

EndoSequence® BC Sealer™ and Root Repair Material (RRM™) Research Bibliography

Biocompatibility / Cytotoxicity

Zhang W, Li Z, Peng. Ex vivo cytotoxicity of a new calcium silicate-based canal filling material. *International Endodontic Journal*. 2010; 43(9): 769. DOI:10.1111/j.1365-2591.2010.01733.

Subject: BC Sealer Cytotoxicity vs. AH Plus and MTA

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC Sealer™ is highly biocompatible and that it is significantly less cytotoxic than AH Plus.

Jingzhi M, Shen Y, Stojicic S, Haapasalo M. Biocompatibility of Two Novel Root Repair Materials. *JOE*. 2011; 37(6): 793-8

Subject: Biocompatibility of RRM (Syringable Paste and Putty)

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that both versions of RRM™ are highly biocompatible and comparable to MTA.

AlAnezi AZ, Jiang J, Safavi KE, Spangberg LSW, Zhu Q. Cytotoxicity evaluation of EndoSequence Root Repair Material. *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontology*. 2010; 109(3): 122-5. DOI:10.1016/j.tripleo.2009.11.028

Subject: Cytotoxicity/Biocompatibility of RRM™ compared to MTA (gray and white).

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that cell viability is similar to both gray and white MTA in fresh and set conditions.

Ruparel, Ruparel, Chen, Ishikawa, Diogenes. Direct Effect of Endodontic Sealers on Trigeminal Neuronal Activity Published Online: March 20, 2014 DOI:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.joen.2014.01.030>

Subject: Evaluation of the effect of sealers on peripheral nociceptors. A post-operative sensitivity study.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that ZOE and AH Plus in their fresh form evoked greater CGRP release than the control groups. Conversely, EndoSequence BC Sealer reduced basal GCRP release at all concentrations tested.



Chang, Lee, Kang, Kum, Kim. In Vitro Biocompatibility, Inflammatory Response, and Osteogenic Potential of 4 Root Canal Sealers: Sealapex, Sankin Apatite Root Sealer, MTA Fillapex, and iRoot SP Root Canal Sealer. 2014 (online June 7th 2014); DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.joen.2014.04.006>

Subject: Comparison of the cytotoxicity, inflammatory response, osteogenic effect and the signaling mechanisms of the sealers tested.

Significance/Conclusion: iRoot SP (aka BC Sealer) showed lower expression of inflammatory mediators and enhanced osteoblastic differentiation of PDLCs.

Ciasca M, Aminoshariae A, Jin G, Montagnese T, Mickel A. A Comparison of the Cytotoxicity and Proinflammatory Cytokine Production of EndoSequence Root Repair Material and ProRoot MTA in Human Osteoblast Cell Culture Using Reverse- Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction. *JOE*. 2012; 38(6); 486-9

Subject: Cytotoxicity and Proinflammatory Cytokine Production of **RRM™** compared to MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that RRM™ and MTA showed similar Cytotoxicity and Cytokine Production.

Hirschman W, Wheeler M, Bringas J, Hoen M. Cytotoxicity Comparison of Three Current Direct Pulp-capping Agents with a New Bioceramic Root Repair Putty. *JOE* 2012; 38(3);385-8.

Subject: Cytotoxicity comparison of **RRM™** vs. popular pulp capping agents (White MTA, Dycal and UltraBlend Plus).

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that RRM™ was the most biocompatible of the group (“after exposure to the 8-day elutes, the respective percentage of cell survivability was 91% (Brasseler), 88% (MTA-Angelus), 76% (UltraBlendPlus), and 37% (Dycal)”).

Hui-min Zhou, PhD, Tian-feng Du, DDS, PhD, Ya Shen, DDS, PhD, Zhe-jun Wang, DDS, PhD, Yu-feng Zheng, PhD, and Markus Haapasalo, DDS, PhD. In Vitro Cytotoxicity of Calcium Silicate-containing Endodontic Sealers. *JOE* 2015; (41(1));56-61.

Subject: Cytotoxicity evaluation of bioceramic sealers vs. AH Plus (control).

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC Sealer was significantly less cytotoxic than MTA-Fillapex and AH Plus.



S. Shi, Z. F. Bao, Y. Liu, D. D. Zhang, X. Chen L. M. Jiang & M. Zhong
Comparison of in vivo dental pulp responses to capping with iRoot BP Plus and mineral trioxide
Aggregate. IEJ 2015 February. doi:10.1111/iej.12439

Subject: Direct pulp cap performance comparison (healing and bridge formation) of MTA vs.
RRM Putty in dogs.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM Putty performed favorably and as good as
MTA. Both MTA and RRM performed excellent. Both groups exhibited bridge formation and an
absence of pulpal inflammation.

Z. € Oncel Torun, D. Torun, K. Demirkaya, S. T. Yavuz, M. P. Elc, M. Sarper &
F. Avcu; Effects of BC RRM Putty and white mineral trioxide aggregate on cell viability and the
expression of genes associated with mineralization. IEJ 2014 October. doi:10.1111/iej.12393

Subject: Cytotoxicity and mineralization evaluation of BC RRM Putty and white MTA on human
dental pulp cells (hDPCs).

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that both BC RRM Putty and White MTA were highly
biocompatible and facilitated odontoblastic differentiation of hDPCs at a similar and favorable
level.

Siyi Liu, MD, Sainan Wang, PhD, and Yanmei Dong, PhD; Evaluation of a Bioceramic as a Pulp
Capping Agent In Vitro and In Vivo. JOE. 2015 (In press)

Subject: In Vitro and In Vivo evaluation of BC RRM Putty as a pulp capping agent using hDPCs
as compared to MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM Putty is an excellent pulp capping material
and exhibited favorable results for biocompatibility, hDPCs proliferation and mineralization
(bridge formation).

Nicole Shinbori, DDS, Ana Maria Grama, DDS, Yogesh Patel, DDS, Karl Woodmansey, DDS,
Jianing He, DMD, Clinical Outcome of Endodontic Microsurgery That Uses EndoSequence BC
Root Repair Material as the Root-end Filling Material. JOE. 2015 February (online).

Subject: Clinical outcome study of BC RRM Putty for apical surgery and evaluation of
prognostic factors influence on the success/performance of BC RRM Putty.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM is suitable for root end filling (92% success
rate) and that none of the prognostic factors affected the success.



Ian Chen, DDS, MS, Bekir Karabucak, DMD, MS, CongWang, DDS, Han-GuoWang, DDS, PhD, Eiki Koyama, DDS, PhD, Meetu R. Kohli, BDS, DMD,* Hyun-Duck Nah, DMD, PhD, and Syngcuk Kim, DDS, PhD. Healing after Root-end Microsurgery by Using Mineral Trioxide Aggregate and a New Calcium Silicate-based Bioceramic Material as Root-end Filling Materials in Dogs. *JOE*. 2015 (in press).

Subject: The purpose of this study was to compare healing after root-end surgery by using grey mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) and EndoSequence Root Repair Material (RRM) as root-end filling material in an animal model (dogs).

Significance/Conclusion: Like MTA, RRM is a biocompatible material with good sealing ability. However, in this animal model RRM achieved a better tissue healing response adjacent to the resected root-end surface histologically. The superior healing tendency associated with RRM could be detected by CBCT and micro CT but not periapical radiography.

Wafaa K, Siham A *JOE* 2015 April (Online) Can Mineral Trioxide Aggregate and Nanoparticulate EndoSequence Root Repair Material Produce Injurious Effects to Rat Subcutaneous Tissues?

Subject: Evaluation of effect of implantation of MTA and BC RRM into Rats.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that MTA and BC RRM caused an inflammatory effect. The MTA group was significantly more injurious. Given the long term research on the excellent biocompatibility of MTA this study shows that BC RRM is even more friendly with the tissue than MTA (within the parameters of this study).

Mineralization / Osteogenic / Pulp Cells / Pulp Capping

Zhang S., Yang X., Fan M. Bioaggregate and iRoot BP Plus (RRM™ Putty) optimizes the proliferation and mineralization ability of human dental pulp cells. *International Endodontic Journal*. 2013.

Subject: Evaluation of the mineralization ability of BC RRM Putty compared to MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that RRM Putty outperformed MTA in terms of ALP activity and odontoblastic-differentiation associated gene expressions (mineralization). Given RRM Putty's favorable handling and mineralization performance in this study it can be concluded that RRM Putty is an excellent pulp capping material.

Zhang W, Li Zhi, Peng, B. Effects of iRootSP (aka BC Sealer™) on Mineralization-related Genes Expression in MG63 Cells. *JOE*. 2010; 36(12); 1978-1982

Subject: Cytotoxicity and Osteoconductivity of BC Sealer vs. AH Plus

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC Sealer was nontoxic and able to induce mineralization and odontoblastic cell differentiation in hDPCs (human dental pulp cells) at a higher level than mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA).

Yuqing Jiang et al. A Comparative Study on Root Canal Repair Materials: A Cytocompatibility Assessment in L929 and MG63 Cells. *The Scientific World Journal* Volume 2014, Article ID 463826

Subject: The aim of this study was to conduct a comparative assessment on the surface morphology and the cell adhesion capacity of iRoot BP Plus (aka BC RRM Putty), iRoot FS (aka BC RRM Fast Set Putty), ProRoot MTA, and Super-EBA on both fibroblast and osteoblast-like cell models. Furthermore, the time-course in vitro cytotoxicity of these materials was assessed.
Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM-Fast Set Putty™ is extremely biocompatible and non-cytotoxic. Furthermore, BC RRM exhibited the fastest set time and the best cell adhesion capacity of all the materials tested including ProRoot®.

S. Shi, Z. F. Bao, Y. Liu, D. D. Zhang, X. Chen L. M. Jiang & M. Zhong Comparison of in vivo dental pulp responses to capping with iRoot BP Plus and mineral trioxide Aggregate. *IEJ* 2015 February. doi:10.1111/iej.12439

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Subject: Cytotoxicity and mineralization evaluation of BC RRM Putty and white MTA on human dental pulp cells (hDPCs).

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Siyi Liu, MD, Sainan Wang, PhD, and Yanmei Dong, PhD; Evaluation of a Bioceramic as a Pulp Capping Agent In Vitro and In Vivo. *JOE*. 2015 (In press)

Subject: In Vitro and In Vivo evaluation of BC RRM Putty as a pulp capping agent using hDPCs as compared to MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM Putty is an excellent pulp capping material and exhibited favorable results for biocompatibility, hDPCs proliferation and mineralization (bridge formation).



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Effects of EndoSequence Root Repair Material on Differentiation of Dental Pulp Cells *JOE*.

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Subject: Pulp capping techniques aim at preserving the vitality of pulp tissue, thus avoiding more invasive endodontic procedures. EndoSequence Root Repair Material (ERRM; Brasseler USA, Savannah, GA) has been recently introduced as a potential pulp capping material. It is hypothesized that ERRM promotes the healing of dental tissue, thus maintaining the integrity and vitality of the pulp after pulp capping procedures. However, the exact mechanism by which ERRM affects the pulp after pulp capping procedures is still unknown. Therefore, the aim of this research was to delineate the effects of ERRM on the dental pulp and compare these effects to those of ProRoot MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: Overall, this study showed similar survival and proliferation of DPCs when in contact with ERRM or ProRoot MTA, which could make it a suitable alternative for pulp capping procedures.

Ian Chen DDS, MS, Imad Salhab MS, Frank C. Setzer, DMD, PhD, MS, Syngcuk Kim DDS, PhD, Hyun-Duck Nah. A New Calcium Silicate-based Bioceramic Material Promotes Human Osteo- and Odontogenic Stem Cell Proliferation and Survival via the Extracellular Signal-regulated Kinase Signaling Pathway. *JOE*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.joen.2015.11.013>

Subject: The purpose of this study was to investigate odontogenic and osteogenic cell adhesion, proliferation, and survival on the surface of a newly developed bioceramic material (EndoSequence Root Repair Material [RRM]; Brasseler USA, Savannah, GA) and compare it with mineral trioxide aggregate (gray MTA) (ProRoot MTA; Dentsply Tulsa Dental, Tulsa, OK). A potential role of extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) signaling in the RRM/MTA-induced cellular activities was also investigated.

Significance/Conclusion: All cell types firmly attached to RRM- and MTA-coated plates. The coated surfaces had a granular appearance under the scanning electron microscope. Compared with those grown on uncoated plates, the cells on MTA/RRM-coated plates appeared healthy and smaller. Cell proliferation was significantly higher on RRM/MTA-coated surfaces (2- to 3-fold in cell number). The mitogenic effect on periodontal ligament stem cells and dental pulp stem cells was more pronounced with RRM than MTA (49% and 26% higher, respectively), but human bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells responded to both materials similarly. In serum-deprived conditions, significantly more cells (2- to 3-fold) survived on RRM/MTA surfaces. The cells grown on RRM/MTA surfaces showed sustained up-regulation of ERK phosphorylation, and blocking ERK signaling with U0126 significantly reduced RRM- and MTA-dependent cell survival.

Retreatability

H. Ersev, B. Yilmaz, M.E. Dincol & R. Daglaroglu. The efficacy of ProTaper University rotary retreatment instrumentation to remove single gutta-percha cones cemented with several endodontic sealers. *International Endodontic Journal*. 2012; DOI:10.1111/j.1365-2591.2012.02032.x

Subject: Evaluation of the retreatability of BC Sealer vs. AH Plus and other sealers.

Significance/Conclusion: Both BC Sealer and AH Plus were readily retreated using conventional retreatment methods with the ProTaper retreatment instruments.

Hyunsuk Kim, DDS, MSD, Euseong Kim, DDS, PhD, Seung-Jong Lee, DDS, PhD, Su-Jung Shin, DDS, PhD. Comparisons of the Retreatment Efficacy of Calcium Silicate and Epoxy Resin-based Sealers and Residual Sealer in Dentinal Tubules. *JOE Published Online: October 15, 2015*
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.joen.2015.08.030>

Subject: The aim of this study was to evaluate the retreatment efficacy and amount of residual sealer in a single canal filled with either EndoSequence BC (Brasseler, Savannah, GA) or AH Plus (Dentsply DeTrey, Konstanz, Germany). **Significance/Conclusion:** There was no significant difference between the 2 groups in the amount of dentin penetration, amount of debris, or retreatment time. With respect to penetration depth, the AH Plus group showed a slightly higher percentage than the BC group, with a significant difference only in the portion 6 mm from the apex ($P < .05$). Scanning electron microscopic images showed significant debris remaining on canal walls in both groups, whereas canal patency in retreatment was achieved in every specimen

Antibacterial Properties

Zhang H, Shen Y, Ruse ND, Haapasalo M. Antibacterial activity of endodontic sealers by modified direct contact test against *enterococcus faecalis*. *JOE*. 2009; 35(7): 1051-5

Subject: Evaluation of the antibacterial properties of BC Sealer vs. AH Plus, Apexit Plus, TubliSeal, Sealapex, Epiphany SE and Endo Rez.

Significance/Conclusion: BC Sealer killed all bacterial within 2 min of contact (fastest), had the strongest antibacterial activity and continued to be effective at killing bacteria for 7 days after mixing/setting. The high pH of BC Sealer makes it extremely effective at killing bacteria.

Lovato, K, Sedgley, M. Antibacterial Activity of EndoSequence Root Repair Material and ProRoot MTA against Clinical Isolates of *Enterococcus faecalis* *JOE*. 2011; 37(11); 1542-6.

Subject: Evaluation of the antibacterial properties RRM™ (Syringable and Putty) vs. MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: RRM and MTA both effectively killed *E. faecalis*. There was no statistical difference between their effectiveness.

Zhejun Wang, DDS PhD, Ya Shen, DDS, PhD, Markus Haapasalo, *JOE Dec 2013* Dentin Extends the Antibacterial Effect of Endodontic Sealers against *Enterococcus faecalis* Biofilms
Subject: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the antimicrobial effects of root canal sealers on *Enterococcus faecalis* biofilms in dentinal tubules by using a novel dentin infection model. Cells of *E. faecalis* were introduced into the dentinal tubules by centrifugation and incubated in brain-heart infusion broth for 3 weeks. An equal thickness of AH Plus, Endosequence BC sealer (BC sealer), and pulp canal sealer EWT (PCEWT) was placed on the root canal wall of the dentin specimens for 1, 7, and 30 days in humid conditions at 37°C. Gutta-percha and water were used in a similar manner as the tested sealers. The proportions of dead and live bacteria inside the dentinal tubules after exposure to root canal sealers were assessed by confocal laser scanning microscopy. **Significance/Conclusion:** The 3 endodontic root canal sealers had antibacterial effects against *E. faecalis* in the dentinal tubules. BC sealer and AH Plus had superior antibacterial effects compared with PCEWT. The antibacterial effects of sealers in dentinal tubules continued after setting

Leakage/ Bond Strength/ Sealing Ability / Fracture Resistance

Zhang W, Zhi L, Peng B. Assessment of a new root canal sealer's apical sealing ability. *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontology* 2009; 107:e79-e82.
Subject: Comparison of sealability of BC Sealer with a single cone technique vs AH Plus with a warm vertical technique (continuous wave)
Significance/Conclusion: The study concluded that there was no statistical difference in the sealing ability of each material with the associated technique used. Warm vertical is considered by many to be the standard of care because it minimizes the sealer layer and fills the majority of the canal 3 dimensionally with a relatively stable filling material (gutta percha does shrink upon cooling). The warm techniques were developed to overcome the limitations of the sealers at our disposal (prior to BC Sealer, sealers have been known to shrink significantly). This study showed that BC Sealer used with a single cone technique, can provided the same sealability as the more time consuming and technique sensitive continuous wave technique with AH Plus.

Nagas E, Uyanik MO, Eymirli A, Cehreli ZC, Vallittu PK, Lassila LVJ, Durmaz V. Dentin moisture conditions affect the adhesion of root canal sealers. *JOE*. 2011; 38 (2): 240-4
Subject: Comparison of the push out bond strength (and the assumed sealability) of BC Sealer™ + Gutta Percha vs. AH Plus + Gutta, MTA Fillapex + Gutta and Epiphany + Resilon in a full range of moisture conditions (artificially dry, normal, moist and wet).
Significance/Conclusion: BC Sealer exhibited, by far, the highest bond strength in all moisture conditions. Many sealers are negatively affected if water or bleach remains in the canal when the sealer is applied. BC Sealer is hydrophilic and achieves its set by utilizing the moisture naturally present in the dentinal tubules. This study proves that regardless of moisture level in the canal, BC Sealer will achieve its set and it exhibits excellent bonding to the canal walls.

Fernanda Leal, Gustavo De-Deus, Claudia Brandao, Aderval Luna, Erick Souza, Sandra Fidel. Similar Sealability Between Bioceramic Putty Ready-To-Use Repair Cement and White MTA. *Brazilian Dental Journal* (2013) 24(4): 362-366 ISSN 0103-6440 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/0103-6440201302051>

Subject: BC RRM Putty Sealability vs. White MTA.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM Putty (aka. iRootBP Plus) has a similar ability to that of white MTA in preventing glucose leakage as a root end filling material.

Ersahan S, Aydin C. Dislocation Resistance of iRootSP (aka BC Sealer), a Calcium Silicate-based Sealer, from Radicular Dentine. *JOE*. 2010; 36(12); 2001-2

Subject: Comparison of the push out bond strength (and the assumed sealability) of BC Sealer™ vs. AH Plus and Sealapex and EndoRez.

Significance/Conclusion: BC Sealer and AH Plus both exhibited high bond strengths which were significantly higher than Sealapex and EndoRez.

Ghoneim AG, Lutfy RA, Sabet NE, Fayyad DM. Resistance to fracture of roots obturated with novel canal-filling systems. *JOE*. 2011; 37 (11): 1590-2

Subject: Evaluation of the fracture resistance of teeth obturated with BC Sealer™ + gutta percha and BC Sealer™ + Silicate Coated Points.

Significance/Conclusion: The negative control for this study was tooth that had not undergone root canal therapy. The study concluded that BC Sealer used in conjunction with Brasseler's coated/impregnated cones (originally ActivGP Point™ but later updated to BC Points™) actually increased the fracture resistance of the root to a level comparable of the negative control. This type of restorative obturation could represent a significant advancement in root canal therapy.

Yuqing Jiang et al. A Comparative Study on Root Canal Repair Materials: A Cytocompatibility Assessment in L929 and MG63 Cells. *The Scientific World Journal* Volume 2014, Article ID 463826

Subject: The aim of this study was to conduct a comparative assessment on the surface morphology and the cell adhesion capacity of iRoot BP Plus (aka BC RRM Putty), iRoot FS (aka BC RRM Fast Set Putty), ProRoot MTA, and Super-EBA on both fibroblast and osteoblast-like cell models. Furthermore, the time-course in vitro cytotoxicity of these materials was assessed.

Significance/Conclusion: Concluded that BC RRM-Fast Set Putty™ is extremely biocompatible and non-cytotoxic. Furthermore, BC RRM exhibited the fastest set time and the best cell adhesion capacity of all the materials tested including ProRoot®.

Christopher DeLong, DDS, Jianing He, DMD, PhD, and Karl F. Woodmansey, DDS: The Effect of Obturation Technique on the Push-out Bond Strength of Calcium Silicate Sealers. *JOE*. 2015;41:385–388. [http://www.jendodon.com/article/S0099-2399\(14\)01043-7/pdf](http://www.jendodon.com/article/S0099-2399(14)01043-7/pdf)

Subject: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the push-out bond strengths of MTA Plus Sealer, AH Plus and EndoSequence BC Sealer when they were used in cold single cone technique (SC) and a thermoplastic technique (CW).

Significance/Conclusion: BC Sealer showed significantly higher bond strengths than AH Plus and MTA Plus sealer in both cold and warm techniques. The CW obturation technique decreased the bond strengths of both MTA Plus and BC Sealer but BC Sealer (cold and warm) was still higher than AH Plus with warm vertical. Note: This study confirmed that heating bioceramic sealers can effect their bond strength. For non-premixed bioceramics (MTA Plus) the negative effect was shown to be more significant. For premixed bioceramic sealers (BC Sealer) heat did not have a major effect (BC Sealer CW warm still outperformed AH Plus with CW). Furthermore, it is now suggested by Brasseler that BC Sealer be used with a warm vertical technique only at 150C. This study utilized 200C which is warmer than what Brasseler now recommends. For clarification, none of the groups utilized Brasseler's BC Points which are bioceramic coated and impregnated and have been shown to increase the bond strength when used with BC Sealer.

Hüseyin Sinan Topçuoğlu, DDS, PhD, Öznur Tuncay, DDS, Ertuğrul Karataş, DDS, Hakan Arslan, DDS, PhD, Kübra Yeter DDS. In Vitro Fracture Resistance of Roots Obturated with Epoxy Resin-based, Mineral Trioxide Aggregate-based, and Bioceramic Root Canal Sealers *JOE* 9 2013 **Subject:** The aim of this study was to evaluate the fracture resistance of teeth filled with 3 different endodontic sealers. In group 1, the teeth were left unprepared and unfilled (negative control), and in group 2, the teeth were left unobturated (positive control). The rest of the roots were prepared by using the ProTaper System up to a master apical file size of F3: group 3, bioceramic sealer (Endosequence BC sealer) + gutta-percha; group 4, mineral trioxide aggregate-based sealer (Tech Biosealer Endo) + gutta-percha; and group 5, epoxy resin-based sealer (AH Plus Jet) + gutta-percha. All root specimens were stored for 2 weeks at 100% humidity to allow the complete setting of the sealers. Each specimen was then subjected to fracture testing by using a universal testing machine at a crosshead speed of 1.0 mm/min⁻¹ until the root fractured. The force required to fracture each specimen was recorded, and the data were analyzed statistically. **Significance/Conclusion:** The fracture values of groups 3 and 5 were significantly higher than those of group 4 ($P < .05$). There was no significant difference between groups 3 and 5 ($P > .05$). In contrast to Tech Biosealer Endo, Endosequence BC and AH Plus Jet sealer increased the force to fracture in root-filled single-rooted premolar teeth.

Hydrophilicity, Low Contact Angle, Calcium Hydroxide diffusion & Release of Calcium Ions

Zhang H, Shen Y, Ruse ND, Haapasalo M. Antibacterial activity of endodontic sealers by modified direct contact test against *enterococcus faecalis*. *JOE*. 2009; 35(7): 1051-5

Subject: Evaluation of the antibacterial properties of BC Sealer vs. AH Plus, Apexit Plus, TubliSeal, Sealapex, Epiphany SE and Endo Rez.

Significance/Conclusion: “BC Sealer, by far had the lowest contact angle / wetting ability”. The authors attribute the favorable sealing properties of BC Sealer to its “combination of high pH, hydrophilicity, and active calcium hydroxide diffusion”.

Healing

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Subject: Compare healing after root-end surgery by using grey mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) and EndoSequence Root Repair Material (RRM) as root end-filling material in an animal model

Significance/Conclusion: RRM achieved a better tissue healing response adjacent to the resected root-end surface histologically. The superior healing tendency associated with RRM could be detected by CBT and micro CT but not periapical radiography.

Nicole Shinbori, DDS, Anna Maria Grama, DDS, Yogesh Patel, DDS, Karl Woodmansey, DDS, and Jianing He, DMD, PhD: Clinical Outcome of Endodontic Microsurgery That Uses EndoSequence BC Root Repair Material as the Root-end Filling Material. *JOE*. Published Online February 18th, 2015. [http://www.jendodon.com/article/S0099-2399\(15\)00008-4/pdf](http://www.jendodon.com/article/S0099-2399(15)00008-4/pdf)

Subject: The purpose of this retrospective study was to determine the clinical and radiographic outcome of root-end surgery when EndoSequence BC Root Repair (ES-BCRR) was used as the root-end filling material and to identify any possible prognostic factors that may have affected the healing outcome.

Significant Conclusion: This current study suggests that ES-BCRR is a suitable root-end filling material to be used in endodontic surgery.

Color Stability

Cangul Keskin, DDS, Ebru Ozsezer Demiryurek, PhD, DDS, and Taha Ozyurek, DDS: Color Stabilities of Calcium Silicate-based Materials in Contact with Different Irrigation Solutions. *JOE*. 2015;41:409–411. [http://www.jendodon.com/article/S0099-2399\(14\)01129-7/pdf](http://www.jendodon.com/article/S0099-2399(14)01129-7/pdf)

Subject: Mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) has been reported to cause tooth discoloration when applied with the esthetic zone. A previous study has shown discoloration of MTA in contact with root canal irrigation solutions. Moreover, there are limited data on color stability of novel calcium silicate-based materials. This study aimed to evaluate color changes of 4 calcium silicate based materials in contact with different irrigation solutions.

Significance/Conclusion: All materials exhibited clinically perceptible discoloration when immersed in sodium hypochlorite and chlorhexidine gluconate. ProRoot White MTA showed a statistically significant difference from Bioaggregate, Biodentine, and white MTA Angelus. Distilled water did not cause any clinically perceptible discoloration of any material. In esthetically critical regions compounds free of bismuth oxide, Biodentine, and BioAggregate can be considered as alternatives to MTA. However, all calcium silicate based materials exhibited clinically perceptible color changes.

Meetu R. Kobli, BDS, DMD, Maimi Yamaguchi, DDS, Frank C. Setzer, DMD, PhD, MS, and Bekir Karabucak, DMD, MS: Spectrophotometric Analysis of Coronal Tooth Discoloration induced by Various Bioceramic Cements and other Endodontic Materials. *JOE*. Nov, 2015; Vol 41, Number 11, 1862-1866. **Subject:** Mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) has been reported to cause tooth discoloration when applied within the esthetic zone. A previous study has shown discoloration of MTA in contact with root canal irrigation solutions. Moreover, there are limited data on the color stability of other novel calcium silicate-based materials. This study evaluated discoloration in teeth treated with white MTA, gray MTA, AH+ Sealer, Biodentine, TAP Triple Antibiotic Paste, EndoSequence Root Repair Material RRM and RRM Fast Set Putty.

Significance/Conclusion: Significant coronal tooth discoloration was caused by TAP, GMTA, and WMTA but not by Biodentine, EndoSequence RRM, and EndoSequence RRM Fast Set putty.

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Significance/Conclusion: In the absence of blood, Biodentine and ERRM exhibited less tooth discoloration than OrthoMTA.

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<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.joen.2015.10.013> **Subject:** The purpose of this study was to evaluate coronal tooth discoloration of ProRoot MTA (Dentsply Tulsa Dental, Johnson City, TN), white ProRoot MTA, EndoSequence Root Repair Material (Brasseler USA, Savannah, GA), MTA Angelus (Angelus Solucoes Odontologicas, Londrina, Brazil), and Biodentine (Septodont, Saint Maur des Fosses, France) when used in an *ex vivo* pulpotomy model.

Significance/Conclusion: EndoSequence and Biodentine had significantly less discoloration compared with white ProRoot MTA, MTA Angelus, and ProRoot MTA.
