

# Orthodontic wires of Ni-Cr and Ni-Ti alloys and its corrosion resistance in the absence and presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet 500mg in artificial saliva

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## ABSTRACT

Orthodontic wires of Ni-Cr and Ni-Ti alloys and its corrosion resistance in the absence and presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet 500mg in artificial saliva has been evaluated by electrochemical study such as AC impedance spectroscopy. This electrochemical study has been used to investigate the corrosion behaviour of these alloys. The analysis of the protective film formed on the metal surface was done using AC impedance spectra. In presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet in Artificial saliva, the corrosion resistance of Ni-Ti alloy is increases and Ni-Cr alloy is decreases. This is Evidenced by increases of Charge transfer resistance ( $R_{ct}$ ), decreases of double layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) in Ni-Ti alloy and decreases of Charge transfer resistance ( $R_{ct}$ ), increases of double layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) in Ni-Cr alloy. The high corrosion resistance of Ni-Ti alloy is due to the formation of a protective film on the metal surface. This protective film confirmed that the active principles of the tablet ingredients have coordinated with the Ni-Ti metal ions through their polar atoms to form a complex. The low corrosion resistance of Ni-Cr alloy is due to the absence of the protective film on the metal surface. Hence these electro chemical studies conclude that people clipped with orthodontic wire made of Ni-Ti alloy can take Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride (500mg) tablet orally without any hesitation. But in the case of Ni-Cr alloy, People should avoid taking Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet orally while they are clipping the orthodontic wire made of Ni-Cr alloy.

**Keyword :** Corrosion resistance, AC impedance spectra, orthodontic wire, Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride, Ni-Cr and Ni-Ti alloys.

## 1. INTRODUCTON

On the dental market there are a variety of dental alloys used in dentistry for manufacturing of fixed and removable prostheses. In the oral cavity, these structures are exposed to a chemically adverse environment, with saliva being the most corrosive agent, due to the high concentration of chloride ions that are causing

localized corrosion. One of the most important factors determining the use of a metal alloy for making prosthesis is its resistance to corrosion [1,2]. Non-precious metal alloys are being used due to their low cost and adequate mechanical properties. In the '60s, basic alloys such as nickel-chromium were developed. These alloys are basically composed of Ni (68% to 80%) and Cr (12% to 27%) [3], Chromium enhances the resistance of nickel to oxidizing acids by encouraging the formation of passive films [4]. Nitinol is regarded as alloy with excellent corrosion resistant, but its corrosion and electrochemical behaviour requires careful examination. The excellent corrosion of NiTi results from the formation resistance of very stable, continuous adherent and protective oxide film on its surface [5]. As titanium has high affinity for oxygen, TiO<sub>2</sub> based oxides form spontaneously by exposing the fresh metal surface to the air or moisture. Various types of metal alloys are being used for the orthodontic treatment, which undergo chemical or electrochemical reaction with the oral environment. The oral environment is highly aggressive under several situations and leads to corrosion. various metals and alloys such as Ti-Co alloy [6], Ti<sub>30</sub>Ta alloy [7], Ti-6Al-4V alloy [8], Ti-6Al-7Nb alloy [9], Co-Cr alloy [10-14], CP-Ti and Ni-Cr-Ti alloy [15], Co-Cr-Mo alloy [16,17], Ni-Cr alloy [14,18,19], Ti- Cu [20], Ti-20Zr alloy [21], Ti<sub>12</sub>Mo and Ti<sub>60</sub>Ta [22], Ni-Ti shape memory alloy and stainless steel wire [23], and Ti-Mo [24] were used for many studies. The present work is undertaken to study the Orthodontic wires of Ni-Cr and Ni-Ti alloys and its corrosion resistance in the absence and presence of ciprofloxacin tablet 500mg in artificial saliva has been evaluated by electrochemical study such as AC impedance Spectra,

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Orthodontic wire made of Ni-Cr and Ni-Ti alloys were chosen for present study. The composition of Ni-Cr alloy is Ni(75%), Fe(12%), Cr(11%), Mn(2%). And the composition Ni-Ti alloy is Ni(49.16%) and Ti(49.75%). The metal specimens were immersed in Fusayama Meyer Artificial Saliva (AS) (Kinani, 2007) containing Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet system, The composition of Artificial Saliva (AS) was KCl (0.4g/l), NaCl (0.4g/l), CaCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.906g/l), NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.690g/l), Na<sub>2</sub>S.9H<sub>2</sub>O (0.005g/l) Urea(1g/l). The ingredients of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet is Ciprofloxacin (500mg), Tinidazole (600mg).

### 2.1. AC Impedance spectra

The measure of the ability of a circuit to resist the flow of electrical current is known as impedance. By applying an AC potential to an electrochemical cell and then measuring the current through the cell, the electrochemical impedance is usually measured using a small excitation signal. The instrument used for the polarization study was also used to record AC impedance spectra. The cell setup was also the same. The real part ( $Z'$ ) and imaginary part ( $Z''$ ) of the cell impedance were measured in Ohms at various frequencies. Values of the charge transfer resistance ( $R_t$ ) and double layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) were calculated from the Nyquist plot and the impedance;  $\log(z/\text{Ohm})$  value was calculated from Bode plots. During AC, impedance

spectra were recorded: the scan rate (V/s) was 0.005; hold time at  $E_f$ (s) was zero and quite time (s) was 2. The value of charge transfer resistance ( $R_t$ ) and double layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) were calculated from Nyquist plot.

### 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1. AC Impedance spectra

AC impedance parameters such as charge transfer resistance ( $R_t$ ), double layer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) (derived from Nyquist plots), and impedance value  $\log(z/\text{ohm})$  (derived from Bode plots) of various metals immersed in artificial saliva and artificial saliva containing Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet are given in Table 1. Nyquist plots are shown in Figures 1,2 and 5. Bode plots in Figures 3,4,6 and 7.

**Table 1:** Corrosion parameters of metals immersed in Artificial Saliva (AS) in the absence and presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet 500 mg obtained by AC impedance Spectra.

Metal	System	Nyquist plot		Bode plot
		$R_t$ ohm cm <sup>2</sup>	$C_{dl}$ F/cm <sup>2</sup>	Impedance $\log(z/\text{ohm})$
Ni-Cr alloy	Artificial Saliva (AS)	8761.7	$5.82 \times 10^{-10}$	4.102
	Artificial Saliva + Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride	3795	$1.34 \times 10^{-9}$	3.236
Ni-Ti alloy	Artificial Saliva (AS)	13547	$3.76 \times 10^{-10}$	4.397
	Artificial Saliva + Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride	22805	$2.23 \times 10^{-10}$	4.586

#### Ni-Cr alloy

The AC impedance spectra of Ni-Cr alloy was immersed in Artificial Saliva (AS), The charge transfer resistance was 8761.7ohm cm<sup>2</sup> (Figure 1) the double layer Capacitance was  $5.82 \times 10^{-10}$ F/cm<sup>2</sup>. The impedance value  $[(\log(z/\text{ohm}))]$  was 4.102. In presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet (Figure 2),  $R_t$  value decreased from 8761.7 to 3795 ohm cm<sup>2</sup> and  $C_{dl}$  value increased from  $5.82 \times 10^{-10}$  to  $1.34 \times 10^{-9}$  F/0.00785 cm<sup>2</sup>. There was decreased in the value of impedance  $[(\log(z/\text{ohm}))]$  from 4.102 to 3.236 (Figure 3 and 4). These observation indicates that in the presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet in artificial saliva, the corrosion rate of Ni-Cr alloy was increased, due to the absence of the protective film on the metal surface. Because of the absence of protective film on the metal surface, the electron transfer from the metal surface to the bulk of the solution was not restricted [25]. This results in decrease of charge transfer resistance and increase in double layer capacitance, since they are related to each other inversely. Hence people clipped with orthodontic wire made of Ni-Cr alloy should avoid taking Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet orally.



Figure 1

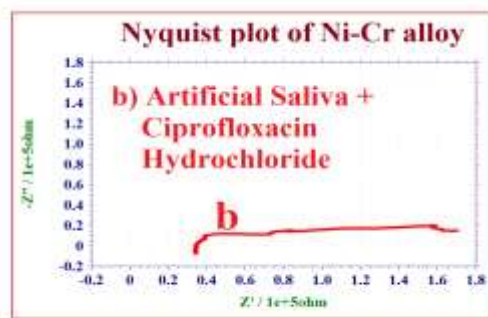


Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

**Figure 1.** AC impedance spectra (Nyquist plot) of Ni-Cr alloy immersed in various test solutions.

a) Artificial Saliva (AS)

**Figure 2.** AC impedance spectra (Nyquist plot) of Ni-Cr alloy immersed in various test solutions.

b) Artificial Saliva (AS) + Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride

**Figure 3.** AC impedance spectra (Bode plot) of Ni-Cr alloy immersed in various test solutions.

a) Artificial Saliva (AS)

**Figure 4.** AC impedance spectra (Bode plot) of Ni-Cr alloy immersed in various test solutions.

b) Artificial Saliva (AS) + Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride

### Ni-Ti alloy

The AC impedance spectra of Ni-Ti alloy was immersed in Artificial Saliva, The charge transfer resistance was  $13547 \text{ ohm cm}^2$  (Figure 5) the double layer Capacitance was  $3.76 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F/cm}^2$ . The impedance value  $[(\log(z/\text{ohm}))]$  was 4.397. When these values are compared with the values of Ni-Cr alloy, it was observed that Ni-Cr alloy was less corrosion resistant (in artificial saliva) than Ni-Ti alloy. That is the protective film formed on the metal (Ni-Cr) surface was less stable and easily disrupted by the ions present in Artificial Saliva. The AC impedance spectra of Ni-Ti alloy was immersed in Artificial Saliva containing Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet, the  $R_t$  value increased from 13547 to  $22805 \text{ ohm cm}^2$  and  $C_{dl}$  value decreased from  $3.76 \times 10^{-10}$  to  $2.23 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^2$ . There was increased in the value of impedance  $[(\log(z/\text{ohm}))]$  from 4.397 to 4.586 (Figure 6 and 7). It was inferred that a protective film formed on the metal surface in the presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet. It prevents the corrosion of metal in artificial saliva [26]. It was interesting to note that in the presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet, the corrosion rate of Ni-Ti alloy in artificial saliva decreased. Hence people clipped with orthodontic wire made of Ni-Ti alloy can take Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet orally without any hesitation.



**Figure 5.** AC impedance spectra (Nyquist plot) of Ni-Ti alloy immersed in various test solutions.

a) Artificial Saliva (AS) b) Artificial Saliva (AS)+ Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride

**Figure 6.** AC impedance spectra (Bode plot) of Ni-Ti alloy immersed in various test solutions.

a) Artificial Saliva (AS)

**Figure 7.** AC impedance spectra (Bode plot) of Ni-Ti alloy immersed in various test solutions.

b) Artificial Saliva (AS) + Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride

#### 4. CONCLUSION

From the electro chemical study of AC impedance spectra concluded that, In presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet in Artificial Saliva, the corrosion resistance of Ni-Cr alloy decreases. Hence, it is advised that people clipped with orthodontic wire made of Ni-Cr alloy should avoid taking Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet (500mg) orally. But in the case of Ni-Ti alloy, in presence of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet in Artificial Saliva, the corrosion resistance of Ni-Ti alloy increases. Hence, it is recommended that people clipped with orthodontic wire made of Ni-Ti alloy can take Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride tablet (500mg) orally without any hesitation. When compared to these two orthodontic wires (Ni-Cr and Ni-Ti) Ni-Ti is the best candidate. So, dentists can recommend this tablet to their patients while they are clipping with orthodontic wire made of Ni-Ti alloy on their teeth.

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