



Functional Materials for Dental Restorations

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Message from the Guest Editors

Functional materials have recently been used for various applications in the biomedical field and are expected to be used in dentistry as well.

Since enamel and dentin do not have regenerative capabilities, decaying tissue must be restored with direct and indirect restorative materials such as resin composites, glass ionomers, ceramic-based materials, alloys, and ceramics. Some of these materials may have functional properties. In particular, functional materials can be expected to ensure the survivability and longevity of restorations due to their adaptation and interaction with dental tissues.

Their capabilities include the inhibition of biofilm formation, the promotion of remineralization, the inhibition of the enzymatic degradation of collagen, adaptability and biocompatibility without the side effects of toxic therapeutic agents, and the reinforcement of prosthetic materials.

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