



99mTc in the evaluation of microleakage of composite resin restorations with SonicFill™. An *in vitro* experimental model

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: The composite SonicFill™ (Kerr/Kavo) is indicated for posterior restorations, with a single increment up to 5 mm due to reduced polymerization shrinkage, thus reducing working time. **Aim:** Evaluation of marginal microleakage with SonicFill™. **Method and Materials:** There were sectioned sixty noncarious human molars in the occluso-cervical direction. Class V cavities were prepared on each tooth with gingival margin walls in a standardized way. The specimens were divided into 4 groups: group 1—restored with SonicFill™ (Kerr/Kavo), group 2—restored with Filtek™ SupremeXTE (3M ESPE), group 3—the cavities were not restored; group 4—restored with SonicFill™ (Kerr/Kavo). In groups 1, 2 and 4 the enamel was conditioned with 37% orthophosphoric acid and applied the self-etch adhesive system Clear- fill™ SE BOND (Kuraray). The specimens were stored in distilled water at 37°C for 7 days. After, the specimens, were immersed in a solution of 99mTc-Pertechnetate and the radioactivity was assessed with a gamma camera. The nonparametric Kruskal-Wallis and Mann-Whitney test with Bonferroni correction at a significance level of 5% were used for the statistical analyses. **Results:** There are significant differences between the positive and negative control groups and between these and experimental groups ($p < 0.05$). There are no statistically significant differences between the specimens restored with SonicFill™ and Filtek™ SupremeXTE. **Conclusion:** The new composite SonicFill™ and Filtek™ SupremeXTE showed no difference concerning dye penetration. The Sonic- Fill™ restorative system showed no influence in concerning microleakage.

KEYWORDS

Posterior resin Composites; Composite Restorations; Polymerization Stress; Polymerization Shrinkage; Microleakage; Thermocycling

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