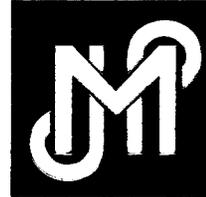


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Dear Sir:

I am a practicing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, and also a board member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons as the Immediate Past President. Although our association does not have a current official position statement on BMP-2 I would like to express my opinion about bone morphogenetic proteins or BMPs. Being familiar with the research in this area I can say with great certainty that BMP has been one of the most heavily researched areas in all of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Since the late Dr. Marshall Urist first discovered these proteins over 30 years ago, an unprecedented amount of publications and research efforts have been dedicated to studying these proteins. For all practical purposes, all of these studies have demonstrated to the research and medical community that safe and new alternatives methods are available to the current autograft, allograft and xenograft. This product would be an important step in reducing surgical morbidity and costs of conventional grafting.

I strongly urge this panel to approve these desperately needed proteins for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. It is truly time to approve these proteins for use in the Oral Cavity. I have been part of the original research team and have seen the incredible difference they make in the restoration of the lost boney complex in the maxilla and mandible.

Finally, I should point out that I have no financial interest in this product or the companies that have developed this protein.

Sincerely,

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