



Biomaterials in Conservative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

During the last several decades, the restorative approach in dentistry has steadily evolved, progressing from mechanical retention to advanced adhesion. Moreover, there is a strong trend in materials science to develop and apply biomaterials that can interact with the tooth tissues and the oral environment. Additionally, smart materials have been introduced in the dental industry, which can be defined as materials that have one or more properties that can be significantly changed in a controlled fashion by external stimuli. Behind the concept of bioactive materials lays the education of the dental clinicians in modern caries detection and removal, and in the conservative restoration of tooth structure that reflects the higher resistance to wear.

This Special Issue calls for recent studies from a range of fields in biomaterials science that are poised to guide investigations on the development of novel biomaterials and techniques for conservative dentistry and prosthodontics and understanding their mechanisms and clinical perspectives.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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