Fibrin tissue adhesive and glass ceramic strut for ossicular chain

replacement. Electrophysiologic and histologic findings.

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Abstract:

The tolerance of the inner ear to fibrin tissue adhesive was tested. In experimental surgery on

thirty-four chinchilla ears, Fibrin Sealant was applied to the inner ear contents by closing the oval

window with a connective tissue graft dipped in the adhesive and gluing a Macor glass ceramic strut

between this graft and tympanic membrane. No inner ear changes or tissue damage were found.

The loss in auditory sensitivity monitored by auditory brain stem response thresholds was

commensurate with the amount of loss to be expected with ossicular chain replacement. The

findings suggest that this tissue glue can be safely applied to the labyrinth.