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Orthodontic Materials: Properties and Effectiveness of Use

Message from the Guest Editors

The use of materials in orthodontic research and clinical applications has shifted focus from traditional metal-based appliances towards laser-sintered metallic devices, polymeric foils, and printable plastics, e.g., for use in aligners. To date, questions about sustainability and environmental footprints need to be considered and addressed scientifically, together with equally important aspects of patients' benefits, comfort, and possible side effects. This Special Issue collects research papers discussing new developments in orthodontic material science and their application in treatment systems. This comprises papers that discuss mechanical properties and the simulation of forces and moments in clinical application and in vivo studies. In addition to material science, papers that detail environmental aspects and sustainability are also invited.

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