

# Evaluation and Characterization of some Properties of Glass Ionomer Cement Reinforced by Novel Boron Nitride Nanoplatelets

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## Abstract

**Purpose:** This study characterized and incorporated a novel Boron Nitride Nanoplatelet (BNNP) into conventional cement known as Glass Ionomer Cement (GIC) with changed ratios (range from 1%, 3%, 5%, and 7%wt) Subsequently.

**Materials and Methods:** The study examined the impact of adding BNNP on the mechanical characteristics of GIC, including its Flexural Strength (FS), Diametral Tensile Strength (DTS), water sorption/solubility, and setting times. The BNNP was characterized using Physio-Chemical Characterization, and Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) testing, and density was also measured. In addition to showing considerably greater DTS ( $16.34 \pm 1.26$ MPa) and FS ( $24.037 \pm 0.816$  MPa), the results showed that 3% wt. BNNP-modified GIC specimens decreased in water sorption/solubility  $19.358 \pm 2.40$  and  $2.979 \pm 0.65$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^3$ , respectively, compared with traditional GIC.

**Results:** In this work, a novel BNNP containing GIC was created, resulting in a 15% reduction in water sorption. When compared to commercial GIC, the demonstrated GIC can quadruple the DTS and FS.

**Conclusion:** For water-based cement types, the glass-ionomer formulations including BNNP exhibit equivalent and acceptable working qualities.

**Keywords:** Boron Nitride Nanoplatelets; Glass Ionomer Cement; Flexural Strength; Diametral Tensile Strength; Physical Properties; Water Sorption.