

Dr Vasudev Ballal

Dr. Ballal graduated with a bachelor degree of Dentistry from the SDM College of Dental Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka, India and Master's degree in the specialty of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics from Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka, India.

He then acquired PhD degree, in Endodontics from Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal, India. He has also completed certificate course in "Bioethics" from Manipal Academy of Higher Education. Currently, he upholds the position of Professor in the specialty of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. He has created new vistas by collaboration with several renowned international universities and have conducted more than 45 projects. His expertise in the field has authorized him to hold the post of an editorial board member of 23 international and national journals.

He is the reviewer of 82 international journals and 5 national journals. He upholds the position of associate editor of BMC Oral Health, Endodontology and Journal of Conservative Dentistry. He is the only Indian who received the best reviewer award out of top 10 percentile in the world by American Association of Endodontists and Elsevier publishers in 2014 and 2016. He has been awarded 11 times as an outstanding reviewer for Journal of Endodontics by American Association of Endodontists. He has also been awarded outstanding reviewer for Journal of Dentistry and Journal of Herbal Medicine. He has received thrice the top reviewer in the world in Dentistry award by Publons Academy, UK. He has reviewed 550 plus manuscripts for various international journals and is the top reviewer in India in the field of Dentistry.

He has 150 international publications and 25 national publications to his credit. His topic of profound interest is on root canal irrigation, intracanal medicaments, root canal disinfection, and endodontic bio-materials, rendering to which, he was the *first* to explore the use of "Maleic acid" as a *de novo* root canal irrigant in the endodontic specialty. He has delivered guest lectures both at the national and international levels.

He has authored chapters on smear layer, root canal irrigants and intracanal medicaments in text book "Essentials of Endodontics". He has received several funding from various international dental companies for his research collaborations.