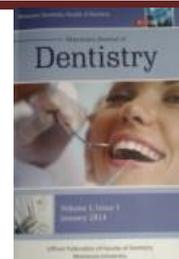




## *Dentin Surface Pretreatment with Dimethyl-Sulfoxide Primer*



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### **Abstract:**

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### **Materials and Methods**

The teeth will be divided into 2 groups according to the applied adhesive (n=28); Group A: etch-and-rinse adhesive, Group B: universal adhesive (etch-and-rinse mode). Each group will be further subdivided into 2 sub-groups according to the surface pretreatment method (n=14); sub-group A: without application of DMSO primer, sub-group B: with application of 50% DMSO dissolved in distilled water. The rationale for using 50% (v/v) DMSO was based on previous studies used the same concentration, albeit only the aqueous solutions.<sup>14, 15</sup> Then each sub-group will be divided into 2 divisions according to the testing time; (n=7), division A: specimen will be tested immediately, division B: tested after 37°C artificial saliva storage for 6 months

### **Results:**

#### **Microtensile-bond strength test:**

Etch-and-rinse adhesive with DMSO pretreatment was statistically significant from control group (p<0.05). While in universal adhesive with DMSO pretreatment showed no significant result from control group.

**Modes of Failure**

Mixed failure was predominant among test group

**Nanoleakage Expression**

Etch-and-rinse adhesives showed decrease in silver impregnation, while universal adhesive showed insignificant change in silver impregnation

**Discussion:**

Recently, DMSO was found to be useful in improving and preserving the long-term coronal dentin adhesive bond strength.<sup>16</sup> This positive effect was attributed to improved wetting of collagen by the adhesive.<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the collapsed of dried collagen matrix caused by air-drying can be reversible, as previously reported with the use of DMSO-water solutions.<sup>17, 18</sup>

**Conclusion:**

DMSO prevent sever reduction in bond strength of etch-and-rinse adhesives and universal adhesives.

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