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RESUMO

O objetivo deste estudo foi avaliar o efeito de um adesivo universal contendo silano, com e sem aplicação prévia de silano, na resistência de união de reparo de resina composta. Quarenta blocos de resina composta nanohíbrida (Z350 XT, cor A1E; 3M ESPE) foram armazenados em água destilada por 14 dias e submetidos a 5000 ciclos de termociclagem. Após o envelhecimento, os blocos foram abrasionados com lixa de granulação 320 e condicionados com gel de ácido fosfórico a 37% por 30 segundos, seguido de lavagem e secagem. Os corpos de prova foram então divididos aleatoriamente em quatro grupos experimentais: sistema adesivo convencional - Adper Single Bond 2 (3M ESPE) e sistema adesivo universal contendo silano - Single Bond Universal (3M ESPE), com e sem aplicação prévia de silano (RelyX Ceramic Primer; 3M ESPE). Após os tratamentos de superfície e protocolos adesivos, os blocos foram reparados com resina composta (Z350 XT, cor A3B; 3M ESPE). Os corpos de prova foram seccionados em palitos após 24 horas de armazenamento em água destilada e submetidos ao teste de microtração. Dez blocos de resina composta não envelhecida foram usados como grupo de referência para determinar a resistência coesiva do material. Os dados obtidos foram submetidos à Análise de Variância de dois fatores e Teste de Tukey. Análise de Variância de um fator e Teste Dunnet foram usados para comparar os valores de resistência coesiva com os valores de resistência de união dos grupos reparados ($\alpha = 0,05$). Os valores de resistência de união de reparo com o Single Bond Universal ($42,3 \pm 7,4$ MPa) foram maiores aos obtidos com o Adper Single Bond 2 ($31,6 \pm 10,0$ MPa). A aplicação de silano aumentou a resistência de união de reparo (com silano: $40,8 \pm 9,8$ MPa; sem silano: $33,1 \pm 9,3$ MPa). A resistência de união de reparo variou de 39,3% a 65,8% da resistência coesiva da resina. Em conclusão, o uso de adesivo universal contendo silano aumenta a resistência de união de reparo quando comparado ao adesivo convencional. No entanto, seu uso não dispensa a aplicação prévia de silano no protocolo de reparo de resina composta direta.

Palavras-chave: Resistência à Tração. Reparação de Restauração Dentária.
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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of a silane-containing universal adhesive used with and without a silane agent on the repair bond strength between old and new composites. Forty blocks of nanohybrid composite resin (Z350 XT, shade A1E; 3M ESPE) were stored in distilled water for 14 days and thermo-cycled. After aging, the blocks were abraded with 320-grit sandpaper and etched with 37% phosphoric acid gel for 30 seconds, followed by washing and drying. Then, specimens were randomly assigned into four experimental groups: conventional adhesive system - Adper Single Bond Plus (3M ESPE) and silane-containing universal adhesive system - Scotchbond Universal Adhesive (3M ESPE) with and without previous silane (RelyX Ceramic Primer; 3M ESPE) application. After the surface treatments and adhesive protocols, the blocks were repaired with the same composite resin (Z350 XT, shade A3B; 3M ESPE). The specimens were sectioned in sticks after 24 hours of storage in distilled water and submitted to microtensile test. Ten blocks of non-aged composite resin were used as a reference group to determine the cohesive strength of the material. The obtained data were submitted to two-way Analysis of Variance and Tukey's Test. One-way Analysis of Variance and Dunnett Test were used to compare the values of cohesive strength with the bond strength values of the repaired groups ($\alpha = 0.05$). The bond strength values with Scotchbond Universal Adhesive (42.3 ± 7.4 MPa) were higher than those obtained with Adper Single Bond Plus (31.6 ± 10.0 MPa). The silane application increased the repair bond strength (with silane: 40.8 ± 9.8 MPa; without silane: 33.1 ± 9.3 MPa). Repair bond strength ranged of 39.3% to 65.8% of cohesive strength of the substrate material. In conclusion, the use of universal silane-containing adhesive improves the repair bond strength of composite resin compared to conventional adhesive. However, its use does not dispense prior application of silane in the direct composite resin repair protocol.

Keywords: Tensile Strength. Dental Restoration Repair. Dental Restoration, Permanent.

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1 INTRODUÇÃO

Restaurações diretas de resina composta são amplamente realizadas na clínica odontológica para restabelecimento estético e funcional de dentes acometidos por lesão de cárie, trauma ou defeitos de desenvolvimento de esmalte. A taxa de falha anual dessas restaurações tem variado entre 0 a 4,1% e 1 a 3% para dentes permanentes anteriores (DEMARCO *et al.*, 2015) e posteriores (DEMARCO *et al.*, 2012), respectivamente. Na dentição decídua, a taxa de falha anual varia entre 4 e 18,8% (BÜCHER *et al.*, 2014; PEDROTTI *et al.*, 2017). Fratura do dente e/ou da restauração e presença de lesão de cárie adjacente são os principais motivos de falhas em dentes posteriores (DEMARCO *et al.*, 2012; PEDROTTI *et al.*, 2017), enquanto que motivos estéticos, como alteração de cor, forma anatômica e pigmentação, levam à reintervenção de restaurações anteriores (DEMARCO *et al.*, 2015).

A substituição da restauração tem sido a conduta comumente adotada pelos clínicos, especialmente quando a restauração está associada com fratura (GORDAN *et al.*, 2014). Já o reparo de restaurações é uma abordagem minimamente invasiva que implica em adição de um material restaurador com ou sem preparo na restauração e/ou nos tecidos dentários (HICKEL; BRÜSHAVER; ILIE, 2013). Tem sido demonstrado que o reparo pode aumentar a sobrevida das restaurações (CASAGRANDE *et al.*, 2017), minimizando as chances de tratamentos mais agressivos, como tratamento endodôntico, ou extração do elemento acometido (GORDAN *et al.*, 2014).

No entanto, não há nenhum protocolo padrão ouro para tratamento da superfície da resina composta envelhecida previamente ao reparo. Alguns tratamentos tem sido estudados, como tratamentos físicos da superfície, que tem o objetivo de melhorar a união mecânica entre a resina envelhecida e a nova (reparo), enquanto que os agentes químicos são usados visando melhorar a união entre os materiais resinosos na interface adesiva (VALENTE *et al.*, 2016).

A asperização da superfície a ser reparada com pontas diamantadas, jateamento com óxido de alumínio ou sílica e uso de silano previamente à aplicação de sistemas adesivos tem sido alvo de pesquisas nos últimos anos, tendo seus mecanismos de ação comparados entre si. Tem sido evidenciado que o jateamento parece não aumentar a resistência de união de reparo de resinas compostas

(VALENTE *et al.*, 2016). Por outro lado, a associação de tratamentos de superfície físicos e químicos parece ser benéfica no aumento da resistência de união de reparo (VALENTE *et al.*, 2016).

Silanos são moléculas organofuncionais que promovem a união entre dois materiais. Em procedimentos de reparo, essa molécula promove a união da fase inorgânica do substrato com a fase orgânica da resina do reparo (ÇAKIR *et al.*, 2018). Além disso, os silanos possuem maior capacidade de molhamento, facilitando a penetração do adesivo nos defeitos da superfície da resina composta (BRENDEKE; OZCAN, 2007). Assim, os silanos poderiam ser efetivos no aumento da resistência de união em reparos. Todavia, ainda não está elucidado na literatura seu efeito na resistência de união de reparo de resinas compostas (VALENTE *et al.*, 2016).

Estudos recentes sobre protocolos de reparo (ELIASSON; DAHL, 2017; FORNAZARI *et al.*, 2017) tem investigado a utilização de sistemas adesivos atuais que contém silano na composição, como o Single Bond Universal (3M ESPE). Seu uso no protocolo de reparo parece promissor, uma vez que visa a simplificação da técnica, com redução do número de passos operatórios e tempo clínico. Todavia, os resultados obtidos na literatura ainda não são consensuais. Enquanto um estudo demonstrou que o uso de adesivo contendo silano dispensa a aplicação prévia de silano (FORNAZARI *et al.*, 2017), o outro reportou que o uso de silano aumenta a resistência de união de reparo de resina composta mesmo quando da utilização de adesivo contendo silano (ELIASSON; DAHL, 2017). Sendo assim, parece relevante a realização de um estudo que investigue o efeito de um sistema adesivo universal contendo silano com e sem aplicação prévia de silano na resistência de união de reparo de resina composta.

2 ARTIGO CIENTÍFICO

Does use of silane-containing universal adhesive eliminate the silane application for direct composite repair?

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Abstract

Purpose: To evaluate the effect of a silane-containing universal adhesive used with and without a silane agent on the repair bond strength between old and new composites. **Materials and Methods:** Forty blocks of nanohybrid composite resin (Z350 XT) were stored in distilled water for 14 days and thermo-cycled. Sandpaper ground, etched and rinsed specimens were randomly assigned into four experimental groups: Adper Single Bond Plus and Scotchbond Universal Adhesive with and without previous silane (RelyX Ceramic Primer) application. Blocks were repaired with the same composite. After 24h of water storage, the blocks were sectioned and bonded sticks were subjected to microtensile testing. Ten fresh and non-repaired composite blocks were used as reference group to evaluate the cohesive strength of composite. The μ TBS means were analyzed by two-way ANOVA and Tukey's tests. One-way ANOVA and Dunnett *post-hoc* tests were used to compare the cohesive strength values and bond strength obtained in repaired groups ($\alpha = 0.05$). **Results:** The μ TBS values obtained for Scotchbond Universal Adhesive were higher than those obtained for Adper Single Bond Plus. Silane application improved the repair bond strength. Repair bond strength ranged of 39.3% to 65.8% of cohesive strength of the substrate material. **Conclusion:** Use of a silane-containing universal adhesive does not dispense the application of a silane agent in the protocol for direct composite repair.

Keywords: aged surface; composite repair; silane; universal adhesive.

Introduction

The management of failed restorations usually includes replacement of the entire restoration, while repair involves partial removal of defective restoration, followed by restoration of the prepared defect¹². It is not obvious in which clinical situation one must choose repair or replacement of defective restorations^{19,20}. Nevertheless, the current evidence suggests that the repair should be preferable, whenever possible, rather than restoration replacement in order to preserve more dental structure and reduce treatment costs¹³.

While most dentists state to perform repair, and this approach has been adopted by most dental schools, the proportion of truly repaired restorations is still low¹⁴. Although the repair may increase the survival of restorations placed in both primary and permanent teeth^{5,18}, there is no gold standard protocol or materials established for treating the aged composite surfaces before repair.

Successful repair procedure requires a durable bond between the old restoration and the new composite resin. New composite can possibly be retained to aged composite either through micromechanical interlocking to irregularities in the prepared surface or through chemical bonding to the filler particles and the organic matrix²¹. A recent systematic review showed that application of silane coupling agents and adhesives play a role in improving the repair bond strength when physical treatments such as the use of burs are applied to the aged composite²¹.

Silanising agent has been incorporated in adhesive systems such as Scotchbond Universal Adhesive (3M ESPE, St. Paul, EUA). In this sense, the use of a silane-containing universal adhesive could eliminate the need to apply silane as a separate step in the clinical protocol for composite repair. Evidence about effect of a silane-containing universal adhesive associated or not with a silane agent on the repair bond strength of composite is limited and the results are contradictory^{8,11}.

This study therefore sought to evaluate the effect of a silane-containing universal adhesive used with and without a silane agent on the repair bond strength between old and new composites.

Materials and Methods

For this study, a silane coupling agent (RelyX Ceramic Primer, 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) and two adhesive systems were tested: a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive system (Adper Single Bond Plus, 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA), and a silane-containing universal adhesive system (Scotchbond Universal Adhesive, 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA). The nanohybrid composite resin (Filtek Z250 XT, 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) was used in the A1E and A3B shades. A detailed description of the materials is presented in Table 1.

Preparation of aged composite blocks

A total of 40 blocks of composite resin (Z350 XT, A1 shade; 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) measuring 8x8 mm with 4 mm height were fabricated using a metallic mold (8x8x8 mm). The mold was fixed on a glass slab and composite was packed into the mold in two increments and light cured for 20 seconds each with a light emitting diode curing unit (Radii-cal; SDI, Victoria, AUS) with a light output of at least 1250 mW/cm². Light intensity output was monitored with a Demetron Curing Radiometer (Kerr, Orange, CA, USA). The composite was carefully condensed with a clean filling instrument in order to avoid contamination and/or entrapment of voids.

After setting, composites were gently removed from the mold and the thickness of each block was confirmed with a digital caliper (Absolute Digimatic, Mitutoyo, Tokyo, Japan). The specimens were stored in distilled water at 37°C for 14 days⁷ previously to aging. The blocks were further aged by thermal cycling 5000 times between 5°C and 55°C, with a dwell time of 20 seconds and transfer time of 3 seconds⁷. The aged surfaces of the specimens were wet-ground with 320-grit silicon carbide grinding paper for 5 seconds in order to remove the superficial resin-rich layer and create standardized repair surfaces^{1,7}. The surfaces of all the specimens were then etched with 37% phosphoric acid for 30 seconds, washed with air/water spray for 60 seconds, and dried with a blast of air for 60 seconds¹¹.

Bonding procedures

The 40 aged blocks were randomly assigned (Random Allocation software, Iran, version 1.0) into four experimental groups (n=10) according to repair protocol: silane + Adper Single Bond Plus, Adper Single Bond Plus, silane + Scotchbond Universal Adhesive and Scotchbond Universal Adhesive. All materials were applied according to the manufacturer's recommendations (Table 1).

The aged composite blocks were carefully placed over the original mold and then repaired using composite resin (Z350 XT, A3B shade; 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA), in two incremental layers light cured for 20 seconds each, the same way as the original specimens, resulting in 8-mm high specimens. Specimens were stored in distilled water at 37° C for 24 h. A single trained operator carried out all procedures.

Microtensile bond strength (μ TBS)

To guarantee the blinding of the operator of the testing machine, each composite block was numbered according to the sequence of the randomization. Blocks were sectioned in sticks with a cross-sectional area of approximately 0.8 mm² using a water-cooled diamond saw in a cutting machine (Isomet, Buehler, Lake Bluff, IL, EUA). The cross-sectional area of each stick was measured with a digital caliper (Absolute Digimatic, Mitutoyo, Tokyo, Japan) to calculate the bond strength values (in MPa). The sticks were carefully examined with a stereomicroscope (HMV-2, Shimadzu Corp., Kyoto, Japan) at 40 \times magnification and those interfacial flaws, gaps, bubbles, or other defects were discarded. The bonded sticks were attached to a device for microtensile testing with cyanoacrylate resin and subjected to the microtensile test on a universal testing machine (EZ-SX series, Shimadzu Corp., Kyoto, Japan) at a crosshead speed of 1mm/min. The μ TBS (MPa) was obtained by dividing the load at failure (N) by the cross-sectional area (mm²) of each stick.

Failure mode

The fracture surfaces were examined under a stereomicroscope (HMV-2, Shimadzu Corp., Kyoto, Japan) at 40 \times magnification to determine if the failure region was within the adhesive zone or out of it. The adhesive zone was defined as the

interphase between the old and the new composite. The failures were reported as cohesive or adhesive. Fracture in the adhesive zone was classified as adhesive failure. A blind examiner to experimental groups evaluated the failure mode.

Cohesive strength of non-aged composite – Reference group

Ten blocks of composite resin (Z350 XT, A1E shade; 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) measuring 8x8 mm with 8 mm height were fabricated using a metallic mold. The mold was fixed on a glass slab and composite was packed into the mold in four increments and light cured for 20 seconds each with a light emitting diode curing unit. After the insertion of the last increment, the Mylar strip were pressed down over the mold and left for 30 seconds, and the specimen was light-cured through the strip. The thickness of each specimen was also measured with a digital caliper. Specimens were stored in distilled water at 37°C for 24 hours and then prepared to be subject to tensile test. Figure 1 summarizes the experimental design.

Statistical Analysis

The experimental unit in the current study was the resin block. Thus, the mean of the μ TBS values of all of the sticks from the same block were averaged for statistical analysis. The μ TBS means for every test group was expressed as the mean of the ten blocks used per group. The sample size of ten blocks per group was estimated previously considering an 80% power, a coefficient of variation of 20% and assuming a two-sided 5% significance level for comparisons.

The normal distribution of the data was confirmed using Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. The μ TBS means were analyzed by two-way ANOVA and Tukey's *post hoc* tests. One-way ANOVA and Dunnett *post-hoc* tests were used to compare the cohesive strength values and bond strength obtained in repaired groups. The significance level was set at $p < 0.05$. Statistical analyses were performed using the Minitab18 software (Minitab Inc., State College, PA, USA).

Results

The microtensile bond strength means (MPa), standard deviations, and distribution of the failure mode for all experimental groups are shown in Table 2. Only the main factors “adhesive system” ($p=0.002$) and “silane coupling agent” ($p=0.03$) were statistically significant.

The μ TBS values obtained for Scotchbond Universal Adhesive (42.3 ± 7.4 MPa) were higher than those obtained for Adper Single Bond Plus (31.6 ± 10.0 MPa). Previous silane application improved the repair bond strength (with silane: 40.8 ± 9.8 MPa; without silane: 33.1 ± 9.3 MPa). Cohesive strength values of non-aged specimens (69.9 ± 17.8 MPa) were highest than bond strength obtained in all repaired groups ($p=0.000$). Repair bond strength ranged of 39.3% to 65.8% of cohesive strength of the substrate material.

Discussion

Both silane coupling agents and adhesive systems seem have a role for establishing adequate bond strength between the existing composite and the new composite²¹. Considering the “universal application” idea behind these contemporary all-in-one adhesives, use of a silane-containing universal adhesive for composite repair would simplify the clinical protocol, reducing chair time and operator errors. In our study, silane-containing universal adhesive produced higher repair bond strength values in comparison with conventional adhesive system.

Scotchbond Universal Adhesive contains 10-MDP as functional monomer that can chemically bond to zirconia surface². Considering the zirconia content of fillers in Z350 XT, it could be assumed that 10-MDP monomer would be beneficial for the promotion of the repair bond strength by providing additional chemical bonding. However, silane application as a separate step improved the repair bond strength, irrespective of the adhesive.

Removing the superficial layer from an old composite and roughening with diamond bur are necessary to obtain micromechanical retention. In laboratory studies, the standardized surface roughness is obtained by the use of 320-grit silicon carbide grinding paper, simulating roughness obtained with a medium diamond

bur^{1,7}. This physical treatment is able to dissolve or remove the polymer matrix covering the glass fibers or particles, creating a proper scenario for silane coupling agents to interact with silica. The degradation of dental composites upon storage can also break filler-polymer bonds, allowing surface loss of glass particles¹⁰. Although there is currently no consensus on an aging method completely imitating the clinical conditions, in our study, composite resin was aged by water storage for 14 days followed by thermocycling (5000 cycles)⁷.

Silane coupling agents promote chemical bonding by forming siloxane bonds between silicate-containing filler particles exposed on the repair surface and the resin matrix of fresh resin layer⁴. Additionally, silanes have a higher surface wettability, facilitating the penetration of the adhesive into surface defects³, improving the repair bond strength. Scotchbond Universal adhesive contains prehydrolyzed silane, claimed by the manufacturer to be stable up to at least one year in storage. However, amount of silane in its composition (data not informed by manufacturer) may be not sufficient to improve the repair bond strength.

A previous study⁹ also found that silane surface treatment increased microtensile repair bond strength when using Scotchbond Universal Adhesive. Conversely, other study¹¹ reported that silane-containing universal adhesive on its own was as effective as any combination of silane and adhesive. It is important to highlight that in the latter, methodological differences related to bond strength test (microshear versus microtensile) and type of composite resin (nanofilled versus nanohybrid) may be explain contradictory findings with our study. Differently of the composite resin Z350XT, Filtek Supreme Ultra Restorative composite (3M ESPE) contains silane-treated ceramic, silane-treated silica and silane-treated zirconia. It has been reported that incorporation of silanized filler particles in the resin matrix improves the physical and mechanical properties of resin composites in terms of mechanical strength and hydrolytic stability¹⁶ and it may have an influence in the surface treatment for repair.

Repair strength is force measured when the specimens fracture. If large percentage of specimens is cohesively fractured, little or no conclusion can be drawn from the results on repair strength. In our study, the majority of the failures were adhesive for all experimental groups. We used the cohesive strength of the non-aged composite as a reference for the desired or optimal repair strength. It is unrealistic to reach the cohesive strength of new material, since composite gradually

loses strength as it ages⁹. Repair bond strength ranged of 39.3% to 65.8% of cohesive strength of the substrate material, being the association of silane with silane-containing universal adhesive the repair protocol that provided bond strength closer to the cohesive strength of the substrate composite. Thus, the probability of failures at the composite–repair interface such as fractures could be minimized.

It is relevant to emphasize that in most clinical situations, repair procedure of direct composite involves dental structure. It has been evidenced satisfactory bonding of the Scotchbond Universal Adhesive to dental substrates⁶. Therefore, the bonding of the silane-containing universal adhesive to enamel and dentin could help to ensure effective adhesion between old and new composite, minimizing the need for prior application of silane to composite surface.

The possibility of obtaining chemical bond to a composite substrate decreases slowly over time due to post-curing and water uptake, leading to hydrolysis of available double bonds, leaving few carboxyl groups for chemical bonding to new composite¹⁵. Furthermore, one-bottle prehydrolyzed silane solutions, such as RelyX Ceramic Primer, have a relatively short shelf life and gradually become less reactive after opening of the bottle, preventing optimal adhesion¹⁷. Further studies evaluating the effect of use of silane as pretreatment or incorporated to adhesive on the durability of repair procedures are necessary in order to consolidate the recommendation of a universally applicable repair protocol.

Conclusion

Use of a silane-containing universal adhesive improves the repair bond strength between old and new composites compared to conventional adhesive. However, it does not dispense the application of a silane agent in the protocol for direct composite repair.

Clinical relevance

Clinicians should use silane coupling agent plus silane-containing universal adhesive for repair of direct composite restorations not involving dental structure.

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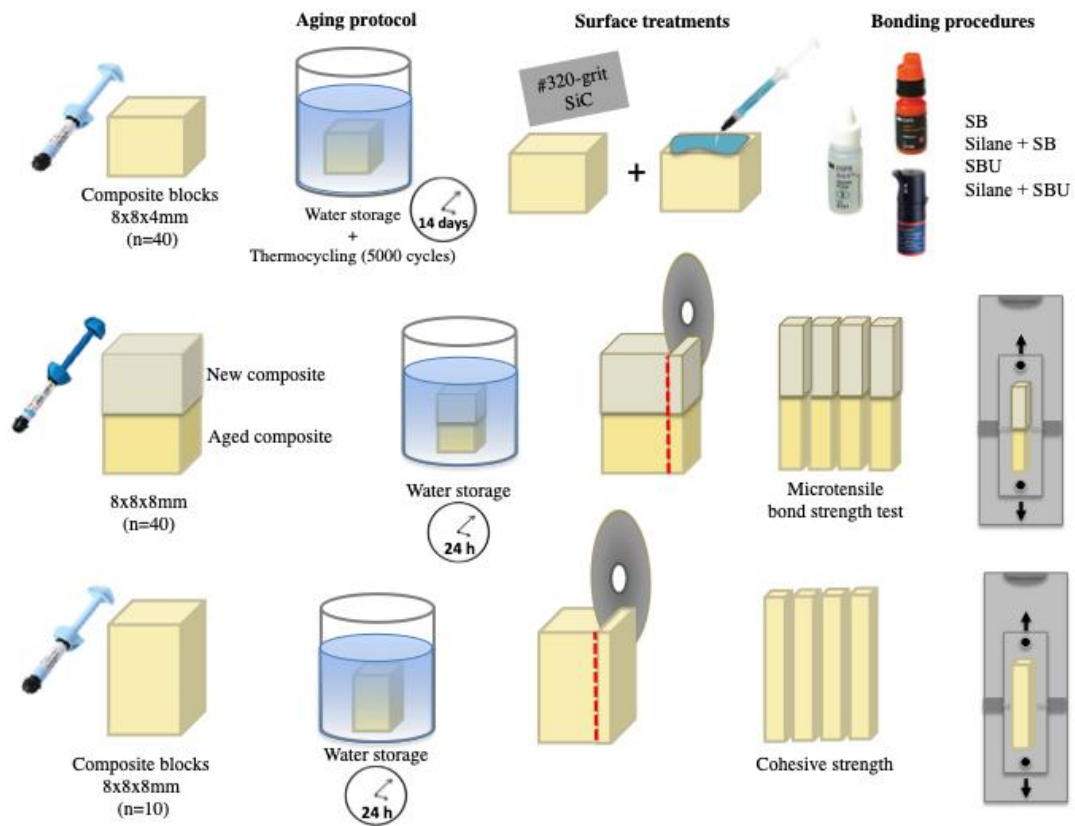


Figure 1. Experimental design of the study.

Abbreviations: SB: Adper Single Bond Plus, SBU: Scotchbond Universal Adhesive.

Table 1. Composition and application mode of the materials tested.

| <i>Material</i> | <i>Main components</i> | <i>Application mode</i> |
|---|---|---|
| RelyX Ceramic Primer (3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) #Batch number 1720700505 | Methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane; water; ethyl alcohol 3-(trimetoxysilyl methacrylate) | Apply one coat of silane Gently air dry for 5 s |
| Scotchbond Universal Adhesive (3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) #Batch number 1809600708 | Etchant: 37% phosphoric acid, MDP phosphate monomer, dimethacrylate resins, HEMA, methacrylate-modified polyalkenoic acid copolymer, filler, ethanol, water, initiators, silane | Apply the adhesive for 20 s with vigorous agitation Gentle air thin for 5 s Light-cure for 10 s |
| Adper Single Bond Plus (3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) #Batch number 1812300361 | Etchant : 37% phosphoric acid HEMA, water, ethanol, Bis-GMA, dimethacrylates, amines, metacrylate-functional copolymer of polyacrylic and polyitaconic acids, 10% by weight of 5 nanometer- diameter spherical silica particles | Apply 2 consecutive coats of adhesive for 15 s with gentle agitation Gently air dry for 5 s Light-cure for 10 s |
| Z350 XT A1E e A3B Shades (3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) #Batch numbers 1729300455, 1732800739 | Bis-GMA, UDMA, TEGDMA, Bis- EMA, non-agglomerated/non- aggregated 20 nm silica filler, non- agglomerated/non-aggregated 4 to 11 nm zirconia filler, and aggregated zirconia/silica cluster filler | Insert the composite in 2 mm increments Light-cure for 20 s |

Abbreviations: MDP: 10-methacryloyloxydecyl-dihydrogen-phosphate; Bis-GMA: bisphenyl-glycidyl methacrylate; HEMA: 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate ; TEGDMA: triethylene glycol dimethacrylate; Bis-EMA: ethoxylated bisphenol-A dimethacrylate; UDMA: urethane dimethacrylate

Table 2. The microtensile bond strength means (MPa), standard deviations, and distribution of the failure mode for all experimental groups.

| Experimental groups | Bond strength | Failure mode | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | | Adhesive | Cohesive |
| Adper Single Bond Plus | 27.5 ± 10.5 | 90.6% | 9.4% |
| Silane + Adper Single Bond Plus | 35.7 ± 3.7 | 87.7% | 12.3% |
| Scotchbond Universal Adhesive | 38.7 ± 10.5 | 93.7% | 6.3% |
| Silane + Scotchbond Universal Adhesive | 46.0 ± 8.4 | 83.0% | 17.0% |

3 CONCLUSÃO

Considerando a ideia de “aplicação universal” dos sistemas adesivos atuais de frasco único disponíveis no mercado, o uso de um adesivo universal contendo silano poderia simplificar o protocolo de reparo de resina composta direta, reduzindo tempo clínico e erros operatórios. Com base nos resultados do presente estudo, o uso de adesivo contendo silano aumenta a resistência de união de reparo quando comparado ao adesivo convencional. Entretanto, seu uso não dispensa a aplicação prévia de silano no protocolo de reparo de resina composta direta.

É importante enfatizar que em muitas situações clínicas, os procedimentos de reparo de resina composta envolvem estrutura dentária. Tem sido evidenciada satisfatória adesão do sistema adesivo universal testado (Single Bond Universal; 3M ESPE) aos substratos dentais (CUEVAS-SUÁREZ *et al.*, 2019). Sendo assim, a adesão do adesivo universal contendo silano ao esmalte e dentina poderia auxiliar na promoção de efetiva adesão entre as resinas compostas envelhecida e nova, minimizando a necessidade de aplicação prévia do silano. Estudos clínicos futuros são necessários para consolidar a recomendação de um protocolo para reparo de resina composta direta.

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ANEXO A – Aprovação da COMPESQ

Projeto de Pesquisa na Comissão de Pesquisa de Odontologia

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Prezado Pesquisador Tathiane Larissa Lenzi,

Informamos que o projeto de pesquisa O USO DE ADESIVO CONTENDO SILANO AUMENTA A RESISTENCIA DE UNIAO DE REPARO DE RESINA COMPOSTA ENVELHECIDA? encaminhado para análise em 13/09/2018 foi aprovado quanto ao mérito pela Comissão de Pesquisa de Odontologia com o seguinte parecer:

O presente trabalho visa avaliar a influência de um sistema adesivo contendo silano na resistência de união de reparo de resina composta envelhecida. Para isso, 50 corpos de prova (8 mm x 8 mm x 8mm) de resina composta (Z350 XT, 3M ESPE) serão divididos aleatoriamente em 5 grupos experimentais: controle negativo (nenhum tratamento de superfície químico), silano + adesivo convencional (Adper Single Bond 2, EM ESPE), adesivo convencional, silano + adesivo contendo silano (Single Bond Universal, 3M ESPE) e adesivo contendo silano. Os corpos de prova serão submetidos a envelhecimento por meio de ciclagem térmica (5000 ciclos de imersão em água destilada a 5o e 55o C) e abrasionados com lixa de granulação 320 para simular a asperização da superfície com ponta diamantada. Após os tratamentos de superfície, os corpos de prova serão reparados com resina composta (Z350 XT, 3M ESPE). Após 24 horas de armazenamento em água destilada, os corpos de prova serão seccionados para obtenção de espécimes com área de secção transversal de aproximadamente 1mm². Metade dos espécimes serão submetidos imediatamente ao teste de microtração e a outra metade após 6 meses de armazenamento em água destilada a 37o C. Adicionalmente, 10 corpos de prova (8mm x 8mm x 8mm) serão confeccionados para serem submetidos ao ensaio de tração (ultimate tensile strength) após 24 horas de armazenamento em água destilada ? grupo controle positivo (resistência coesiva). Os dados obtidos serão submetidos à análise estatística apropriada.

O projeto apresenta-se bem delineado e o parecer dessa comissão é favorável à aprovação.

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Atenciosamente, Comissão de Pesquisa de Odontologia

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