



## COMPARISON OF APICALLY EXTRUDED DEBRIS ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT NICKEL–TITANIUM SYSTEMS

### ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** The aim of this study is to evaluate the influence of different instrument systems on the amount of extruded debris.

**Materials and Methods:** A total of 30 extracted mandibular molars with two separate canals and apical foramina in the mesial roots were selected. The root canals (n=10) were randomly assigned to the six groups of file systems as follows: ProTaper Next (PTN), WaveOne (WO), WaveOne Gold (WOG), One Shape (OS), Reciproc (R) and Reciproc Blue (RB). The extruded debris during the instrumentation was collected into Eppendorf tubes, which were weighed and then stored in an incubator at 70°C over a period of five days to evaporate the irrigant. After the incubation process, the Eppendorf tubes were weighed again. The difference between these two measurements, the first one before and the second one after the incubation process, was calculated. Data were statistically analyzed, and the significance level was set at  $p<0.05$ .

**Results:** R produced less debris compared to WO. R and PTN files produced significantly less debris compared to the OS files ( $p<0.05$ ). Extruded debris in RB and WO groups were not significantly different, while RB produced less debris than WOG and OS ( $p<0.05$ ).

**Conclusions:** All instrumentation systems allowed for the apical extrusion of the debris.

**Keywords:** Endodontics, root canal preparation, root canal therapy.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Nickel-titanium (NiTi) rotary files have become increasingly popular among clinicians for reducing the time required to complete the instrumentation and also for minimizing the procedural errors.<sup>1</sup> As manual files, all types of rotary or reciprocating files result in different amounts of extruded debris, which may vary according to the instrumentation technique and the design of the file systems.<sup>2-4</sup> This may cause delayed apical healing, flare-ups, and postoperative pain.<sup>5</sup>

New types of reciprocating NiTi systems are continuously being developed, such as Waveone Gold (WOG) (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland), and Reciproc Blue (RB) (VDW Dental, Munich, Germany), the successors of WaveOne (WO) (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland) and Reciproc (R) (VDW Dental, Munich, Germany) systems.<sup>6,7</sup> RB undergoes an innovative heating-cooling treatment and with this unique thermal treatment, the blue titanium oxide layer appears on the surface of the instrument.<sup>6</sup> The WOG system is the improved version of the WO system. The cross-section of the file has been altered.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, the alloy is altered from M-Wire to gold. Gold wire technology is based on heating the file and then slowly cooling it, whereas M-Wire technology involves heat treatment before production.<sup>7,8</sup> This thermal treatment modifies the transition temperatures, which result in superior mechanical properties and better performance of the instrument.<sup>6-8</sup>

There are limited studies evaluating the extrusion potentials of these two file systems.<sup>9-12</sup> Therefore, this study was conducted to compare the amounts of apical extruded debris with either of these two novel single-file reciprocating systems, namely WOG and RB, with those of two other most commonly used single-file reciprocating systems, WO and R. A multifile system, ProtaperNext (PTN) (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland), and a single-file system, OneShape (OS) (Micro Mega, Besançon, France), which using with continuous rotation, were used as references for comparison. The null hypothesis was that there would be no difference among

these file systems in terms of the amount of the apically extruded debris.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Thirty freshly extracted mandibular human molars with two separate canals and apical foramina in the mesial root were selected for this study after Hacettepe University non-invasive Ethics Committee approval was granted (No:GO 17/461 - 50) on May 2017. The molars with completely formed, straight roots (having a curvature of less than 10°) according to the Schneider method<sup>13</sup>, having no visible caries, fractures, calcifications, cracks or resorptions were included. Following the removal of the distal roots, the presence of the separate canals was confirmed by radiographic means obtaining the buccolingual and mesiodistal views. The tissue remnants and calculus on the root surfaces were removed. The remaining parts of the distal roots were sealed with sticky waxes in orthograde and retrograde ways. A conventional straight-line access preparation was performed. The #10 K-file was inserted into the canal until its tip was visible at the apical foramen, confirming the apical patency. The working length (WL) was set by subtracting 1 mm from the initial length for each canal.

### ***Debris Collection***

The process of debris collection was evaluated by a technique previously described by Myers and Montgomery.<sup>14</sup> Stoppers were separated from Eppendorf tubes. An analytical balance (Radwag, Radom, Poland) with an accuracy of 10<sup>-5</sup> was used to measure the pre-experimental weights of the tubes. After each tube was weighed without stoppers three times, the mean values of these measurements were calculated and noted as initial weights. A hole was made on the stoppers of each of the tubes. The teeth were inserted into the cemento-enamel junction by using a 27-gauge needle (Genject, Ankara, Turkey) to balance the air pressure inside and outside the tubes. The teeth were fixed to the stoppers with cyanoacrylate. The stoppers were then attached to their Eppendorf tubes and this set-up was placed into the vials. The 30 molar teeth were randomly assigned to 6 groups of 5 specimens (n=10 canals/per group) in each.

**Group WOG:** WaveOne GOLD (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland) Primary (25/.07) instruments were used with "WaveOne" mode of an endodontic motor (X-Smart Plus, Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland).

**Group WO:** WaveOne (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland) Primary (25/.08) instruments were used with "WaveOne" mode of the endodontic motor (X-Smart Plus).

**Group R:** Reciproc (VDW Dental, Munich, Germany) R25 (25/.08) instruments were used with "Reciproc" mode of the endodontic motor (X-Smart Plus).

**Group RB:** Reciproc Blue (VDW Dental, Munich, Germany) R25 (25/.08) instruments were used with "Reciproc" mode of the endodontic motor (X-Smart Plus).

**Group OS:** One Shape (Micro Mega, Besançon, France) 25.06 instruments were used with the endodontic motor (X-Smart Plus) at 350 rpm and 2.5 N/cm.

**Group PTN:** ProTaper Next (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland) instruments were used with the endodontic motor at 300 rpm and 2N/cm. The instrumentation sequence consisted of X1 (17.04) and X2 (25.06) files.

In all experimental groups, once the instrument reached to the WL and started rotating freely, it was removed. The fractured files during the process were noted. A total of 10 mL of distilled water was used in each canal during the preparation process to avoid any potential crystallization of sodium hypochlorite.<sup>15</sup> After

completing preparations, a final irrigation was performed with 2 mL distilled water. The apical parts of the teeth were washed with 1 mL distilled water to collect the adhered debris at the root surface. Each of the mesiobuccal (MB) and mesiolingual (ML) canals was prepared separately and the debris extruded from MB and ML roots were collected in different tubes (a total of 10 tubes per group; n=10 per group). The MB canal orifices were sealed with a composite material (Dentonics, Monroe, NC, USA) while instrumenting the ML canal or vice versa. Then all tubes were stored in an incubator at 70°C over a period of 5 days to evaporate the distilled water before weighing the extruded debris. The tubes were weighed using the same analytical balance (Radwag) to obtain the final weight of the tubes containing the extruded debris. Each tube was weighed 3 times and the mean value was calculated for each. The amount of apically extruded debris was calculated by subtracting the initial weight of tube from the final weight.

#### Statistical Analysis

The distribution of the data was analyzed using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov normality test. The comparisons of the amounts of extruded debris were analyzed using the one-way ANOVA and Bonferroni post-hoc tests using the SPSS 22.0 software (IBM SPSS, Chicago, IL, USA). The significance level was set at  $p < 0.05$ .

#### RESULTS

The mean values and standard deviations for all groups are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Amount of extruded debris of experimental groups as mean± standard deviations (SD).

File Systems*	N	Mean ± SD (gram)
Reciproc <sup>a</sup>	10	0.005±0.003
Reciproc Blue <sup>ab</sup>	10	0.007±0.001
WO <sup>bc</sup>	10	0.009±0.003
WOG <sup>c</sup>	10	0.011±0.003
PTN <sup>a</sup>	10	0.005±0.002
OS <sup>c</sup>	10	0.013±0.004

\*Different superscripts mean statistically significant difference. Significant at  $p < 0.05$ .

All instrumentation systems yielded apical extrusion materials. The lowest amount of debris was obtained in the R, RB, and PTN groups and there were no significant differences among them ( $p > 0.05$ ). On the other hand, WO, WOG, and OS

groups extruded significantly more debris compared to the R and PTN Groups ( $p < 0.05$ ). Extruded debris in RB and WO groups were not significantly different, while RB produced less debris than WOG and OS ( $p < 0.05$ ).

## DISCUSSION

In this present study, different single-file reciprocating instruments were compared in terms of their apical extrusion potentials. A rotating single-file system, One Shape, and a multi-file system, ProTaper Next, were used as controls. Reciproc Blue and WaveOne Gold have been recently introduced into the dental market. Therefore, the literature review informed that there was only one published study, which evaluated the apical extrusion with RB.<sup>12</sup> Only a limited number of studies<sup>9-11</sup> evaluated the apical extrusion potential of WOG. Before the introduction of these instruments to the clinical practice, it is important to test the novel systems in vitro and compare the results with those of well-studied file systems. Decreasing the amount of apically extruded debris is one of the needs to be met by the characteristics of the file systems in order to improve the apical healing process and to prevent flare-ups and postoperative pain.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the present study evaluated the extrusion potential of the abovementioned file systems.

Only a limited number of studies have evaluated debris extrusion from the mandibular molars, which were instrumented with reciprocating files as in the present study.<sup>16,17</sup> In the previous studies, the mean weight of the extruded debris with the OS file was reported between 0.00018 and 0.00069 g.<sup>3,17,18</sup> This amount was reported to be between 0.00019 and 0.00085 g for PTN.<sup>2,19-23</sup> These values are relatively lower compared to the results obtained in our study. This finding might have occurred primarily due to the use of single-rooted teeth in the extrusion studies.<sup>2-4,9,19,22</sup> Using single-rooted teeth might result in a lesser amount of debris because of the simple and larger roots in regards to the canal anatomy.<sup>16</sup> This could explain the larger amount of apically extruded debris in the current study, especially in the OS and PTN groups. The amount and the type of irrigant could also affect the weight of extruded debris.<sup>24</sup> Considering the reciprocating systems WO and R, the amount of extruded debris is consistent with the amounts reported in the previous studies.<sup>9,25</sup> A significantly more amount of debris was extruded by the WO

instruments compared to the amount extruded with the R and PTN instruments. However, previous studies<sup>3,4,21</sup> have demonstrated no significant differences between WO and R. Conflicting results have been reported when the WO and PTN systems were compared. Pawar *et al.*<sup>19</sup> reported that WO resulted in the extrusion of a significantly more amount of debris compared to PTN similar to the result of the present study. In contrast, Ustun *et al.*<sup>2</sup> reported a significantly more amount of apically extruded debris with PTN compared to WO, whereas some studies<sup>20,21,23</sup> could not detect any significant difference between these instruments.

In the present study, a significant difference was not detected between the RB and R groups. A significantly less amount of extruded debris was obtained in the RB group compared to the OS and WOG groups. Uslu *et al.*<sup>12</sup> reported that Hyflex EDM (HEDM; Coltene/Whaledent, Altstaatten, Switzerland), extruded less debris compared to RB by its continuous rotary movements although there were no significant differences between these two systems. In the present study, RB extruded less debris than OS, continuous rotary system, which used as control. The differences between the results can be attributed to different design characteristics and raw materials of the continuous rotary file systems. Karataş *et al.*<sup>9</sup> reported that the WO group yielded a significantly more amount of extruded debris compared to the WOG group. However, in the present study, there was no difference between these two systems in terms of the amounts of apical extrusion. Dincer *et al.*<sup>11</sup> reported that PTN files produced a higher amount of debris compared to WOG. These results are not consistent with the current study. As mentioned earlier, different parameters such as the tooth type, the amount of irrigant used, the last file used for instrumentation could affect the results of the studies.

The extrusion set-up has few limitations including the absence of tissues mimicking the periodontal ligament. Today, there are some methods available to mimic periapical resistance such as agar jel<sup>26</sup> and floral foam.<sup>27</sup> However, while the foam used in simulating the periapical pressure may absorb some debris,<sup>28</sup> the agar jel

does not simulate periapical resistance sufficiently compared to the resistance of the periapical tissues.<sup>29</sup> There are no studies available in the literature, comparing different set-ups regarding the apical extrusion. In the future, the effect of different set-ups on the apically extruded debris might be investigated. The set-up in the present study was beneficial for comparing the amount of extruded debris using different NiTi systems.<sup>10,30</sup>

## CONCLUSIONS

The null hypothesis proposed in this study was rejected under the experimental conditions of this in vitro study. The RB and WOG file systems produced amounts of extruded debris similar to the amounts obtained by using well-studied file systems. RB and WOG showed different results in terms of debris extrusion. However, both file systems were similar to their precursors in terms of this parameter and were safe for use in molar root canals.

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

## Farklı Nikel-Titanyum Sistemlerinin Apikal Debris Ekstrüzyonu Açısından Karşılaştırılması

### ÖZ

**Amaç:** Bu çalışmanın amacı, farklı nikel titanyum eğe sistemlerini apikalden taşan debris miktarı açısından değerlendirmektir. **Gereç ve Yöntemler:** Bu çalışmada mesial köklerinde iki ayrı kanal ve apikal foramene sahip toplam 30 adet mandibular molar diş seçildi. Kök kanalları (n=10) aşağıdaki altı eğe sistemine göre rastgele ayrılmıştır: ProTaper Next (PTN), WaveOne (WO), WaveOne Gold (WOG), One Shape (OS), Reciproc (R) ve Reciproc Blue (RB). İnstrümantasyon sırasında ekstrüde edilmiş debrisler önceden boş ağırlıkları ölçülmüş eppendorf tüplerinde toplandı ve sonra irrigantı buharlaştırmak için beş günlük bir süre boyunca 70°C'de bir inkübatörde saklandı. İnkübasyon sürecinden sonra, eppendorf tüpleri tekrar tartıldı. Bu iki ölçüm arasındaki fark hesaplandı. Veriler

istatistiksel olarak analiz edildi ve anlamlılık düzeyi  $p<0,05$  olarak belirlendi. **Bulgular:** R, WO ile karşılaştırıldığında daha az debris taşmasına sebep oldu. R ve PTN eğeleri, OS eğelere göre anlamlı derecede daha az debris taşımına sebep oldu ( $p<0,05$ ). RB ve WO gruplarında apikalden taşan debris miktarı anlamlı ölçüde farklı değildi ancak RB WOG ve OS'den daha az debris taşmasına sebep oldu ( $p<0,05$ ). **Sonuçlar:** Bütün eğe sistemleri apikalden debris taşırmıştır.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Endodonti, kök kanal hazırlama, kök kanal tedavisi.

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