Pubmed search strategy (after adaptation to Embase terms) by May 1, 2020

1- First concept: biocompatibility or pulp-tissue reaction. Results: 10,487,547

"Materials testing" [Mesh] OR materials-testing [Itiab] OR biocompatibility-testing [Itiab] OR cell-growth [Itiab] OR

2- Second concept: pulp-capping materials or treatments. Results: 559,789

(("Pulp Capping and Pulpectomy Agents" [Mesh] OR pulp-capping-material* [tiab] OR pulp-capping-agent* [tiab] OR biomedical-and-dental-material* [tiab] OR pulp-capping-material* [tiab] OR pulp-capping-agent* [tiab] OR biomedical-and-dental-material* [tiab] OR bioactive-material* [tiab] OR dental-cement* [tiab] OR bioactive-material* [tiab] OR bioactive-material* [tiab] OR bioactive-material* [tiab] OR advanced or calcium-material* [tiab] OR silicates [Mesh] OR si

3- Third concept: (human) dental pulp cells or (human) dental pulp tissue or teeth, Results: 30.511

"Dental Pulp" [Mesh] OR dental-pulp" [tiab] OR tooth-pulp" [tiab] OR pulp-tissue" [tiab] pulp" [tiab] OR Pulp-fibroblast" [tiab] OR dental-pulp-stem-cell" [tiab] OR apical-papilla [tiab] OR stem-cells-from-human-exfoliated-deciduous-teeth [tiab] OR "Odontoblasts" [Mesh] OR doontoblast" [tiab] OR "Dental Pulp Cavity" [Mesh] OR dental-pulp-cavit* [tiab] OR pulp-chamber [tiab] OR dentin-pulp-complex [tiab] OR "Dental Pulp" [Mesh] OR dental-pulp-cavit* [tiab] OR "Dental Pulp" [Mesh] OR pulp-therap* [tiab] OR "Regenerative endodontics" [mesh] OR regenerative-endodontic* [tiab] OR endodontic-procedure* [tiab]

Combination: #1 AND #2 AND #3: 6,490 results

Figure S1: Details of the *PubMed* electronic search strategy.

Embase search strategy by May 1, 2020

1- First concept: biocompatibility or pulp-tissue reaction. Results: 13,050,184

materials testing/exp OR "materials testing"(t,ab,kw OR 'biocompatibility'(t,ab,kw OR 'cell growth'ti,ab,kw OR 'cell adhesion'ti,ab,kw OR 'cell atheriation'ti,ab,kw OR 'materiation'ti,ab,kw OR 'cell atheriation'ti,ab,kw OR 'cell atheriation'

2- Second concept: pulp-capping materials or treatments. Results: 385,673

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3- Third concept: (human) dental pulp cells or (human) dental pulp tissue or teeth. Results: 61,719

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Combination: #1 AND #2 AND #3: 4,369 results

Figure S2: Details of the EMBASE electronic search strategy.

Web of Science search strategy by May 1, 2020

1- First concept: biocompatibility or pulp-tissue reaction. Results: 16,932,222

"Materials testing" OR "biocompatibility testing" OR "biocompatib" OR "bioactive" OR "bioactivity" OR "Cell survival" OR "survival" OR "valbility" OR "cell growth" OR "Cell proliferation" OR "Cell movement" OR "migration" OR "movement" OR "migration" OR "movement" OR "migration" OR "movement" OR "migration" OR "cell adhesion" OR "cell

2- Second concept: pulp-capping materials or treatments. Results: 1,067,072

((("Pulp Capping and Pulpectomy Agents" OR "pulp capping materials" OR "pulp capping agent"—OR "biomedical and dental materials" OR "plup cap" OR "Biomimetic materials" OR "biocompatible materials" OR "silicates OR "silicates" OR "silicates OR "silicates OR "silicates" OR "silicates or silicates" OR "calcium silicate" OR "calcium silicate calcium silicate"

3- Third concept: (human) dental pulp cells or (human) dental pulp tissue or teeth. Results: 97,319

Combination: #1 AND #2 AND #3: 5,682 results

Figure S3: Details of the WEB OF SCIENCE electronic search strategy.

Table S1. Excluded full-text in vivo studies and the reasons for exclusion.

Number	Studies	Reason for exclusion
1.	Subay RK, Asci S. Human pulpal response to hydroxyapatite	No Ethical Commission approval
	and a calcium hydroxide material as direct capping agents. Oral	mentioned
	Surg Oral Med Oral Pathol. 1993;76(4):485-92.	Not clear if bridges complete or not
2.	Subay RK, Suzuki S, Suzuki S, Kaya H, Cox CF. Human pulp response after partial pulpotomy with 2 calcium hydroxide products. Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral	No Ethical Commission approval mentioned Not clear if bridges complete or not
_	Radiology and Endodontics. 1995;80(3):330-7.	
3.	Yoshiba K, Yoshiba N, Nakamura H, Iwaku M, Ozawa H. Immunolocalization of fibronectin during reparative	No H&E staining
	dentinogenesis in human teeth after pulp capping with calcium hydroxide. J Dent Res. 1996;75(8):1590-7.	No analysis of bridge formation

4.	Pereira JC, Segala AD, Costa CAS. Human pulpal response to direct pulp capping with an adhesive system. American Journal of Dentistry. 2000;13(3):139-47.	Not clear if bridges complete or not
5.	Aeinehchi M, Eslami B, Ghanbariha M, Saffar AS. Mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) and calcium hydroxide as pulp-capping agents in human teeth: a preliminary report. Int Endod J. 2003;36(3):225-31.	Not clear if bridges complete or not Some groups only 1 sample
6.	Hörsted-Bindslev P, Vilkinis V, Sidlauskas A. Direct capping of human pulps with a dentin bonding system or with calcium hydroxide cement. Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontics. 2003;96(5):591-600.	No rubber dam mentioned
7.	Murray PE, Smith AJ, Windsor LJ, Mjör IA. Remaining dentine thickness and human pulp responses. International endodontic journal. 2003;36(1):33-43.	No rubber dam mentioned Retrospective study
8.	Scarano A, Manzon L, Di Giorgio R, Orsini G, Tripodi D, Piattelli A. Direct capping with four different materials in humans: histological analysis of odontoblast activity. J Endod. 2003;29(11):729-34.	No H&E staining Not clear if bridges complete or not
9.	Accorinte Mde L, Loguercio AD, Reis A, Muench A, de Araujo VC. Response of human pulp capped with a bonding agent after bleeding control with hemostatic agents. Oper Dent. 2005;30(2):147-55.	Data of interest is the same as in other article from the same authors (<i>Dental Materials</i>)
10.	Sübay RK, Demirci M. Pulp tissue reactions to a dentin bonding agent as a direct capping agent. Journal of Endodontics. 2005;31(3):201-4.	Not clear if bridges complete or not
11.	Chacko V, Kurikose S. Human pulpal response to mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA): a histologic study. J Clin Pediatr Dent. 2006;30(3):203-9.	No rubber dam mentioned Not clear if bridges complete or not
12.	Piva E, Tarquínio SBC, Demarco FF, Silva AF, de Araújo VC. Immunohistochemical expression of fibronectin and tenascin after direct pulp capping with calcium hydroxide. Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontics. 2006;102(4):e66-e71.	No H&E staining Not clear if bridges complete or not
13.	Silva AF, Tarquinio SBC, Demarco FF, Piva E, Rivero ERC. The influence of haemostatic agents on healing of healthy human dental pulp tissue capped with calcium hydroxide. International Endodontic Journal. 2006;39(4):309-16.	No quantitative data is provided (descriptve study) Not clear if bridges complete or not
14.	D'Arcangelo C, Di Nardo-Di Maio F, Patrono C, Caputi S. NOS evaluations in human dental pulp-capping with MTA and calcium-hydroxide. Int J Immunopathol Pharmacol. 2007;20(1 Suppl 1):27-32.	No H&E staining No analysis of bridge formation
15.	Fernandes AM, Silva GAB, Lopes N, Napimoga MH, Benatti BB,	No H&E staining

	Alves JB. Direct capping of human pulps with a dentin bonding system and calcium hydroxide: an immunohistochemical analysis. Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endodontology. 2008;105(3):385-90.	No analysis of bridge formation
16.	Barbosa AV, Sampaio GC, Gomes FA, de Oliveira DP, de Albuquerque DS, Sobral AP. Short-term analysis of human dental pulps after direct capping with portland cement. Open Dent J. 2009;3:31-5.	Case Series (not randomized or controlled clinical trial)
17.	Pereira SA, de Menezes FC, Rocha-Rodrigues DB, Alves JB. Pulp reactions in human teeth capped with self-etching or total- etching adhesive systems. Quintessence Int. 2009;40(6):491-6.	No direct pulp exposure No rubber dam mentioned
18.	Zarrabi MH, Javidi M, Jafarian AH, Joushan B. Histologic assessment of human pulp response to capping with mineral trioxide aggregate and a novel endodontic cement. J Endod. 2010;36(11):1778-81.	Not clear if bridges complete or not
19.	Eskandarizadeh A, Shahpasandzadeh MH, Shahpasandzadeh M, Torabi M, Parirokh M. A comparative study on dental pulp response to calcium hydroxide, white and grey mineral trioxide aggregate as pulp capping agents. J Conserv Dent. 2011;14(4):351-5.	No rubber dam mentioned
20.	Fransson H, Petersson K, Davies JR. Dentine sialoprotein and Collagen I expression after experimental pulp capping in humans using Emdogain (R) Gel. International Endodontic Journal. 2011;44(3):259-67.	Data of interest is the same as in other article from the same authors (<i>Int End Journal</i> 2005)
21.	Shahravan A, Jalali SP, Torabi M, Haghdoost AA, Gorjestani H. A histological study of pulp reaction to various water/powder ratios of white mineral trioxide aggregate as pulp-capping material in human teeth: a double-blinded, randomized controlled trial. Int Endod J. 2011;44(11):1029-33.	Isolation with cotton rolls (no rubber dam mentioned)
22.	Zarrabi MH, Javidi M, Jafarian AH, Joushan B. Immunohistochemical expression of fibronectin and tenascin in human tooth pulp capped with mineral trioxide aggregate and a novel endodontic cement. J Endod. 2011;37(12):1613-8.	Data of interest is the same as in other article from the same authors (<i>J Endod 2010</i>) Not clear if bridges complete or not
23.	Yoshiba N, Yoshiba K, Ohkura N, Hosoya A, Shigetani Y, Yamanaka Y, et al. Expressional alterations of fibrillin-1 during wound healing of human dental pulp. J Endod. 2012;38(2):177-84.	Not clear if bridges complete or not No quantitative data is provided (descriptve study)
24.	Chandwani ND, Pawar MG, Tupkari JV, Yuwanati M. Histological evaluation to study the effects of dental amalgam and composite restoration on human dental pulp: An in vivo study. Medical Principles and Practice. 2013;23(1):40-4.	No direct pulp exposure
25.	Nosrat A, Peimani A, Asgary S. A preliminary report on histological outcome of pulpotomy with endodontic	Not clear if bridges complete or not Bridge formation analized per root (not

	biomaterials vs calcium hydroxide. Restor Dent Endod. 2013;38(4):227-33.	per tooth)
26.	Silva GA, Gava E, Lanza LD, Estrela C, Alves JB. Subclinical failures of direct pulp capping of human teeth by using a dentin bonding system. J Endod. 2013;39(2):182-9.	Not clear if bridges complete or not No quantitative data is provided (descriptve study)
27.	Cebe F, Cobanoglu N, Ozdemir O. Response of exposed human pulp to application of a hemostatic agent and a self-etch adhesive. Journal of Adhesion Science and Technology. 2015;29(24):2719-30.	No rubber dam mentioned 50% samples with bacteria contamination *unable to contact authors
28.	Eftimoska M, Apostolska S, Rendzhova V, Gjorgievska E, Stevanovic M, Ivanovski K, et al. Clinical and Histological Analyzes of the Response of the Pulp after Its Direct Capping with Calxyl, MTA and Biodentine. Research Journal of Pharmaceutical Biological and Chemical Sciences. 2015;6(4):1097-111.	No rubber dam mentioned Not only "healthy" teeth used
29.	Haghgoo R, Asgary S, Mashhadi Abbas F, Montazeri Hedeshi R. Nano-hydroxyapatite and calcium-enriched mixture for pulp capping of sound primary teeth: a randomized clinical trial. Iran Endod J. 2015;10(2):107-11.	No rubber dam mentioned
30.	Nowicka A, Wilk G, Lipski M, Kolecki J, Buczkowska-Radlinska J. Tomographic Evaluation of Reparative Dentin Formation after Direct Pulp Capping with Ca(OH)2, MTA, Biodentine, and Dentin Bonding System in Human Teeth. J Endod. 2015;41(8):1234-40.	CBCT study Not clear if bridges complete or not
31.	AlShwaimi E, Majeed A, Ali AA. Pulpal Responses to Direct Capping with Betamethasone/Gentamicin Cream and Mineral Trioxide Aggregate: Histologic and Micro-Computed Tomography Assessments. J Endod. 2016;42(1):30-5.	Not clear which type of MTA used *unable to contact authors
32.	Bhagat D, Sunder RK, Devendrappa SN, Vanka A, Choudaha N. A comparative evaluation of ProRoot mineral trioxide aggregate and Portland cement as a pulpotomy medicament. J Indian Soc Pedod Prev Dent. 2016;34(2):172-6.	Not clear if bridges complete or not 60% failure rate with MTA *unable to contact authors
33.	Bollu IP, Velagula LD, Bolla N, Kumar KK, Hari A, Thumu J. Histological evaluation of mineral trioxide aggregate and enamel matrix derivative combination in direct pulp capping: An in vivo study. J Conserv Dent. 2016;19(6):536-40.	Not clear if bridges complete or not
34.	Shameem A, Muliyar S, Thankachan RP, Kalliath JT, Mangalath U, Mangalath S. Study to evaluate the Efficacy of Resinmodified Glass lonomer Cement Liner as a Direct Pulp Capping Material. J Contemp Dent Pract. 2018;19(9):1065-71.	Not clear if bridges complete or not
35.	Arafa A, Kenawi LMM, Issa N. Assessment of reparative hard tissue formation after direct pulp capping with Biodentine versus mineral trioxide aggregate. Endo-Endodontic Practice	CBCT study

Today. 2019;13(3):227-36.

36. Chen CA, Chen YL, Huang JS, Huang GT, Chuang SF. Effects of Restorative Materials on Dental Pulp Stem Cell Properties. J Endod. 2019;45(4):420-6.

No direct pulp exposure