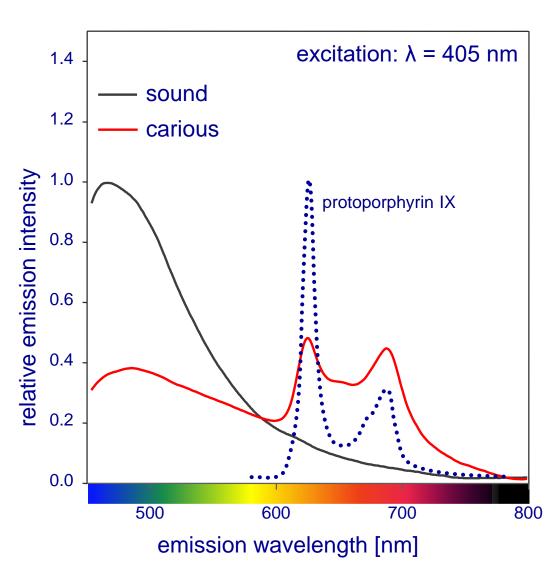
### Fluorescence aided caries excavation (FACE)

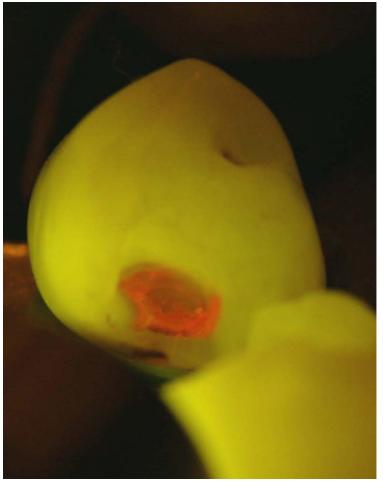
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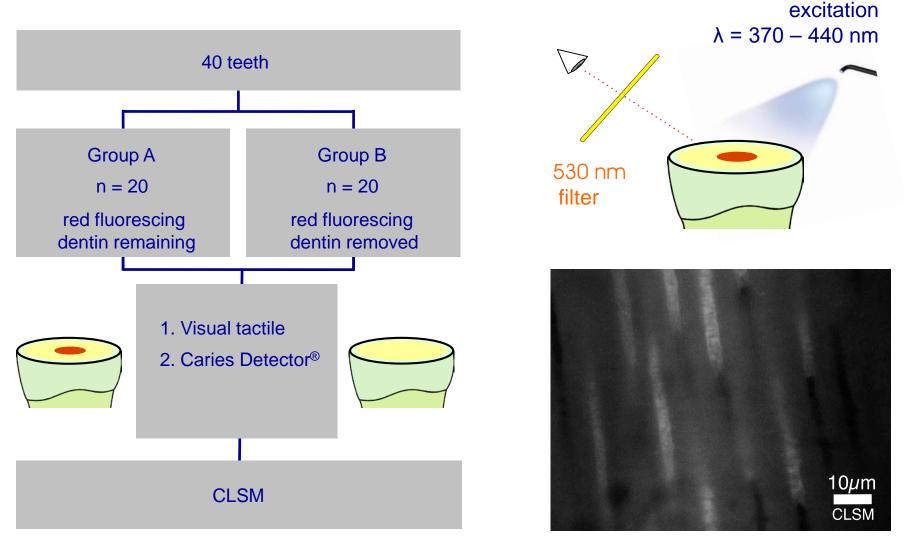




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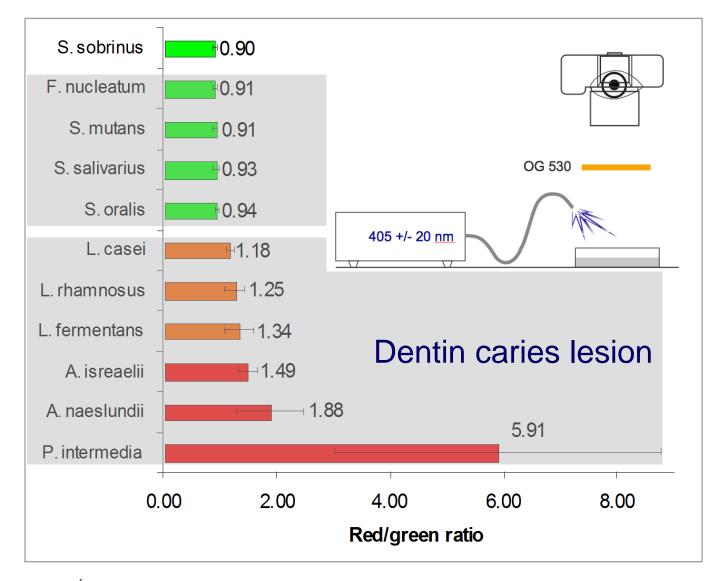


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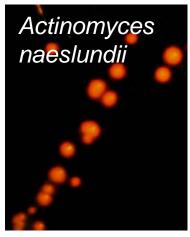
#### 2. Which oral bacteria emit red fluorescence?

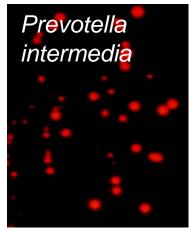


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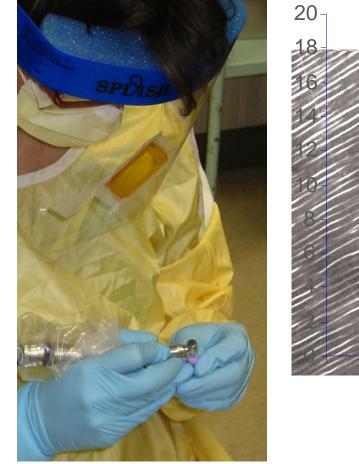


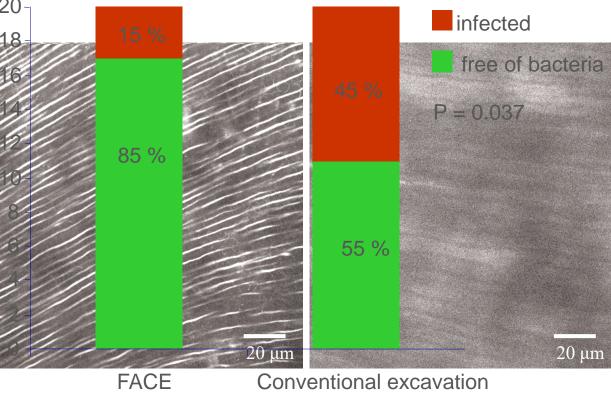




## 3. How does FACE compare to conventional excavation in a 3-dimensional cavity?

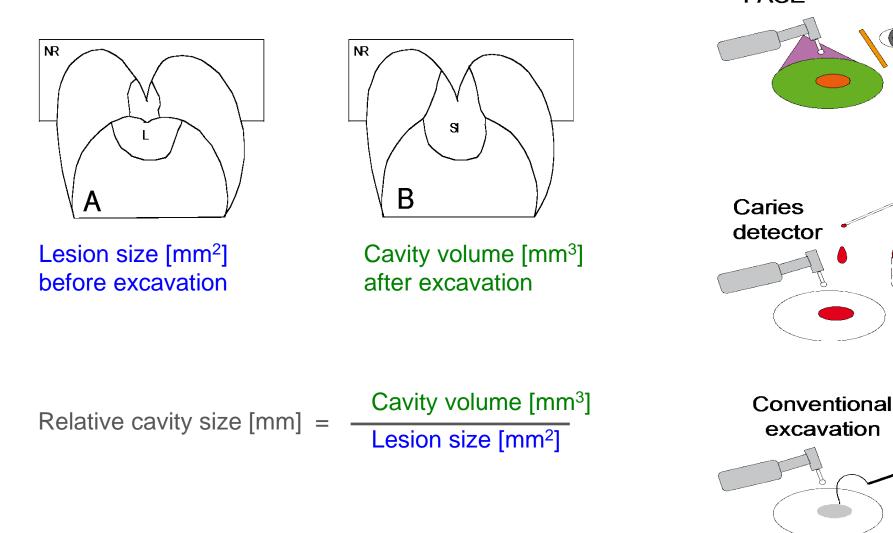






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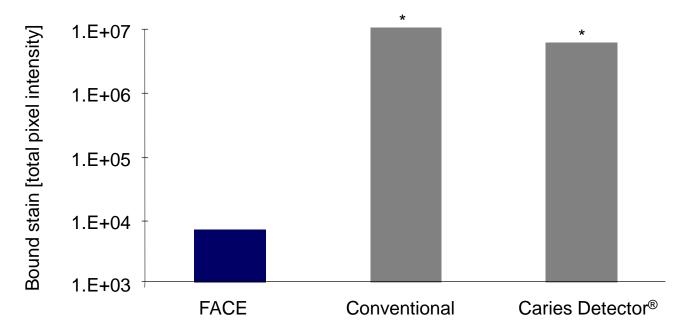
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## 4. Does more thorough removal of infected dentin result in larger cavities?

n = 20 each	mean lesion size mm <sup>2</sup> ± sd	mean rel. cavity size mm $\pm$ sd	pulp exposures
FACE	$9.2 \pm 5.2$	$3.0 \pm 1.3$	0
Caries Detector®	$9.2 \pm 5.2$	$3.4 \pm 1.4$	10
Conventional excavation	9.2 ± 5.1	$3.4 \pm 2.8$	0

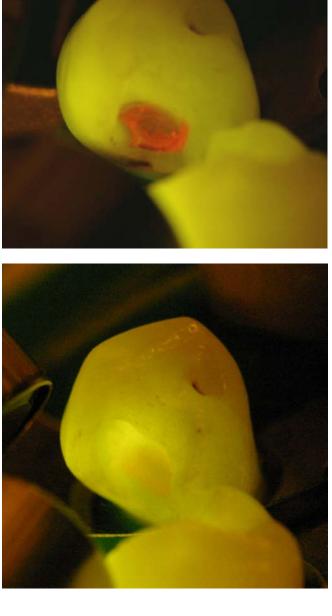


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### Conclusions

- caries autofluorescence is a reliable indicator of infected dentin
- of the bacterial species tested, those commonly found within the caries lesion in dentin produce red fluorescing compounds
- the incidence of bacterially infected dentin is significantly lower following FACE excavation compared to conventional excavation
- FACE is capable of more complete removal of infected dentin without significantly increasing the cavity size compared to conventional excavation methods





Before excavation: 3.2 10<sup>6</sup> CBU

After excavation: < 20 CBU

