

## Torsional Resistance and Cyclic Fatigue Life of a New Single-File Reciprocating Instrument Wave One Gold

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**Abstract:** The present study aimed to evaluate the bending resistance and cyclic fatigue fracture resistance of a new single-file reciprocating instrument called WaveOne Gold. WaveOne instruments were used as references for comparison. 28files, 25-mm NiTi instruments (WaveOne Primary and WaveOne Gold Primary) were tested. Flexibility was determined by applying 45° bending tests using a universal testing machine (n=10). A custom-made device was used during cyclic fatigue test (n=10), comprising a stainless steel artificial canal measuring 1.4 mm in diameter, 19 mm in total length with an 86° angle and 6 mm radius of curvature. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way analysis of variance. Post hoc pair-wise comparisons were performed using Tukey's test for multiple comparisons (P<0.05). Waveone gold resulted in significantly higher torsional resistance when compared with the corresponding Waveone primary file system (P<0.05) Waveone resulted in significantly higher cyclic fatigue resistance when compared with the corresponding Waveone gold primary file system (P<0.05). The cyclic fatigue resistance of Waveone file system was better than of the Waveone gold file system. On other hand the torsional resistance of Waveone gold better than of the Waveone files system.

**Keywords:** Bending resistance; cyclic fatigue; NiTi alloy; WaveOne Gold.

### INTRODUCTION

NiTi alloy has special characteristics of superelasticity and shape memory. Superelasticity is the ability of the material to deform reversibly to very high strains of ~ 8% and recover the original pre-deformed shape spontaneously upon unloading.

External stresses convert the austenitic crystalline form of NiTi into a martensitic crystalline structure that can accommodate greater stress without increasing the strain. On release of the stress, the structure returns back to austenite, recovering its original shape in the process. Therefore superelasticity occurs in association with reversible phase transformation between austenite and martensite [1].

Despite the numerous advantages of nickel-titanium (NiTi) rotary instruments, these instruments present a risk of fracture when used in curved canals, which could compromise the prognosis of root canal treatment [2]. Different alloys and variations in cross-sectional designs have been suggested to increase the resistance to fatigue fracture and flexibility of these instruments [3, 4].

Additionally, reciprocating motion kinematics has also been demonstrated to extend the lifespan of a NiTi instrument and its resistance to cyclic fatigue in comparison with continuous rotation movement [3, 5, 6]. In this kinematics, the instruments travel a shorter

angular distance compared to in conventional rotary kinematics, which are subject to lower stress values, thus rendering an extended fatigue fracture resistance [5, 6]. The thermal treatment of NiTi alloys has been successfully used to improve the mechanical properties of endodontic instruments [7-9] conventional NiTi files are in the austenite phase during clinical use, whereas CM files are mainly in the martensite phase. This phenomenon is termed shape memory. A sequence of thermomechanical processing procedures has been developed with the objective of producing superelastic NiTi wires. That contains the considerably stable martensite phase under clinical conditions. Improvements in these areas of material management have led to the development of the next-generation endodontic instruments. M-Wire (Dentsply Tulsa Dental Specialties) was introduced in 2007 and is produced by applying a series of heat treatments to NiTi wires. Whilst conventional superelastic NiTi has an austenite structure, M-wire is a mixture of nearly equal amounts of R-phase and austenite [10, 11]. M-wire NiTi contains considerable amounts of martensite that does not undergo phase transformation resulting in a

metallurgical microstructure that exhibits alloy strengthening [10] WaveOne (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland) are the main commercially available single-file systems for root canal preparation using reciprocating motion

Recently, a new reciprocating system was launched in the endodontic market, namely WaveOne Gold (Dentsply Maillefer). According to the manufacturer, WaveOne Gold offers the simplicity of the WaveOne system, but with additional advantages, specifically it is fabricated with NiTi and underwent repeated heat-treatment and cooling to improve the file's flexibility and strength, allowing a broader range of canal morphologies to be shaped more safely and efficiently. Moreover, the cross-section in WaveOne Gold has been improved from the triangular shape of its precursor to a parallelogram design that gives one or two cutting edges depending on the location along the file. According to the manufacturer, this new design minimizes the screwing effect and reduces the torque. However, up to now, no study has yet been done to evaluate the cyclic fatigue fracture resistance and the bending resistance of WaveOne Gold. Therefore, the aim of the present study was to evaluate and compare the cyclic fatigue fracture resistance and bending resistance of WaveOne Primary and WaveOne Gold Primary instruments. The null hypotheses tested were as follows:

- That there are no differences in the cyclic fatigue fracture resistance among the instruments;
- That there are no differences in the bending resistance among the instruments.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

A sample size of (28 files, 14 file for each group) NiTi instruments for use under reciprocation movement [Reciproc (WaveOne (25/0.08) (Dentsply Maillefer) and WaveOne Gold (25/0.07) (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland)] was tested. For reliability and standardization of the study, all the NiTi instruments were examined for defects and deformities under a dental operating microscope (Global Surgical, St. Louis, Missouri) for any signs of visible deformation.

### Torsional resistance

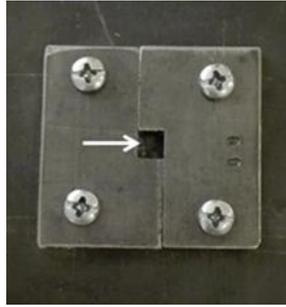
The test was done by using an experimental design described by Park *et al.*, [12] and Yum *et al.*,

[13]. Custom made metal block with a cubical hole (5 mm × 5 mm × 5 mm).

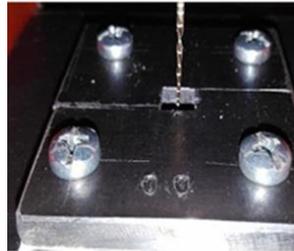
Five mm of the tip of each file was securely held in place by filling a thin layer of flowable composite (Filtek Z350XT; 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) followed with increments of a hybrid resin composite (Filtek Z250XT; 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) and cured with Curing Light (Welkang Ltd, London, UK) for 20 seconds. Uniform torsional stresses (300 rpm, 2.0 Ncm) were applied repetitively using an X-Smart plus Motor until the files submitted to torsional failure. This test was conducted until the tip of each specimen underwent an elastic displacement of 45°. The force values were acquired in the 45° position. (Figure.1). The time to failure was recorded in Seconds [14].

### Cyclic Fatigue Resistance Test

Custom made copper was used to test the cyclic fatigue resistance similar to that described by Gambarini [4] and Lee *et al.*, [15]. The mold was constructed by using a wax duplication of K file size 70. The file was precurved using the method that introduced by Schneider. To determine the degree of file curvature a line was drawn parallel to the long axis of the file and a second line was drawn from tip of the file to intersect with the first line. The acute angle formed was the degree of file curvature (60°) [16]. Then, the file was heated and inserted in a wax block. When after the file was cooled the file was removed from the wax block keeping space with the same shape of the predetermined angled file. The wax duplicate was casted with a copper to produce the final mold. Seven files from each system (n = 7). Each file was tested in the previously described artificial canal made of tempered Copper. Using X-Smart Plus Motor (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland), files were used in reciprocative mode. The artificial canal wall was flooded with synthetic oil (HAMA- Oil Spray; Topdental Ltd, UK) before each file insertion to reduce friction of file and artificial canal walls when it contacted [17]. The canals were covered with glass to avoid the files from slipping out the artificial canal [18]. The files were reciprocated until fracture occurred. The time to failure was recorded. Recording of time stopped as fracture detected visually and/or audibly. The number of cycles to failure (NCF) for each file calculated by multiplying the time (seconds) to failure by the rotational speed (Figure 1-6) [17].



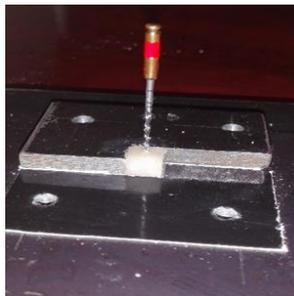
**Fig-1:** a custom made metal block with cubical hole



**Fig-2:** Fixing the file in the center of cubical hole



**Fig3:** Placing flowable composite in flutes of the file



**Fig-4:** Side view of the file fixed in composite resin cube inside the custom made mold.



**Fig-5:** Composite cube after finishing with fixed file (attached)



**Fig-6: Using X-Smart plus Motor (300 rpm, 2.0 Ncm) to rotate the file until failure occur**

**RESULTS**

The data were analyzed by using independent samples test with the aid of the SPSS program in version 24 (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences, Chicago, USA). The normality of the data distribution and the homogeneity of variances were tested Levene's

tests. The statistical significance level was established at  $P < 0.05$ .

The mean and standard deviations of the torsional for each system are presented in Table-1. Waveone gold resulted in significantly higher torsional resistance when compared with the corresponding Waveone primary file system.

**Table-1: Mean time to Torsional Resistance Test of waveone and waveone gold systems.**

Torsional Resistance Test	Mean $\pm$ SD (Time in Sec.)	P-value	Mean Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
				Lower	Upper
WaveOne	1.09 $\pm$ 0.04	0.000*	-0.470	-0.554	-0.386
WaveOne gold	1.56 $\pm$ 0.08				

On the other hand Waveone resulted in significantly higher cyclic fatigue resistance when compared with the corresponding Waveone gold

primary file system. The mean and standard deviations of the cyclic fatigue resistance for each system are presented in Table-2.

**Table-2: Mean (NCF) to Cyclic fatigue Resistance Test of different types**

Cyclic fatigue Resistance Test	Mean $\pm$ SD (NCF)	P-value	Mean Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
				Lower	Upper
WaveOne	1051.8 $\pm$ 114.1	0.042*	169.4	3.6	335.2
WaveOne gold	882.4 $\pm$ 135.0				



**Fig-7: WaveOne apical cross section, modified convex triangular**



**Fig-8: WaveOne coronal cross section, convex triangular**

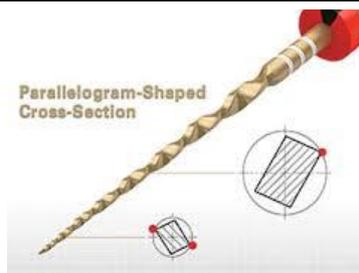


Fig-9: WaveOne gold cross section, parallelogram

## DISCUSSION

Although shaping root canal with single file exposing the file to high level of stress therefore cyclic and torsional fatigues can happen [19]. It was suggested that the files, which fractured during clinical use, mainly fracture because of cyclic fatigue and/or torsional stress [8]. Manufacturers aim to improve the cyclic fatigue resistance and torsional stress of NiTi rotary files by changing its metallurgy, design, heat treatment, cross-sectional shape, helical angle, and dimensions [20]. The aim of present study was to compare the torsional stress of WaveOne Gold with WaveOne systems, in addition to their cyclic fatigue resistances. Many important factors can influence laboratory studies on comparing the cyclic and torsional fatigue resistance of files which are material characteristics and designs that might have effect on the results [21]. Yao *et al.*, have reported that the disadvantage of using the extracted teeth is the difficulty for replicating the clinical conditions of ensuring the standardization that may affect the results [22]. For this reason, standard artificial canals made of copper were laboring in the present study. According to the results of the present study, WaveOne Gold endodontic file was found to be statistically significantly more resistant to torsional stress than WaveOne file. While as this result was vice versa when compared to their cyclic fatigue. For this reason, the null hypothesis of the present study was rejected, since WaveOne file was significantly better than WaveOne Gold in relation to cyclic fatigue (Table-1 & 2). WaveOne Gold has been introduced by the manufacturer company as an update to WaveOne (WO, Dentsply Maillefer) file. The reciprocation movement of the file was maintained, while the cross section, dimensions, and geometry were different. The cross section of the file was changed to the parallelogram design containing 2 cutting edges while Waveone files have a modified convex triangular crosssectional design. The Waveone gold files are manufactured with the heat-treatment procedure for gold alloy. On the contrary to M-Wire technology, the heat-treatment for gold alloy uses the method of heating and then slowly cooling the file. Some previous studies decided that the cross section had effect on the cyclic fatigue resistance [23, 24]. It is possible that the design and cross-sectional and taper difference between file systems, might result in increased cyclic fatigue resistance of Waveone files (Figure 7-9) [25].

There are number of studies investigating the cyclic fatigue resistance of Waveone gold files in the literature [26-30, 20]. According to the results of the present study, the fatigue life of Waveone gold was found to be shorter than waveone, On the contrary with these results [26], have determined the cyclic fatigue resistance of the WaveOne Gold Primary single-file system was higher than the WaveOne Primary single-file instruments [26, 20]. This me be due to difference in the material and diameter of artificial canal.

There was no study that compares the torsional resistance of Waveone and waveone gold systems in the literature. For this reason, the results of the present study cannot be directly compared to those of other studies.

## CONCLUSION

Within limitation of this study the cyclic fatigue resistance of Waveone file system was better than of the Waveone gold file system. On other hand the torsional resistance of Waveone gold better than of the Waveone files system.

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