The Effect of Various Bur Types, Bonding Agents, and Composite Types on The Microleakage of Resin Composites

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الخلاصة

الأهداف: تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى تقييم تأثير أنواع محفرات السن والمواد اللاصقة وأنواع المركبات الراتنجية على التسرب المجهري لمركبات الراتنج في منطقتي الاتصال الانطباقي واللثي بين السن والحشوة الراتنجية. الم**واد والطرق:** تم تحضير 🛛 160 عينة أسنان غير متسوسة من نوع النواجذ تم تثبيتها في قالب من راتنج الاكرليك، قسمت الأسنان بشكل عشوائي إلى أربع مجموعات (n=40) طبقًا لأنواع محفرات السن، ثم تم حفر تجويف بأبعاد 3*2*2 مليمتر علّى السطح الوجمي لكلّ سن (كل مجموعة بنوع bur المستخدم) ثم تم تقسيم كل مجموعة إلى مجموعتان فرعيتان (n=20) طبقا لأنواع الأنظمة اللاصقة المستخدمة (P&B NT & I-Bond) بعد ذلك كل مجموعة فرعية قسمت على نحو إضافي إلى مجموعتين فرعيتين (n=10) طبقا لنوع المواد الراتنجية المركبة فأصبح العدد النهائي للمجموعات 🛛 16 مجموعة في كل منها 10 عينات. بعد الانتهاء من تحضير العينات تم خزنها بماء مقطر داخل حاضنة بدرجة حرارة 🛛 37 درجة مئوية ولمدة شهر واحد ثم بعد ذلك يتم تعريض جميع العينات إلى حيام مائي إلى 500 دورة بين درجة حرارة (5 و 55) درجة مئوية ثم تم غمس العينات في محلول صبغة methylene blue بتركيز 0.5% لمدة 24 ساعة بعد ذلك يتم قطع العينات طوليا مخترقة كلتا الانصالات الانطباقية واللثية ثم قياس مقدار التسرب الجهري باستخدام الميكرسكوب التشريحي المجسم تحت قوة تكبير 10 بعد ذلك تحليل النتائج الحاصلة بالطرق الإحصائية المناسبة. التتائج: محصلات الدراسة توضح أن اقل تسرب مجهري كان في الهوامش الانطباقية مقارنة بالهوامش اللثية، وان اقل تسرب وجد باستعمال (carbide fissure) في كلتا الهوامش الانطباقية واللثية بينما (round diamond) بين أعلى نسبة تسرب مجهري في كلتا الهوامش بالنسبة للمادة اللاصقة (P&B NT) بينت اقل تسرب مجهري من (I-Bond) على الهامش الانطباقي ولكن ما من اختلاف هام بين كلتا المادتين اللاصقتين على الهوامش اللثية، وانه لا يوجد اختلاف هام في التسرب الجهري في كلتا الهوامش الانطباقية واللثية بالنسبة لنوع المركبات الراتنجية المستخدمة. الاستنتاجات: خرجت هذة الدراسة بنتائج مفادها أن التسرب الجهري في الهامش الانطباقي اقل منه في الهامش اللثي وان استعال (🛛 carbide fissure) لتهيئة التجاويف لاستلام مواد الراتنج المركبة تعطّى اقل نسبة تسرب مجهري من أنواع المحافر الأخرى، وانه بالرغم من أن الحامض الفوسفوري الذي يستعمل لتحضير الحفر في ركائز الأسنان (الميناء والعاج) للمساعدة في زيادة قوة الالتصاق إلا انه يمكن اعتبار المواد اللاصقة الذاتية الحفر (🛛 self- etch) طرق بديلة لإعطاء قوة التصاق جيدة.

ABSTRACT

Aims: This in vitro study was conducted to investigate the effect of various bur types, bonding agents, and resin composite restorative materials on the microleakage at occlusal and gingival tooth/composite interfaces. Materials and methods: One hundred and sixty non carious, extracted human premolars were mounted in acrylic resin, the teeth were randomly divided into four groups (n=40) according to the bur types (diamond round bur, diamond fissure bur, carbide round bur, and carbide fissure bur). A standardize class V (3×2×2) mm dimensions cavity was prepared on the facial surface of each tooth (each group with corresponding bur type), then each group was divided into two subgroups (n=20) according to the type of adhesive systems used (P&B NT,& I-Bond), after that each subgroup farther divided in to two subgroups (n=10) according to the type of composite restorative materials (Arabesk & Tg) the final number of groups were (16) of (10) teeth in each. After the specimens were finished they stored for one month in 37°c distilled water, thermo cycled for 500 cycles between (5°c & 55°c) and immersed in 0.5% methylene blue solution for 24h., and then sectioned longitudinally. For both occlusal and gingival margins, dye penetration at the tooth/composite interfaces were scored from 0-3 under stereomicroscope at a magnification x10, data were analyzed using unpaired T-test, ANOVA, and Duncan's multiple rang test at 5% significant level. Results: T-test represent that there was less microleakage at occlusal margins than the gingival margins. ANOVA and Duncan's multiple rang tests show that the less leakage was occurred with the use of carbide fissure bur at both occlusal and gingival margins while the diamond round bur show the highest leakage at both margins. P&B NT show less leakage than I-Bond at the occlusal margin but there was no significant difference between P&B NT & I-Bond at the gingival margins also there was no significant difference between the (Arabesk & Tg) restorations at both occlusal and gingival margins. Conclusions: Within the limitations of this study results show that there was less microleakage at the occlusal margin than that at the gingival margins, and the use of carbide fissure bur to prepare the cavities for receiving resin composite materials show

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the least microleakage than other type of burs, and although phosphoric acid has been intensely used to etch the dental substrates (enamel and dentin) for providing a good bonding, self-etching adhesives can be considered an alternative methods to provided a good bonding for restorative procedures.

Key Words: Dental burs, bonding agents, resin composite, microleakage.

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INTRODUCTION

It is important for the longevity of resin composite restorations that the formation of marginal gaps and cracks can be prevented or at least controlled to the greatest degree possible, if this could be achieved, it would be possible to minimize microleakage and its consequences, such as post operative sensitivity, pulp inflammation and caries recurrence, which are known to jeopardize the clinical longevity of the restoration^(1,2).

Cavity preparation with dental burs can easily produce micro- fracture in the enamel and the degree of the damage induced during cavity preparation can influenced by size and type of the burs. Cavity preparation with minimal mechanical damage at the cavosurface margins may be important factor for the preventing enamel cracks at the site of resin composite restoration^(3,4,5).

The studies that investigated the surface characteristics of dentine found a significant difference in the roughness of surface prepared with different rotary instruments including diamond, tungsten carbide and tungsten carbide finishing burs^(6,7).

Dentinal surface morphology and smear layer formation are the main factors in the successful union of dental structure and restoration^(3,8).

There has always been a keen interest in the adaptation of dental restorative materials to the wall of the cavity and the retentive ability of a material to seal the cavity against ingress of oral fluids and microorganisms⁽⁹⁾.

New adhesive systems continually have been improved to obtain an effective sealing at tooth/restoration interfaces, the recent trend in adhesive products is to simplify the process into two-steps or even one (single-step). Two-step total etch adhesive systems and self-etch adhesives were introduced in to the market in the mid 1990s, and late 2002 respectivly^(10,11).

In two-step total etch systems (5th generation) a separated etch and rinse phase is still involved but a hydrophilic primer and hydrophobic resin are combined in to one application⁽¹²⁾.

Self-etch adhesives or all-in-one (7th generation) represent an alternative approach in enamel-dentin bonding, this system combines etching, priming, and adhesive potentials into a single step. They do not require a separated acid etch step which is not visibly controble by the dentist and are based on the use of non rinse acidic monomers that simultaneously condition and prime dentin and enamel^(13,14).

The use of self-etching adhesive systems has increased remarkably in clinical practice due to technique simplification and reduction of the number of clinical steps in addition, total-etch adhesive systems may produce imperfections in the hybrid layer due to dentin dehydration because acid etching and drying of the cavity are critical points of the bonding protocol⁽¹⁵⁻¹⁷⁾.

Polymerization contraction stress is still one of the major problems when restoring teeth with resin composite since a contraction forces can be created and may disrupt the bond to cavity walls or create stresses to surrounding tooth structure and may result of tooth cracks or fractures. The Polymerization shrinkage and the viscosity were found to be a significant determinants of gap formation around resin composite^(1,18,19).

The purpose of this in vitro study was to evaluate the effect of certain variables, including bur types, adhesive systems, and types of resin composite restorative materials on the microleakage at the restoration/tooth structure interfaces.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A total of one hundred sixty extracted human premolar teeth free of cracks (examined by fiber optic light), free of caries and restorations on the visual inspection were selected for experiment, all teeth were cleaned and polished using scalers and pumice, then stored in distilled water at room temperature prior to the use.

The root apex of each tooth was sealed with a sticky wax, two coats of nail varnish were applied to the entire external surface of the root, each tooth was mounted in a ring mold cold curing acrylic resin (Medicus, DMP Ltd.,Europe) to the level of cemento-enamel junction.

The specimens were randomly divided into four groups (n=40) according to the type of dental bur used to prepared the cavity using high- speed handpiece with air/water coolant as follows:-

Group1: cavity preparation using a diamond round burs No.1014 (KG Sorensen Ind com. Ltd., Brazil).

Group2: cavity preparation using a diamond straight fissure burs No.1092 (KG Sorensen Ind com. Ltd., Brazil).

Group3: cavity preparation using a tungsten carbide round burs No.3 (Mani Inc. Japan).

Group4: cavity preparation using a tungsten carbide straight fissure burs No.56 (Mani Inc. Japan).

A standard class V cavities were prepared with the mentioned burs each according to its group with 3 mm long, 2 mm wide, and 2 mm in depth and placed on the facial surface of each tooth. Class V cavities prepared with the gingival margin 1.5 mm above the CEJ (completely bordered by enamel), cavosurface walls were finished to a butt joint to standardize the cavities (each 1 bur was used to prepare five cavities)⁽²⁾.

Following cavities preparation, specimens in each group were randomly divided into two group (n=20) according to the type of adhesive system used as follows:

Group I: each prepared tooth was etch with 37% phosphoric acid gel (Vivdent Ets, Schaan/Liechtenstein, Germany) for 15 seconds, rinsed for 20 seconds, then gently blown to remove excess water (maintain a moist surface), a total etch nanofilled acetone-based adhesive system (Prime&Bond NT, Dentsplay Detrey / Germany) was applied according to the manufacturers instructions.

Group II: a one-step self-etch adhesive system (I-Bond, Medicinos Linija UAB., EU) was applied on dried enamel and dentin surfaces according to the manufactures instructions.

Then the specimens in each sub-group were randomly divided into two sub-group (n=10) according to the type of resin composite restorative materials used to fill the cavities as follows.

Group A: light-curing universal microhybrid composite with sintraglass multifiller system (Arabesk (A2), Voco, Germany).

Group B: fine glass hybride light cure composite (Tg (A2), Technical & General Ltd, London, England).

The restorations were placed in two increments with each layer not being more than 1mm thickness and cured for 40 second at 400mW/cm² using a Quartz-Tungsten-Halogen (QTH) light curing unit (Astralis 5, Vivadent Schaan/Liechenstein, Germany), the radiometer was used to check the light efficiency before starting each restoration, then the restorations were finished and polished with Sof-Lex disks (3M.USA). Then all teeth were stored in distilled water at 37°c for one month. After this the teeth were thermocycled 500 time at a temperature of $5^{\circ}c\pm 2^{\circ}c$ and $55^{\circ}c\pm 2^{\circ}c$, with dwell times of 60 second in each water bath and 60 second transfer time between the baths $^{(1)}$.

For all specimens the entire tooth surface were painted with two coats of nail varnish except for an area of 1mm a way from the cavosurface margins to prevent dye penetration anywhere other than the restoration margins.

The samples were immersed in 0.5% methylene blue solution at 37°c for 24hs⁽¹⁰⁾. Then the teeth were rinsed in running water, dried and then sectioned buccolingually at the center of the cavity using a diamond wheel saw (KG Sorensen SP, Brazil). Dye penetration at the occlusal and gingival margin was examined

blind and independaly by two evaluators using a stereomicroscope (Hamilton by AITAY International Italy) at a magnification level of x10 scored according to the following criteria as described by Santini *etal* ⁽²⁰⁾.

0: no dye penetration (Figure 1).



Figure(1): Sectioned tooth represent no dye penetration.

1: dye penetration to less than the half of occlusal or gingival wall (Figure.2).



Figure.(2): Sectioned tooth represent score (1) of dye penetration

2: dye penetration along the occlusal or gingival wall but not including the axial wall(Figure.3).



Figure(3): Sectioned tooth represent score (2) of dye penetration

3: dye penetration to and along the axiall wall (Figure.4).



Figure.(4): Sectioned tooth represent score (3) of dye penetration.

The data was subjected to statistical Analysis to compare the microleakage at the occlusal and gingival walls using unpaired T-test at (p<0.05), analysis of variance (ANOVA) was conducted to find if the was a significant differences in the leakage among the groups at the occlusal and gingival margins at (p<0.05), then if there was a significant differences among the groups Duncan's multiple range test has been done at (p<0.05).

RESULTS

The leakage scores for different variables of all restorations at occlusal and gingival walls are described in table(1).

The mean values and standard deviations of microleakage scores of all groups at the occlusal and gingival walls are presented in table (2).

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Microleakage of resin composites

| Groups | | Occlusal | | | | | Gingival | | | |
|---------|---|----------|---|---|---|---|----------|---|--|--|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| G1,I,A | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | |
| G1,I,B | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | | |
| G1,II,A | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | | |
| G1,II,B | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | | |
| G2,I,A | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | |
| G2,I,B | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | |
| G2,II,A | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | | |
| G2,II,B | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | |
| G3,I,A | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | | |
| G3,I,B | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | | |
| G3,II,A | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | |
| G3,II,B | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | | |
| G4,I,A | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | | |
| G4,I,B | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | |
| G4,II,A | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | | |
| G4,II,B | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | | |

| Table(1): The score of o | dve penetration | for all groups at | occlusal and | gingival | walls |
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 Table(2): The difference in mean and standared deviation values of microleakage between occlusal and gingival margins.

| Side of leakage | N | Mean | ±SD |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| Occlusal Walls | 160 | 1.075 | 0.7814 |
| Gingival Walls | 160 | 1.338 | 0.8233 |
| | | | |

SD=Standard deviation

Because there was a significant difference in microleakage between the occlusal and the gingival walls Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for levels of bur types, bonding agents, and resin composite restorative materials and their interactions for the calculated data at the occlusal and the gingival margins had be done as shown in table (3) and (4).

Table(3):Analysis of variance for the bur types, bonding agents, resin composites, and their interactions at the occlusal margins

| Source of Variance | DF | Sum of Square | Mean Square | Cal.F | Tab.F | Sig. |
|--|-----|------------------|----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Bur types | 3 | 17.45 | 5.8167 | 11.797 | 2.60 | 0.05** |
| Bonding Agent | 1 | 7.225 | 7.225 | 14.654 | 3,84 | 0.05** |
| Resin composite types | 1 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.0507 | 3.84 | N.S |
| Bur types × Bonding Agent | 3 | 0.225 | 0.075 | 0.1521 | 2.60 | N.S |
| Bur types × Resin composite types | 3 | 0.725 | 0.2417 | 0.4901 | 2.60 | N.S |
| Bonding Agent × Resin com- posite types | 1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2028 | 3.48 | N.S |
| Bur types × Bonding Agent × Resin composite types | 3 | 0.35 | 0.1167 | 0.2366 | 2.60 | N.S |
| Error | 144 | 71 | 0.4930 | | | |
| Corrected Total | 159 | 97.1 | | | | |

DF = Degree of Freedom; Cal.F: Calculated F.value; Tab.F: Tabulated F.value; Sig: Significance; ^{**:} Highly Significant; N.S: Not Significant

G1: Diamond round bur; G2: Diamond fissure bur; G3:Carbide round bur; G4: Carbide fissure bur; I:P&B NT; II: I-Bond; A: Arabesk; B:Tg

| interactions at the gingival n | - | - | - | | | |
|---|----|------------------|----------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Source of Variance | DF | Sum of Square | Mean Square | Cal.F | Tab.F | Sig. |
| Bur types | 3 | 29.725 | 9.908 | 18.823 | 2.60 | 0.05* |
| Bonding Agent | 1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.7098 | 3,84 | N.S |
| Resin composite types | 1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7599 | 3.84 | N.S |
| Bur types × Bonding Agent | 3 | 0.45 | 0.15 | 0.285 | 2.60 | N.S |
| Bur types × Resin composite types | 3 | 0.35 | 0.1167 | 0.2216 | 2.60 | N.S |

0.025

0.125

75.8

107.78

0.025

0.0417

0.5263

Table(4):Analysis of variance for the bur types, bonding agents, resin composites, and their interactions at the gingival margins.

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15

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DF: Degree of Freedom; Cal.F: Calculated F.value; Tab.F: Tabulated F.value; Sig: Significance; Highly Significant; N.S: Not Significant

ANOVA for microleakage data at the occlusal walls showed that there was a significant differences in microleakage at bur types and bonding agents levels (p>0.05). Duncan's multiple rang test was carried out to determined where those dif-

Bonding Agent × **Resin composite**

Bur types × Bonding Agent × Resin

types

Error

composite types

Corrected Total

ferences occurred. For comparing four types of burs the least leakage was detected for fissure carbide bur groups (0.7, ± 0.648), while round diamond bur groups showed the highest leakage (1.575, ± 0.72) at (p<0.05) table (5).

0.0475

0.0792

3.48

2.60

N.S

N.S

Table(5): Duncan's Multiple Range Test for the Effect of bur types on the microleakage at occlusal margin.

| Bur Types | Ν | Mean | ±SD | Duncan's Grouping |
|--------------------------|----|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Round diamond bur | 40 | 1.575 | 0.721 | D |
| Fissure diamond bur | 40 | 1.15 | 0.769 | С |
| Round carbide bur | 40 | 0.875 | 0.722 | В |
| Fissure carbide bur | 40 | 0.7 | 0.648 | А |

Mean with different letters are statistically different.

Duncan's multiple rang test was carried out to comparing the two types of bonding agents at (p<0.05), Prime&Bond NT groups showed less leakage (0.862, ± 0.724) than I-Bond groups (1.287, ± 0.782) as shown in table(6).

Table(6): Duncan's Multiple Range Test for the Effect of bonding agent types on the microleakage at occlusal margin.

| Adhesive types | Ν | Mean | ±SD | Duncan's Group- ing |
|----------------|----|-------|-------|------------------------|
| P&B NT | 80 | 0.862 | 0.724 | А |
| I-Bond | 80 | 1.287 | 0.782 | В |
| | | 41.00 | | |

Mean with different letters are statistically different.

ANOVA for microleakage data at gingival margins (table 4) shows that there was a significant differences in microleakage at bur types level only (p>0.05). Duncan's multiple rang test revealed that the least

leakage was detected for fissure carbide bur groups (0.75, ± 0.588), while round diamond bur groups showed the highest leakage (1.775, ± 0.659) table (7).

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|---------------------|----|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Bur Types | Ν | Mean | ±SD | Duncan's Grouping |
| Round diamond bur | 40 | 1.775 | 0.659 | С |
| Fissure diamond bur | 40 | 1.725 | 0.846 | С |
| Round carbide bur | 40 | 1.1 | 0.708 | В |
| Fissure carbide bur | 40 | 0.75 | 0.588 | А |

Table(7): Duncan's Multiple Range Test for the Effect of bur types on the microleakage at gingival margin.

Means with different letters are statistically different.; Means with similar letters are statistically not different.

The result in this study showed no significant differences in microleakage between the type of composite restorations (Arabesk & Tg) at both occlusal and gingival marginal ridges.

DISCUSSION

Three variables related to microleakage were investigated in this study, the effect of various bur types, the type of bonding agent used, and the type of resin composite restorative materials.

In the present study, higher leakage was detected at the gingival margins when comparing to occlusal margins.

The results show that carbide bur revealed less microleakage than diamond bur at the occlusal and the gingival walls. Studies showed that carbide burs leave cleaner surface than diamond burs, and it gave thinnest smear layer when comparing with other types of preparations^(3,8,21).

Preparing a dentinal surface with diamond bur decrease the dentinal permeability compared to a carbide bur, presumably because of the collection of smear layer in addition to the different thickness of smear layer that created by diamond burs. It is expected that smear layer morphology and quality will vary considerably according to the different methods used in preparing the surface^(4,7).

Studies showed that during preparation with diamond burs the enamel get damage and cracks are formed and distributed a long the boundaries between the enamel rod. It is suggested that the action of the mechanism of this instruments is responsible for the microleakage since chipping out pieces of enamel has been occurred $^{(1,3)}$. Studies revealed that fissure burs revealed less leakage than round bur and this may be due to the action of the bur (Figure.5a-d), on the other hand the heat generation and the type of grooves formed during preparation could lead to inclusion of air bubbles between the enamel and the adhesive^(1,4,6).

A critical analysis of cutting instruments used in the preparation of cavity revealed that when it comes to removing enamel and dentine, diamond instruments proved to be the most effective of all. However, it is presumed that surface registry and irregularity promote the wetability by producing increased surface area and that the bond between the adherent surface and the adhesive will be subsequently stronger. However, other studies showed that excessive roughness may hinder the even flow of the liquid adhesive and numerous voids were exposed at the interface in addition to the structural faults as represent in $(Fig.6a,c)^{(6,11,21)}$.

Analysis of variance for data collected at the occlusal walls shows that P&B NT adhesive revealed less leakage than I-bond adhesive.

Many studies show that self-etching adhesives could seal enamel margins effectively. However, in other studies selfetching adhesives showed greater scales of microleakage than adhesives using conventional phosphoric acid as etchant^(2,10,11,18,22).

Studies have shown that in enamel etched by 37 % phosphoric acid the adhesive system penetrate to a depth of 10 μ m whereas in enamel etched by components of the self-etching adhesives the adhesive only reaches a depth of 0.6-0.7 μ m^(11,16,17).

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Figure (5): Stereomicroscopic images of the marginal enamel (x40). A: Prepared with diamond round bur (group 1). B: prepared with diamond fissure bur (group 2); C: prepared with carbide round bur (group 3); d: prepared with carbide fissure bur (group



Fig.(6): Dissecting microscopic images at the tooth-composite inter face (x40). T: Tooth structure; R: Resin composite; A: Prepared with diamond round bur (group 1). Arrow showed gap formation; B: Prepared with diamond fissure bur (group 2). Arrow showed the tooth-composite interface.; C: prepared with carbide round bur (group 3). Arrow showed small air void; D: prepared with carbide fissure bur (group 4). Arrow showed the tooth-composite interface. Etch and rinse adhesive systems remove the smear layer completely and expose the collagen fibrils while for selfetching primers the smear layer is not completely removed but incorporated into the hybrid layer. Since a primer and an adhesive can penetrate the surface better when the smear layer is removed it might play an important role in decreasing microleakage of composite resin restoration in these cavities^(2,8-10,15,23).

I-bond show higher scores of microleakage than P&B NT ,also this is may be due to lack of filler in its composition which lead to greater polymerization shrinkage of adhesive^(22,23).

On other side Analysis of Variance for data collected at the gingival margins represented that there was no significant difference between P&B NT and I-Bond and this may be due to the fact that totaletch system completely removed the smear layer and open the dentinal tubules and dematerialized the subjacent dentin leaving exposed collagen network to be encapsulated after primer and bonding application forming a hybrid layer, but in some investigations represented that the bonding agent may does not completely penetrate the dentine leaving unprotect exposed collagen which can be degrade over time causing adhesive failure and microleakage^(16,18)

On other hand since P&B NT adhesive containing nanofiller this filler some times makes it difficult to penetrate into interprismatic areas as deeply as unfilled adhesives so it has greater difficulty to penetrate enamel as much as the conditioning depth ^(8,22).

Enamel cracks is initiated by the damage caused during preparation with burs and is likely to be furthered by the contraction of the polymerizing resin composite^(1,19). In this study statistical analysis showed no significant differences in microleakage between the two types of resin composites (Arabesk & Tg) and this may be due to the insertion technique used in this study also the use of same color shade which may be reduce the effect of colorants on light polymerization in addition to the use of same curing unit.

CONCLUSIONS

Within the limitation of this invitro study, it could be concluded that:

- 1- There was less leakage at occlusal walls than at gingival walls.
- 2- Selecting a bur for cavity preparations an important factor for improve the cavosur-face margin integrity.
- 3- Although phosphoric acid has been intensely used to etch the dental substrates (enamel and dentin) for bonding, selfetching adhesives are consider alternative methods to prepare the tooth for restorative procedures.

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