



Antimicrobial Activity of Dental Biomaterials

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dentistry is a specialty directly connected to the biology and chemistry areas. Dental biomaterials have become a promising field of research and are now being developed to interact with complex biological systems in a range of applications, including bone grafts, guided tissue regeneration, pulp capping, sealing of perforations, apexification and root canal filling. In most cases, the success is dependent on adequate infection control prior to the use of the biomaterials. Considering the clinical conditions which involve direct contact between the biomaterials and the living tissues, reaching antimicrobial activity parallel to biocompatibility is a challenge. Different strategies to guarantee antimicrobial property without losing the biological characteristics are tested. The addition of antimicrobial components that are slowly delivered, ion release that alters the environment pH and the use of probiotics are some examples of strategies to provide antimicrobial activity. This Special Issue welcomes review and research papers discussing the antimicrobial activity of dental materials, and the strategies to amplify the antimicrobial action considering a biological perspective.





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