Special Issue

Biocompatible Dental Nanomaterials: State of the Art and Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, this historical moment calls for reflection in the field of dentistry. All procedures must be effective and safe, especially for patients who are considered phenotypically "fragile". One method to reduce the risk of contamination by pathogens during procedures is to adopt technological innovations that make procedures minimally invasive. Indeed, minimally invasive technology will be a keyword of the future. Our Special Issue not only deals with minimally invasive surgery, but includes all those nanomaterials that quarantee minimally invasive treatment. This includes the latest generation of scaffolds made of state-of-theart biocompatible nanomaterials, the use of scanners in prosthetics and digital orthodontics, digital periodontal records, second-level X-ray examinations, the latest generation of powders used as an aid in dental hygiene sessions, and artificial intelligence or decision-support systems to ensure an objective, unbiased diagnosis.

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