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THE INFLUENCE OF ULTRASONICATED OBTURATION ON THE DEPTH OF SEALER PENETRATION INTO DENTINAL TUBULES: A CONFOCAL MICROSCOPIC STUDY AND DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING

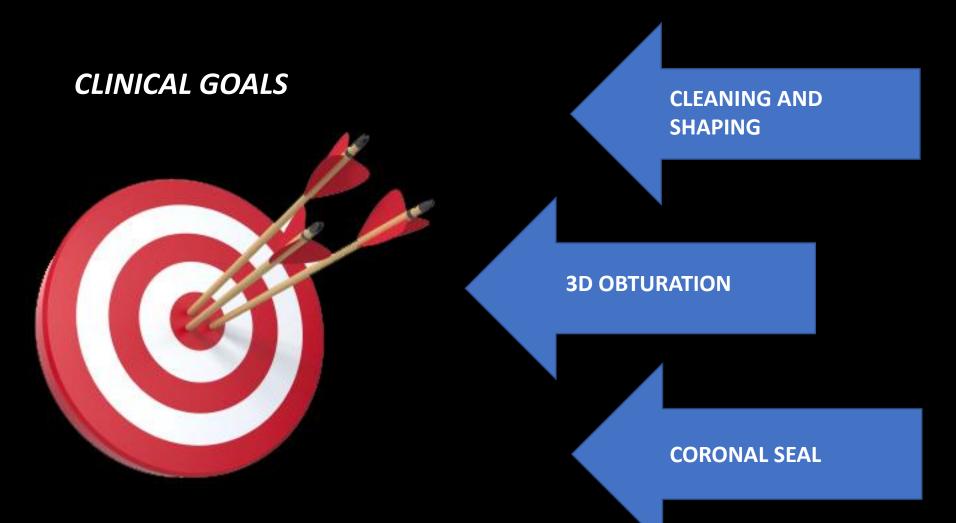
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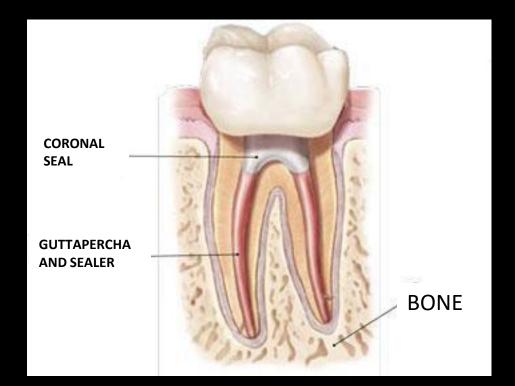
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ROOT CANAL TREATMENT



ENDODONTIC OBTURATION



It allows for every "exit door" of the root canal to be reliably sealed. Materials:

GUTTAPERCHA

SEALER

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To compare between the average depth of sealer penetration in dentinal tubules at apical and middle thirds of roots using three different root canal-filling techniques:

GOLD STANDARD

NEW TECHNIQUE

 CONTINUOUS WAVE OF CONDENSATION ULTRASONICATED CARRIER-BASED GUTTAPERCHA FILLING TECHNIQUE



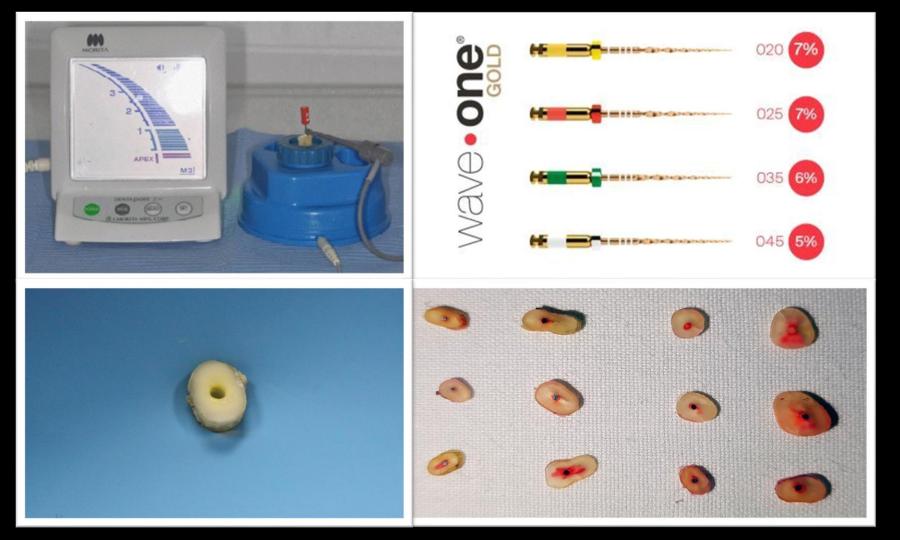
CARRIER-BASED
OBTURATION

MATERIALS AND METHODS

30 root canals were randomly divided in 3 groups with 10 teeth each, prepared and then obturated using three different obturation techniques.



ProTrain (Dentsply) and apex relevator Root ZX (Morita) Rotary System WaveOne Gold (Dentsply)



Post Shaping tooth

Some of the sections used for the study

NO ULTRASONICATION

ULTRASONICATION

The roots were sectioned at 3 and 6 mm from the apex in order to get 60 thin sections.

The Confocal Laser Scanned Microscope helped us to get 400 detailed pictures of the samples.



IsoMet (Buehler)



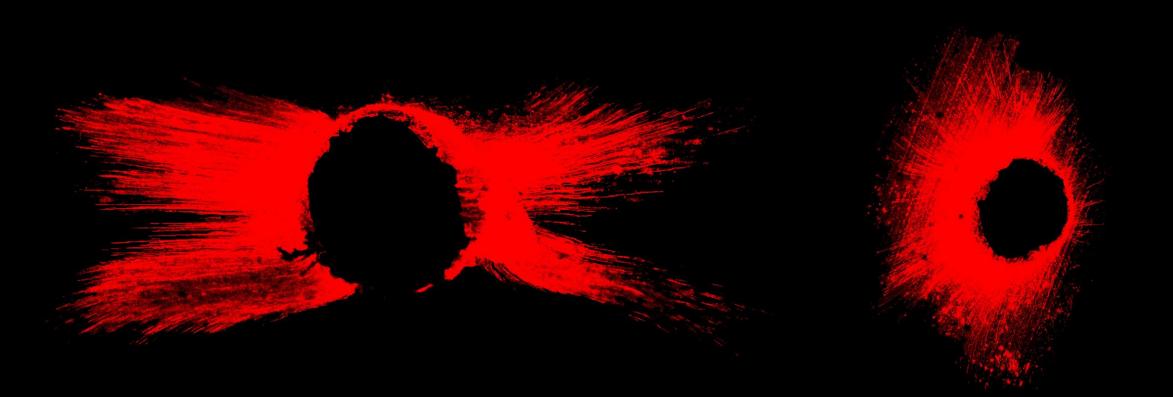
CLSM Zeiss 510 (Zeiss)

GROUP 1: ULTRASONICATED CARRIER-BASED GUTTAPERCHA FILLING TECHNIQUE

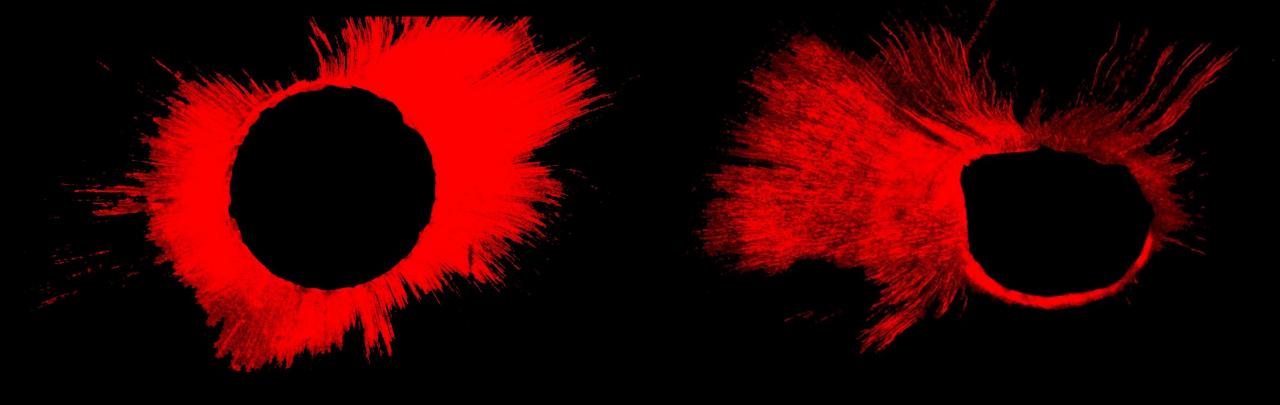
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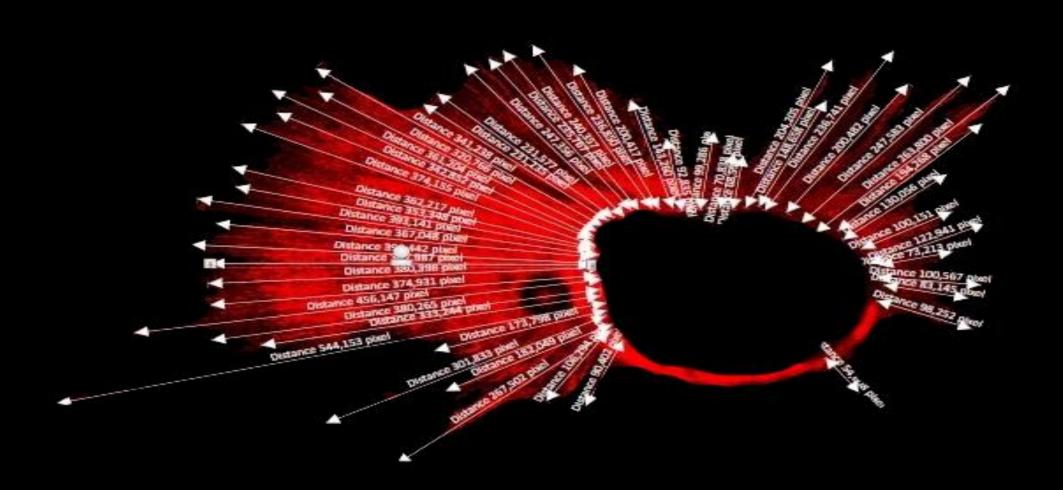
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GROUP 2: CARRIER-BASED OBTURATION



GROUP 3: CONTINUOUS WAVE OF CONDENSATION



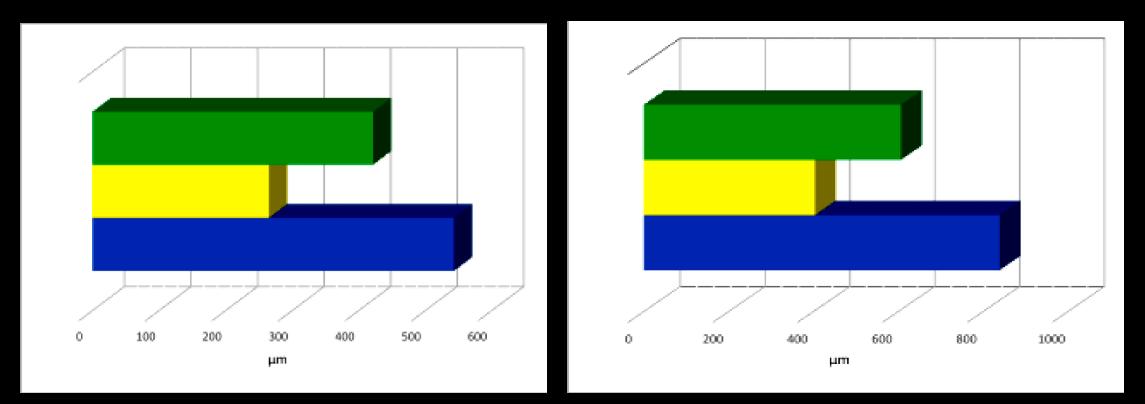


RESULTS

| TECHNIQUE | SEALER PENETRATION AT 3mm FROM APEX (μm) | SEALER PENETRATION AT 6mm FROM APEX (μm) |
|---|---|---|
| CARRIER-BASED OBTURATION | 321,504 | 442,831 |
| CONTINUOUS WAVE OF CONDENSATION | 408,420 | 591,957 |
| ULTRASONICATED CARRIER-BASED GUTTAPERCHA FILLING TECHNIQUE | 543, 052 | 838,419 |

Data obtained starting from 3000 measurements taken on the samples

GRAPHICS



Sealer penetration in dentinal tubules at 3 mm from the apex (Left) and at 6 mm from the apex (Right). Green indicates the Continuous Wave of Condensation technique, Yellow indicates Carrier-Based Guttapercha technique and blue indicates the ultrasonicated technique.

CONCLUSIONS

The use of ultrasonication during obturation results in deeper penetration of the sealer in the dentinal tubules which might be reflected clinically as better sealing when compared to the other tested techniques.





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