



Advanced Materials and Technologies in Orthodontics

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Message from the Guest Editors

Orthodontics has developed significant in the last 100 years along with the continuous improvement of materials science. Breakthroughs in materials science help orthodontists to achieve more efficient and healthier tooth movement and develop new orthodontic techniques. Various metallic materials possess different mechanical properties and are widely applied to orthodontics, resin adhesives provide reliable retention for brackets, and organic materials are extensively used in removable appliances and orthodontic retainers. In addition, researchers are paying more and more attention to antibacterial properties and osteogenesis in orthodontic material. Orthodontic extraction treatment is an important technique for patients with crowded dentition, while osteogenesis after tooth extraction may promote tooth movement. Thus, it is important to discuss advanced materials and technologies in orthodontics that are key for further innovations in orthodontic treatment. This Special Issue aims to collect original manuscripts and critical reviews reporting advanced materials and technologies to deepen our understanding of orthodontic materials. I look forward to receiving your contributions.





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