Nanoscale fiber strengthens composites

Result is described as stronger, longer-lasting — and with low shrinkage stress

NovaPro Flow, designed and created by Nanova Biomaterials, is the first commercial dental composite reinforced by nanofibers. The in-house made hydroxyapatite nanofibers, composed of calcium phosphate minerals, are the secret to NovaPro Flow’s high strength, great handling properties and esthetic effects, according to the company.

Teeth, bones and nanofibers have the same structure, all composed of a hard inorganic mineral in a soft organic matrix. For example, the enamel of a tooth is made up of high-volume, needle-like mineral crystals (approximately 15–20 nanometers thick and 1,000 nanometers long) in a small-volume, soft protein matrix. Bone and dentin are made up of plate-like crystals (approximately 2–4 nanometers thick and up to 100 nanometers long) embedded in a collagen-rich protein matrix. By comparison, the nanofibers have a thickness under 100 nanometers in diameter, or 1,000 times smaller than human hair.

Most dental composites comprise only nanoparticles, while NovaPro Flow reinforces the composites with nanofibers, adding several advantages. The strength found in the nanofibers is due to its one-dimensional nature and large surface area. If you apply a shear force to a bunch of nanoparticles, it is easier for the particles to slide by each other. A fiber, on the other hand, has a solid connection that is stronger to resist bending, shear and tensile forces. In comparison, synthetic bulk hydroxyapatite typically has a tensile strength of approximately 50 MPa, which would not be able to reinforce a dental composite. The large size would also lead to polishing problems. The larger surface area of nanofibers provide better transfer of strength for the fiber and the dental composite alike.

During World War I, A. A. Griffith discovered the correlation between strength and the small size of ceramic materials, such as enamel, by testing different thicknesses of glass. According to the Griffith theory, these needle-like mineral crystals can reach their theoretical strength, or maximum strength, of a material (several or tens of GPa) when their diameters are in the nanoscale. Microscopic flaws cause a material to fail, so by creating a nanoscale fiber, statistically, it limits the amount of flaws and provides the ability to reach the material’s maximum strength. In addition, such mineral crystals at nanoscale are not sensitive to cracks or stress concentration, which typically degrades when produced on a micro or macro scale. The fibers are able to bend without breaking. The high strength and low sensitivity to cracks found in natural nanocomposites are the same advantages provided by the nanofiber reinforced NovaPro Flow.

(Source: Nanova Biomaterials)
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Revolutionizing local anesthetic delivery: ‘A shot that patients and practitioners love’

Anutra Local Anesthetic Delivery System provides simple platform for buffering

**By Anutra Medical Staff**

“I didn’t even know you gave me a shot,” Barb said as Dr. Kelly picked up his handpiece and went to work immediately. For decades, the idea of getting a dental injection has terrified patients. Quite frankly, the uncertainty, unpredictability and long onset time of local anesthetic equally terrifies the practitioner.

The Anutra Local Anesthetic Delivery System redefines local anesthetic delivery. It radically enhances patient experience and comfort while transforming a practitioner’s efficiency, profitability — as well as the profundity and predictability of local anesthetic.

**Age-old science made simple**

Buffering is an age-old science that has been used in the medical community for decades. Buffering is simply taking something acidic, mixing it with something more basic to neutralize the acid. So why does this matter in dentistry? Lidocaine with epinephrine has a low pH, meaning it is extremely acidic. In fact, its pH is close to that of citric acid, which is found in limes and lemons. Could you imagine injecting lemon juice into someone’s mouth? We simply would not do that.

Much of the burning and stinging sensation comes from the fact that local anesthetic is very acidic. The Anutra Local Anesthetic Delivery System makes buffering simple. By loading an Anutra Cassette at the beginning of the week, clinicians can simply buffer anesthetic for every patient by twisting the knob on the Anutra Dispenser. It could not be easier.

**Topical effect, too**

What adds to the amazing power of buffered anesthetic is a topical effect that is a result of a CO2 microbubble that is formed when local anesthetic is mixed with sodium bicarbonate. Many practitioners report dropping a small amount on the mucosa prior to injecting for a very powerful topical anesthetic.

Not only is patient comfort increased with buffered anesthetic, a practitioner’s efficiency is dramatically optimized. Since buffered anesthetic is raised to physiologic pH, the anesthetic crosses the nerve membrane more readily, meaning a patient can reach pulpal anesthesia in as little as two minutes, even with blocks. Additionally, anywhere from 4,000–6,000 times the active molecules of anesthetic will cross the nerve membrane, making it more profound than normal lidocaine as well as increasing the predictability that a patient will get numb the first time, even on those hard-to-numb patients.

**Disposable, multidose, one-handed aspiration syringe**

Not only does the Anutra Local Anesthetic Delivery System provide a simple platform for buffering in the practice, it also introduces the first-known, FDA approved, multidose, one-handed aspiration syringe that is fully disposable.

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You can “See the Visible Difference®” by visiting the Designs for Vision booths, No. 433, at the AAP meeting, and booth Nos. 2012 and 4625 at the GNYDM meeting. Or arrange a visit in your office by calling (800) 345-4009 or emailing info@dvimail.com.

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For more information you can call (800) 323-3136, or visit www.DentatusUSA.com. You also can visit booth No. 314 at the AAP Annual Meeting or listen to Dr. Ziv Mazor’s co-presentation of the focused Continuing Education course, FCEI: “Narrow Diameter Implants,” on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 10:15-11:45 a.m.

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LVI Core I three-day course enables dentist and team to learn together

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