

**Supplementary Table 23.** Marginal predicted values of the fixed and random-effects model for the changes from baseline in pulp/tooth proportion values ( $\Delta C1/C0$ ) in the DPC and PP groups against those in the LB group

Treatment	Follow-up period										
	6 mo	12 mo	18 mo	24 mo	30 mo	36 mo	48 mo	60 mo	72 mo		
LB	2.96 (2.03 to 3.89)	4.74 (3.41 to 6.07)	6.18 (4.43 to 7.93)	7.28 (5.10 to 9.45)	8.03 (5.44 to 10.63)	8.45 (5.43 to 11.47)	8.26 (4.39 to 12.12)	6.70 (1.99 to 11.41)	3.78 (-1.79 to 9.35)		
DPC	2.38 (1.50 to 3.26)	4.48 (3.21 to 5.75)	6.37 (4.69 to 8.04)	8.04 (5.96 to 10.12)	9.50 (7.01 to 11.99)	10.74 (7.84 to 13.64)	12.58 (8.87 to 16.30)	13.57 (9.04 to 18.10)	13.69 (8.34 to 19.05)		
PP	1.56 (0.91 to 2.21)	3.53 (2.60 to 4.47)	5.47 (4.24 to 6.70)	7.37 (5.84 to 8.91)	9.24 (7.40 to 11.07)	11.06 (8.93 to 13.20)	14.61 (11.87 to 17.34)	18.00 (14.67 to 21.33)	21.24 (17.30 to 25.18)		

Numbers in parentheses are 95% confidence intervals.

DPC, direct pulp capping; LB, protective liner and base; PP, pulpotomy.