Calcium sulfate

More than 100 years of documented clinical success in bone augmentation

Calcium sulfate (CS) features a unique position among all regenerative bone graft substitutes. With more than 100 years of documented clinical success, (Dreesmann 1892, Thomas and Puleo 2008) it has a longer history of clinical use than most currently available biomaterials.

CS is widely recognized as a well-tolerated bone regeneration material. It undergoes virtually complete resorption in vivo and has consistently been considered as highly biocompatible, osteoconductive, and easy to use (Boden, 1999 or more recently by Pietrzak and Ronk, 2000; Ricci et al., 2000; Tay et al., 1999; Thomas et al., 2005; Thomas and Puleo, 2008).

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**3D Bond™** and **Bond Apatite®** Optimized Application Profile for usage in dental and maxillofacial surgery

**3D Bond™** and **Bond Apatite®** represent the next generation of calcium sulfate-derived bone graft materials. They are self-reinforced graft cements based on the concept of using highly pure biphasic Calcium Sulfate (BCS). Using both phases of calcium sulfate (hemihydrate and dehydrate) in a defined granular formulation provides significant advantages, such as improved handling from the materials’ moldability as well as accelerated setting capabilities, even if blood and saliva are present. This also makes for easy and safe use in many typical dental indications.

**3D Bond™** is a graft binder cement made of pure biphasic calcium sulfate (BCS).

It is delivered in a syringe containing the granulated powder. After mixing with liquid, **3D Bond™** can be directly injected into the graft site, either as stand-alone graft or in a mixture with any bone substitute material.

**Better Application:** Moldable cement for facilitated and precise augmentation.

**Faster Regeneration:** Optimal graft characteristics for fast and complete vital bone formation.

**Proven & Safe:** Well-documented synthetic technology for optimal graft safety and biocompatibility.

**Bond Apatite®** is a bone graft cement combining **3D Bond™** with Hydroxyapatite granules.

The BCS matrix feature complete resorption between 4-10 weeks. The slow-resorbing hydroxyapatite granule matrix serves as longer range space maintainer for optimized volume control.

**Bond Apatite®** is delivered in a specially designed ready-to-use “All in One” syringe containing the granulated powder and physiological saline. Mixing the powder component with the liquid in the driver results in a viscous composite that is suitable for direct injection into the graft site.

The cement property of **Bond Apatite®** enables the entire graft placement and stabilization to be completed in less than one minute by the 3 short consecutive steps Place-Press-Close

**Indications**

**Biphasic CS technology as base for complete bone regeneration**

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Table 1: Appropriate indications for **3D Bond™** and **Bond Apatite®**

* Only recommended in relatively small sockets such as incisives and premolars.
** Recommended for sinus window closure.
*** For small to medium sinus cavities. In larger sinus cavities, it’s recommended to fill 2/3 of the sinus cavity with the clinician’s preferable granules and the last 1/3 can be filled with Bond Apatite.
**** Can be used as a coverage only for sinus window.
3D Bond™ and Bond Apatite® are self-reinforced graft binder cement and bone graft cement, respectively, based on the concept of using highly pure biphasic Calcium Sulfate (BCS).

After mixing the BCS derivate with sterile saline, an injectable putty/moldable cement is formed and 3 consecutive steps should be followed: **Place** - **Press** - **Close**. The putty can be easily applied and bond to the bone defect. Due to the cement-like consistency, the defect contouration can be accomplished very precisely.

After a short setting period the cement is hardens in situ to provide a 100% mechanically stable environment for facilitated membrane application (if required) and wound closure.

Due to the material composition, Bond Apatite® is designed as a stand-alone-bone graft material. The combination with an appropriate barrier membrane is optional and might be indicated, especially if high graft resorption is expeoted.

3D Bond™ can be mixed with any existing bone graft substitute to profit from both the BCS graft binder cement properties as well as from a certain resorption pattern of the individual bone graft substitute material.

The entire graft placement and stabilization is carried out by 3 short consecutive steps: **Place**-**Press**-**Close**

**Fig. 1**: "**Place**"-precise application of the cement to the defect resulting in a stable graft positioning.

**Fig. 2**: "**Press**"- after graft placement, pressing with a dry gauze generate a fast setting also in the presence of blood and saliva. After setting: perfect and stable graft positioning as prerequisite for recontouring the alveolar crest.

**Fig. 3**: "**Close**"- soft tissue closure can be done directly above the harden graft.

* (membrane coverage before soft tissue closure is optional).

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**Faster Regeneration**

**Optimal graft characteristics for fast and complete vital bone formation**

3D Bond™ and Bond Apatite® feature both micro- (0-10μm) and macroporous (50-500μm) structure paired with a high overall porosity of more than 40%. (Fig. 4)

These material characteristics are prerequisite for BCS’s excellent scaffolding characteristics needed for new bone formation. The micro-pores allow growth factors infiltration, and macro-pores allow osteoblasts infiltration and angiogenesis.

By that, BCS is differentiating significantly from many other synthetic graft materials that usually only barely contain a microporous system.

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**Fig. 4**: SEM of 3D Bond™ post-setting structure, composed of needle like crystals with a high micro- and macroporosity.

After implantation, CS binds to the adjacent bone (Coetzee 1980) and features a fast dissolution. It leaves behind calcium phosphate deposits that stimulate new bone growth accompanied by increased neoangiogenesis, both prerequisites for a 100% vital and well vascularized bone structure. (Ricci 2000, Strocchi 2002, Turri & Dahlin 2014). The rate of new bone formation for CS was shown to be much faster than for many kinds of typical bone graft substitute materials, regardless of their origin. (Turri & Dahlin 2014, Toloue 2012, Collins 2014).

In an animal trial (rabbit maxilla) Dahlin and Co-Workers histologically compared the dynamics of bone healing response between 3D Bond™ and deproteinized bovine bone mineral (DBBM) particles in a contained guided bone regeneration setting utilizing a membrane as barrier.

**Fig. 5**: The 3D Bond™ group showed significantly more bone regeneration at all three healing periods vs. The DBBM group. A total resorption of the BCS material was seen already at 2 weeks, while only minor resorption could be seen of the DBBM particles.
% New Bone Formation

Figure 5: Histological Examination of new bone formation at different healing periods.

![Graph showing % New Bone Formation](image)

Proven & Safe

Well-documented synthetic technology for optimal graft safety and biocompatibility

Based on a well-documented fully synthetic technology concept – Optimal graft safety and biocompatibility

The BCS products are based on highly pure medical grade calcium sulfate and represent a synthetic grafting concept without any risk of disease transmission.

After implantation, calcium sulfate is completely dissolved into its component elements naturally found in the body; this makes this bone graft material well tolerated and non-immunogenic. CS is used as bone substitute material in all medical disciplines for >100 years (Dreesman 1892), and no adverse reactions or failures to heal have been reported in the literature so far. (Thomas and Puleo 2008)

In an in vitro study, Payne et al. assessed the ability of cultured human gingival fibroblasts to migrate over various barrier materials in response to a chemotactic stimulus. The materials tested were ePTFE, poly(lactic acid) (PLLA), and CS. The cells were able to migrate further on CS than on the other materials tested. Scanning electron microscopic examination of the cells indicated that cellular morphology appeared normal on the CS substrate, whereas cells on ePTFE and polylactic acid barriers exhibited abnormal morphology and did not appear to be migrating.

Fibroblast Migration Distance (mm)

Figure 7: Fibroblast Migration on different synthetic biomaterials.

![Graph showing Fibroblast Migration Distance](image)

Human Histology 3 months post-Op

Figure 6: Histological Examination of new bone formation and remaining bone substitute 3 months after socket augmentation.

![Graph showing Human Histology 3 months post-Op](image)

In a comparative clinical trial Toloue determined whether calcium sulfate (CS) is as effective as freeze-dried bone allograft (FDBA) in preserving postextraction ridge dimensions and evaluated the amount of new bone formation and graft clearance through histologic analysis. (Toloue 2012)

Both materials showed similar ridge preservation capabilities 3 months after bone augmentation. Extraction sockets grafted with CS resulted in significantly more new bone formation and significantly less remaining bone graft particles.

![Graph showing New Bone Formation and Residual Graft Particles](image)
Clinical Evidence

Case 1: Augmentation of Extraction Socket with 3D Bond™

Inferior premolar socket, post extraction represent buccal plate deficiency

3D Bond™ cement is injected directly from its syringe into the site

The cement is hardened in place

Healthy soft tissue appearance can be seen 3 months post op

Reentry at 3 months post op reveal a impeccable vital bone formation

Clinical Evidence

Case 2: Ridge augmentation post-removal of 2 failed implants

3D Bond™ in place

Complete regeneration is achieved within 3 months post-op

3 months post-op, Micro CT and the histological slide represent a complete regeneration of the augmented site with 3D Bond™

Clinical Evidence

Case 3: Ridge Preservation with Bond Apatite®

Large bony defect after fractured molar removal

After ejecting the cement into the defect site and pressing it for 3 seconds, the cement bond to the bony walls, and hardened in situ providing 100% graft stability also in the presence of blood and saliva permitting the direct soft tissue closure above the graft without the need for using a barrier membrane.

3 months post op at the reentry procedure a 3 dimensional volume bone reconstruction can be seen while a new vital bone impressively replaced the grafted cement.
Clinical Evidence

Graft stabilization is obtained immediately after placement of Bond Apatite® cement.

The grafted cement was directly covered by primary soft tissue closure.

The histological slide reveals a large amount of the newly formed vital bone.

Clinical Evidence

Deformed crest with large bone deficiency can be seen after multiple extractions.

Graft stability was achieved instantly during the placement of Bond Apatite® cement.

The graft was covered directly and thoroughly by the soft tissue, using conventional primary soft tissue closure techniques.

4.5 months post-op during re-entry, the entire ridge reconstruction can be seen.

Implant in place within the reconstructed ridge.

Case 4: Fractured roots resulted in the destruction of the buccal plate

Case 5: Ridge reconstruction with Bond Apatite®

Technology

Biphasic Calcium Sulfate as 2nd generation technological breakthrough in the long history of CS bone regeneration

The first documented use of CS as augmentation material dates back to 1892 reported by Dreesmann to obliterate bone cavities caused by tuberculosis (reviewed by Peltier, 1961; Peltier and Speer, 1981).

Since then, researchers and clinicians have continued to explore the effectiveness of the material in various applications. The long clinical history as an augmentation material was reported and published in thousands of scientific articles during 120 years of research, not only in dental and maxillofacial applications (Coetzee, 1980), furthermore in orthopedic, plastic surgery, oncology, revision arthroplasty and spinal arthrodeses (Bucholz, 2002).

The raw material, medical grade calcium sulfate is clinically used in 2 different forms differing in their individual (crystal) water content: (Anusavice 2003)

a) Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CaSO₄ · ½ H₂O), also known as "Plaster of Paris"

b) Calcium sulfate dihydrate (CaSO₄ · 2 H₂O), also known as Gypsum

When the CS-hemihydrate is mixed with water, it forms a moldable paste (cement) that sets after a certain time interval. By that, the other CS form, the respective dihydrate is formed:

CaSO₄ · ½H₂O + 1½H₂O --> CaSO₄ · 2H₂O

The complete setting process of CS Hemihydrate needs approx. 20 min and is controlled by the formation and growth of CS dihydrate crystals. In an in vivo scenario, proteins and other biological macromolecules may further retard the setting time to up to 200 min. This is impeding the application procedure as well as the clinical performance for a typical dental application significantly. (Ricci 2000)

Although Orsini and co-workers have shown that there are no difference in the bone healing pattern between preset CS dihydrate granules and moldable CS-hemihydrate cement.(Orsini 2004), by using preset CS dihydrate the surgeon loses advantageous handling properties of the moldable cement derivative.

By making use of the biphasic calcium sulfate concept in 3D Bond™ the previous setting issues can be solved: The CS hemihydrate component is controlling the cement consistency and moldability characteristics. The dihydrate component is regulating the setting properties. Using this formulation, the setting process can be reduced from about 20 minutes to 3 minutes, also under in vivo conditions in presence of blood and saliva.

The key performance criteria of CS-derived graft materials that was shown in numerous studies is the fast and effective vital bone formation as a result of the rapid dissolution in vivo. (Thomas and Puleo 2008, Toloue, Dahlin) These characteristics provoke advantageous clinical results in small and well-contained bony defects like extraction socket filling. (Toloue, Guarnieri)
Bond Apatite<sup>®</sup> is composed of biphasic calcium sulfate and synthetic hydroxyapatite granules. With this formulation, the concept of a graft cement can be successfully applied for a wider range of indications.

The BCS affects an injectable graft cement and features fast resorption and new bone formation. The hydroxyapatite granules provide a slow-resorbing osteoconductive scaffold to preserve the augmented volume also over a longer time period.

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