In situ studies of NiTi and NiTiCu orthodontic wires

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ABSTRACT

In this study, a class of NiTiCu orthodontic wires thermal activated was analyzed. This wire (CuNiTi Thermocopper NiTi - 35°C/Morelli) has 6%Cu. Microstructural characterization of the wire was performed using Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), in situ synchrotronbased x-ray diffraction (SXRD) and three-point bend test was performed by TMA analysis in the temperature range (5 to 40 °C). This study provided a better understanding of the behavior of these wires.

EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

DSC

CuNiTi Orthodontic Wire -Thermocooper - 35°C Morelli - 0.4 x 0.55mm



3-Point Flexion Test





Time (min)



Phase Transformation Temperatures.

Shynchrotron XRD



P07 High-Energy Materials Science (HEMS) of Petra III/DESY, Wavelength: 0.124 Å (98 keV) beam spot $200 \times 200 \ \mu\text{m}^2$ Samples scanned along the length of the wire 2D detector Mar345, at 1.5 m from the sample. Raw 2D images treated using Fit2D program by integration from 0° to 360° (azimuthal angle).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION











Tensile Test









CONCLUSIONS

 \checkmark Af temperature is close 35°C. So, it is a suitable process in view of orthodontic application. \checkmark In Synchrotron XRD results it is possible to observe the different phases that occur during the tensile test. \checkmark It is possible to observe the precipitates TiCu and Ni₄Ti₃.

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