

**The Retreatment Efficacy of ProTaper and Hyflex Retreatment Files with Bio-Ceramic Sealer and Epoxy Resin Sealer- A Volumetric Analysis Using CBCT**

**Aim & Objective**

To compare the complete removal of GP and BioRoot RCS/AH Plus root canal sealer in the retreatment cases using the ProTaper retreatment and Hyflex Remover file systems.

**Materials**

**Sample Selection:** 60 mandibular premolars standardized to a working length of 15±1mm

- Group 1A: GP + BioRoot RCS, PTUR
- Group 1B: GP + BioRoot RCS, Hyflex
- Group 2A: GP + AH Plus, PTUR
- Group 2B: GP + AH Plus, Hyflex



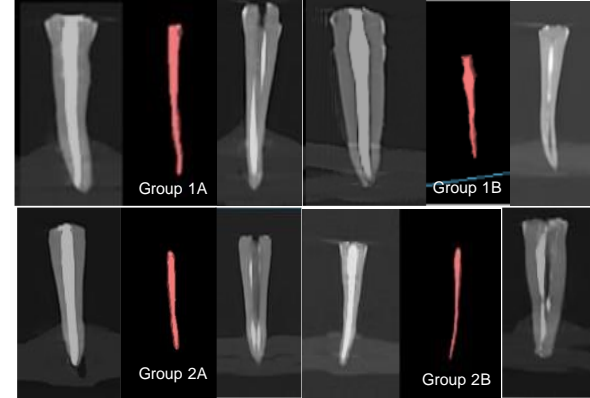
**Methodology**



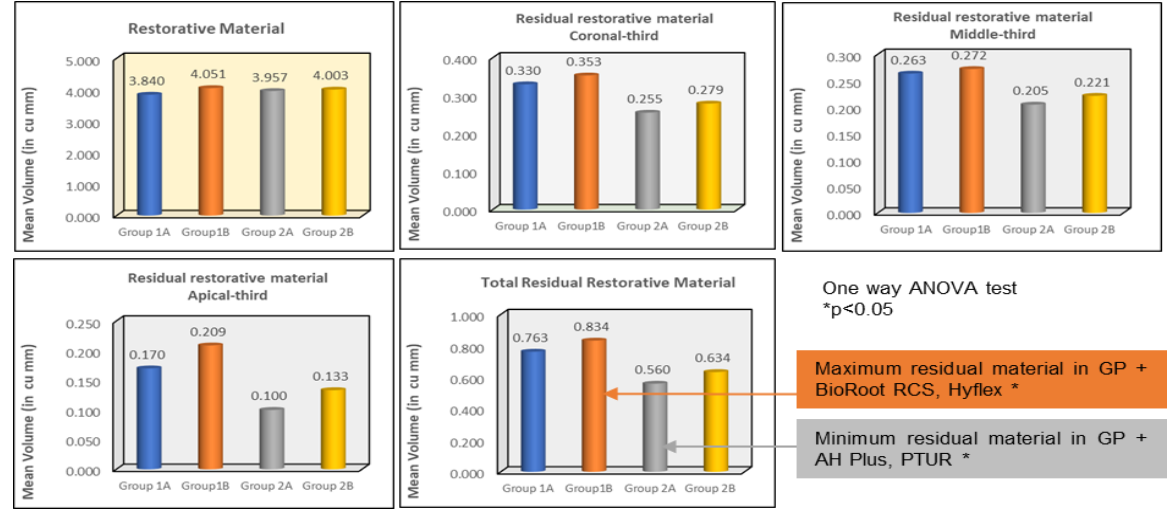
Retreatment using ProTaper Universal retreatment files and Hyflex remover

**CBCT – Volumetric analysis**

$$\text{Volume\% of remaining} = \frac{\text{Volume of remaining restorative material} \times 100}{\text{Total volume of material in canal before removing}}$$



**Results**



**Discussion**

- ProTaper files** showed greater effectiveness than Hyflex in removing root canal fillings, especially in the apical third, resulting in lower residual volumes and improved retreatment outcomes.
- BioRoot RCS** (bio ceramic sealer) adhered more strongly to canal walls than AH Plus, leading to higher residual volumes, particularly challenging with Hyflex single-file systems.

**Conclusion**

The strong adhesion of BioRoot RCS to canal walls poses a challenge during retreatment, especially in the apical third. While Protaper files are more effective overall, no system achieved complete removal of the filling material

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