Enamel, cementum

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Enamel

(enamelum, enamel, email, substantia adamantina, s. vitrea)

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- Tissue covering tooth crowns
- Ectodermal origin
- Hardest tissue (fragile) in the vertebrates bodies
- Acelular

Thickness:Permanent dentition	+- 2,5 mn
Primary dentition	+- 1,3 mn
Tooth neck	+- 0,1 mn

Physical properties

- Refractive index: 1,62; density: 2,9 g.cm⁻³,
- Mohs scale hardness 5
- Translucent, color white shades depends on thickness and mineralization degree

Grey-white – occlusion sides

White – middle part of crown

Yellowish – near the neck (dentin bellow)

High resistence to abrasion

- Denser, harder and less porous in the surface (aprismatic)
- Hardness is decreasing towards DEJ (dentino-enamel junction) and from top of crown towards the neck



Chemical composition



Microscopis structure

Complicated and species-specific inner structure

Enamel prisms (prisms and interprismatic substance), +-1 µm wide

Direction: from DEJ up to the surface, approx. 8,5 milions (incisivi)







Prisms ultrastructure

Consists of longitudinal arranged crystals of hydroxyapatite, inserted into proteinous matrix (amelogenins, non-amelogenins) Interprizmatic substance structure is the same, but crystals are laid down under different angle



Enamel decussation pattern (rodents)

- Very precise and homogeneous organization of enamel microstructure
- Little differences within different species
- Fundamental mechanisms controlling decussation pattern formation are evolutionary conserved



Heterosminthus gansus (late Miocene) Wood Mouse (Apodemus sylvaticus)

Mus musculus













External characteristics of enamel





External characteristics of enamel

Striae of Retzius

Perikymata

Hunter - Schreger bands

Neonatal line

Enamel tuffs



Hunter - Schreger bands

- Consequence of changes in the direction of prisms
- The course of enamel prisms changes in all directions, especially in premolars and molars.
- Optically, they appear as alternating lighter and darker bands



Course of Hunter-Schreger bands (HSB) on: the buccal side of M 2 from Ursus spelaeus (A), the buccal side of P 4 from Felis catus (B), the U. wenzensis M 2 viewed from the lingual and occlusal side (C) and the buccal side of M 1 from U. wenzensis. *Nowakowski et al., 2010*



Lynch et al., British dental journal, 2010

Incremental enamel bands

The enamel grows periodically: the influence of circadian rhythms

Manifestation of periodic activity of ameloblasts or joint mineralization of a larger number of daily incremental lines

Based on the incremental lines, we distinguish the characteristic types of incremental bands

a) Daily incremental lines

- Cause prisms cross-striation, very thin (2,5 6 μm)
- Circardial rhytms influenced
- Alternation of the phase of intense secretion with the resting phase

b) Stripes of Retzius (Retzium lines; enamel striae)

- Can be observed under optical microscope on ground sections (25-35 μm)
- From DEJ to enamel surface
- Forms perikymata

c) Neonatal line

- A distinctive stripe of less mineralized enamel
- In primary dentition and M1
- It belongs to the Retzius line
- Due to abrupt change in nutrition at birth



Daily (circadian) growth lines, or cross-striations (short arrows) are observed between adjacent long-period (multidien) striae of Retzius (long arrows)

Daily incremental lines

Striae of Retzius may be seen to course across the horizontal field of view. The number of crossstriations between adjacent striae of Retzius is termed the "repeat period" (RP).

(Timothy G. Bromage et al., 2015, American Journal of Physical Anthropology; Hard Tissue Biology, Metabolomics, and Life History)



Daily incremental lines

Swine enamel circadian and multidien rhythms. Dark banding across the horizontal field are striae of Retzius (long arrows), while 5 daily events may be seen between adjacent striae (short arrows)

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Aprismatic enamel

- 20-70 um wide layer on the surface of crown enamel
- Harder and more mineralized. Contains more fluoride
- Is formed just before the end of ameloblasts aktivity
- Hydroxyapatite crystals are hightly packed and perpendicular to enamel surface









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DEJ (Dentino-Enamel Junction)

- The **boundary between the enamel and the dentin**, forms the **functional connection** of these two hard tissues
- Developmentally, it is located at the site of the (disintegrated) basal membrane of ameloblasts
- It has wavy structure
- Multiple small holes where enamel prisms bundles are connected



Cuticula dentis (Nasmyth's membrane)

- Covers a newly erupted tooth, after eruption its remnants can only be seen near the tooth neck
- A thin cuticular structure remains of the enamel organ
- Formed by proteins and polysaccharides
- 1 um wide, remains on the surface of primary dentition nearby the neck





Enamel spindles (fuzus enameli)

Up to 100 um prolongation of dentin tubules into enamel

Cementum-enamel border

3 types:

Cementum overlap over enamel **15 %** (60 %)





with gap **33 %** (10 %)

Enamel regeneration



Enamel reparation

Remineralization of damaged enamel by the action of saliva

Enamel do NOT regenerate! Ameloblasts became apoptotic during eruption

Enamel hypoplasia

Enamel is soft and fragile Etiology:

- Ameloblasts damage and/or premature end of their function
- Genetical disorders (amelogenesis imperfecta)
- Longterm increase of fluorides income (5x higher increase of fluorides in drinking water)
- Tetracykline antibiotics incorporation into enamel during calcification
- High fevers





Age related changes in enamel

- Abrasion in more advanced stages, dentin exposure may occur
- **Change of chemical composition** increasing the content of fluorides, reducing of the water and organic compounds
- **Change in enamel pigmentation -** incorporation of organic material into the enamel, dentin thickening and darkening
- **Permeability changes** decreases with age, crystals grow during life and the pores between them shrink





Cementum

(cementum, substantia petrosa)



Cementum

- Hard, bone-like tissue covering the root of the tooth
- Yellowish color
- Avascular tissue
- **Does NOT rebuild** (in contrast to bone)
- Can be resorbed by cementoclasts during the tooth replacement
- It is continuously deposited by new layers formation. Growth related to **circardial rhytms** incremental lines.
- Development from ectomesenchyme

Composed of:

• Cellular part

• ECM





Sharpey fibers

- Collagen fibers (especially collagen 1) of periodontal ligaments, which are immersed on the one side in cementum and on the other side in the periosteum of alveolar bone
- It forms a functional attachment of the tooth in the alveolus
- They run all the way to acellular cementum, where they are fully mineralized



Microscopic anatomy



Cementum matrix

Collagen fibres and calcified amorphous mass Collagen fibres run in bundles (orientation is determined by the forces on teeth)

Cementum is divided by origin into:

Primary (acellular)

Does not contain cementocytes In the range of the entire tooth root Directly connected to the dentine Thickness: **10 to 200 µm**

Secondary (cellular)

Contains cementocytes Especially on dental apexes Grows **up to 500 µm thick**







Cementum hyperplasia (hypercementosis)

Abnormal cement thickening Occurs either in single tooth/teeth or in a whole dentition (Paget's disease) The most frequent cause of hypercementosis is long-term and excessive tooth load Cementicles – in PDL

FIGURE 1 - Morphological types of hypercementosis: In (A) the root is normal; in (B) diffuse hypercementosis, when the root assumes a club shape. In (C) focal or localized hypercementosis, which is restricted to an isolated root surface; in (D) hypercementosis in the shape of a shirt sleeve cuff, which does not involve the most apical part and occurs on the periphery, as result of chronic periapical lesion (Source: Pinheiro²⁵).











FIGURE 14-12 Hypercementosis at the root apices due to traumatic occlusal forces on mandibular molar teeth. A: Microscopic view with dentin (*D*), cementum (*C*), and radicular pulp tissue (*P*). B: Radiograph. (*A courtesy of James McIntosh, PhD, Assistant Professor Emeritus, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, TX.*)



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