

Adhesion and mechanical properties of dental composites

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Objectives: Assess how replacement of the activator DMPT by the surface active and methacrylate containing amine SAN, and TEGDMA diluent with higher molecular weight PPGDMA, affects mechanical and adhesive properties of dental composites.

Methods: Base monomer UDMA and diluent monomer TEGDMA(T) or PPGDMA(P) in 3:1 mass ratio were mixed with 5 wt % HEMA, 1wt% CQ and 1wt% DMPT (D) or SAN (N) to provide 4 composites designated as TD, TN, PD and PN. These were combined with silane treated glass particles. Powder to liquid ratio was 4:1. Results were compared with commercial Z250.

The biaxial flexural strength / modulus of discs light cured both sides for 40s (10 mm diameter, 1 mm thick) were determined after 24 hours in distilled water. Composite debonding force was determined using a “push out” test and ivory dentine blocks from 2 elephant tusks used as received or hydrated and dehydrated for 24 hours prior to use. Cylindrical holes (3mm diameter, 5 mm deep) were drilled and filled by composite after treatment or no treatment with 37 % phosphoric acid gel for 20s.

Results: TD, TN, PD, PN and Z250 strengths were 160, 155, 150, 130 and 170 MPa respectively. Moduli were 3.2 ± 0.2 GPa for experimental composites, and 4.2 GPa for Z250.

Factorial analysis gave average debonding forces (DF) for hydrated / dehydrated ivory source 1 and 2 as 625 & 650 N. Those without water treatment were 350 & 370 N respectively. The average DF for 37 % acid treated and un-treated samples were 730 & 270 N respectively. The average DF for TD, TN, PD, PN and Z250 were 420, 520, 485, 595 and 485 N respectively.

Conclusions: DMPT and TEGDMA replacement by SAN and PPGDMA causes minor reduction in composite strength but improves dentine bonding.

Biography

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