reviews that have progressed beyond the point of completing data extraction at the time of initial registration are not eligible for inclusion in PROSPERO. This field should be updated when any amendments are made to a published record.

The review has not yet started

Review stage	Started	Completed
Preliminary searches	Yes	Yes
Piloting of the study selection process	Yes	Yes
Formal screening of search results against eligibility criteria	Yes	Yes
Data extraction	Yes	Yes
Risk of bias (quality) assessment	Yes	Yes
Data analysis	Yes	Yes

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Professor	Carolina	Martins	UFMG

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- 13 Conflicts of interest
List any conditions that could lead to actual or perceived undue influence on judgements concerning the main topic investigated in the review.
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None known

- 14 Collaborators
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Review methods

- 15 Review question(s)
State the question(s) to be addressed / review objectives. Please complete a separate box for each question.
Bottle fed children with exclusively primary dentition have more dental caries than those breastfed?
- 16 Searches
Give details of the sources to be searched, and any restrictions (e.g. language or publication period). The full search strategy is not required, but may be supplied as a link or attachment.
There will be no restriction on publication period.
- 17 URL to search strategy
If you have one, give the link to your search strategy here. Alternatively you can e-mail this to PROSPERO and we will store and link to it.

I give permission for this file to be made publicly available
Yes
- 18 Condition or domain being studied
Give a short description of the disease, condition or healthcare domain being studied. This could include health and wellbeing outcomes.
Dental caries is a chronic disease that affects well being and general health, and in consequence influences the development and integrity of the child. Although the World Health Organization recommends breast feeding up to 24 months old, there is no consensus about this type of feeding with the bottle feeding, regarding dental caries.
- 19 Participants/population

- Give summary criteria for the participants or populations being studied by the review. The preferred format includes details of both inclusion and exclusion criteria.
Children with exclusively primary dentition.
- 20 Intervention(s), exposure(s)
Give full and clear descriptions of the nature of the interventions or the exposures to be reviewed
Children artificially bottle fed will be included as the exposure group. Dental caries is associated with nocturnal feeding, mostly because of the bottle feeding. The breast feeding is promoted by international organizations, because of the many benefits of this practice. The bottle is controversial in its benefits and should be investigated.
- 21 Comparator(s)/control
Where relevant, give details of the alternatives against which the main subject/topic of the review will be compared (e.g. another intervention or a non-exposed control group).
Children breastfed.
- 22 Types of study to be included initially
Give details of the study designs to be included in the review. If there are no restrictions on the types of study design eligible for inclusion, this should be stated.
Observational cross-sectional, case-control, and cohort studies, together with clinical trials of children with exclusively primary dentition (age = 71 months), which compared breastfeeding and bottle feeding in association with dental caries, and included statistical data comparing bottle to breast feeding.
- 23 Context
Give summary details of the setting and other relevant characteristics which help define the inclusion or exclusion criteria.
The exclusion criteria were: literature review, letters to the editor, editorials, patient handout, case report or case series, in vitro studies, etiology other than breast or bottle feeding, treatment of dental caries, health promotion, outcome other than dental caries (eg. malocclusion, dental hypoplasia, and others), other feeding habits, study protocol, studies reporting only bottle or breastfeeding, animal studies, studies of quality of life, language other than English.
- 24 Primary outcome(s)
Give the most important outcomes.
Dental caries.

Give information on timing and effect measures, as appropriate.
- 25 Secondary outcomes
List any additional outcomes that will be addressed. If there are no secondary outcomes enter None.
None.

Give information on timing and effect measures, as appropriate.
- 26 Data extraction, (selection and coding)
Give the procedure for selecting studies for the review and extracting data, including the number of researchers involved and how discrepancies will be resolved. List the data to be extracted.
Two review authors will independently retrieve studies through using search strategy. The inclusion and exclusion criteria will be considered. In case of disagreement between them over the eligibility of some studies this will be resolved through discussion with a third reviewer. Two software packages, Reference Manager and Endnote, will be used to keep the data and the references. The software Access will be used for classification of the studies. A concordance level of 20% will be verified inter and intra review authors. It will be calculated through the kappa.
- 27 Risk of bias (quality) assessment
State whether and how risk of bias will be assessed, how the quality of individual studies will be assessed, and whether and how this will influence the planned synthesis.
A table with all the data will be created and it will be summarized by each author reviewer. In case of discrepancy, there will be a discussion about the study. The design of the study; location of the research; frequency and duration of the bottle fed; content of the bottle; drop-outs; measure of the outcome; number of the sample; odds-ratio and others will be considered.

- 28 Strategy for data synthesis
Give the planned general approach to be used, for example whether the data to be used will be aggregate or at the level of individual participants, and whether a quantitative or narrative (descriptive) synthesis is planned. Where appropriate a brief outline of analytic approach should be given.
The data synthesis will be done in a table with the primary data, for a posterior quantitative and non-quantitative analysis. If quantitative data are available, meta-analysis will be done, it will not be possible if the studies are too heterogeneous. A narrative synthesis about the aggregated data will be conducted.
- 29 Analysis of subgroups or subsets
Give any planned exploration of subgroups or subsets within the review. 'None planned' is a valid response if no subgroup analyses are planned.
None planned.

Review general information

- 30 Type of review
Select the type of review from the drop down list.
Epidemiologic, Prevention
- 31 Language
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Relevant details for efforts taken to ameliorate animal suffering

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This study was carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations in the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of the National Institutes of Health. The protocol was approved by the Committee on the Ethics of Animal Experiments of the University of Minnesota (Permit Number: 27-2956). All surgery was performed under sodium pentobarbital anesthesia, and all efforts were made to minimize suffering.

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We reserve the right to reject work that the editors believe has not been conducted to a high ethical standard, even if authors have obtained formal approval or approval is not required under local regulations.

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All necessary permits were obtained for the described study, which complied with all relevant regulations.

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Checklist: PDF or Word document

Flow diagram: PDF or Word document

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The image should include all relevant controls, and controls should be run on the same blot or gel as the samples.

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[urn:lsid:indexfungorum.org:names:518624]

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Qualitative research studies should be reported in accordance to the Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ) checklist. Further reporting guidelines can be found in the Equator Network's Guidelines for reporting qualitative research.

APÊNDICES

Apêndice A - S1 Appendix. List of all titles and abstracts for analysis and reasons for exclusion.

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TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.	#1-2
ABSTRACT			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number.	#13-30
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	#34-59
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).	#60-64
METHODS			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.	#68
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Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	#73-78
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	#79-86
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	#99-104
Data collection process	10	Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	#87-95 #112-115
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	#71-74
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	#117-127

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Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., I^2) for each meta-analysis.	#133-138
Risk of bias across studies	15	Specify any assessment of risk of bias that may affect the cumulative evidence (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies).	#117-#128
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RESULTS			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Figure 1
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICOS, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Table 1
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Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	Figure 3
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Additional analysis	23	Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]).	-
DISCUSSION			
Summary of evidence	24	Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers).	#201-254
Limitations	25	Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk of bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias).	#273-279
Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	#287-289
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