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Using fiber-reinforced polymers (FRP) rebar in structural applications worldwide has been getting attention recently due to the advantages it offers over steel bars reinforcement (e.g. magnetic resistance, light weight, and durability). An application of FRP rebar reinforcement is using in multi-storey structural frames. However, current detailing criteria and design standards for beam-column joints, that were established in the 1970's, may be considered unsuitable for FRP rebar reinforcement due to its different mechanical properties. During recent earthquakes, many buildings collapses were caused by beam-column joint failures. There are no complete seismic standards for using FRP rebars as reinforcement in concrete structures. Consequently, more researches are needed in this field to gain more understanding of FRP materials' behavior and their interaction with traditional materials in that application to implement their use on solid grounds. The thesis objective is to evaluate the seismic behavior for a mid-rise (ten-storey) concrete structure reinforced with CFRP bars and GFRP bars using lateral loads resisting system consisting of moment resisting frame. The seismic behavior of the two buildings is compared with the seismic behavior of steel bars reinforced concrete building having the same configuration. Three-dimensional dynamic nonlinear analysis based on the Applied Element Method was carried out. A parametric study was conducted to study different parameters effect such as (1) peak ground acceleration (PGA), (2) concrete compressive strength (f_c'), (3) CFRP bars reinforcement, (4) GFRP bars reinforcement, and (5) steel bars reinforcement.

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