

Special Issue

Additive Manufacturing of Polymer Composites for Dental Application

Message from the Guest Editor

Various polymer materials have wide applications in conservative and prosthetic dentistry, which until recently, were mostly manufactured in an analogue or subtractive way. As additive manufacturing is utilized in the dental field, it has become possible to fabricate composite and ceramic materials using 3D printing. The additive way of production also allows for the manufacturing of hybrid composite-based materials with ceramic particles. The 3D-printed ceramics and hybrid composite-ceramic materials provide new treatment approaches, as they make it possible to produce very fine and thin restorations that measure up to 0.1 layer thick, which was not possible in a subtractive way. This allows us, in some cases, to make the treatment less invasive. Recently, there have been some reports on the clinical application of 3D-printed composite, ceramic and hybrid materials for conservative dentistry and prosthodontics, which provide a direction for deeper research on this topic. This Special Issue aims to highlight the advantages of 3D-printed composite, ceramic and hybrid restorations and to discuss their potential limitations.

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