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Comparative evaluation of the microscopic changes at the glass fiber reinforced post-resin cement interface with silane and three different chemical pre-treatments using scanning electron microscope

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Statement of problem: Loss of retention has been cited to be the most common cause of the failure of post-retained restoration with irreversible consequences especially when materials with different compositions are in intimate contact at the post-resin interface. The weaker adhesion at the post-resin interface may be due to a lack of strong chemical bonding between resin luting agents and the polymerized epoxy matrices of fiber-reinforced posts.

Aim: The purpose of this study is to compare the effect of the chemicals namely silane(S), hydrogen peroxide(H₂O₂), hydrofluoric acid (HF), and potassium permanganate(kmno₄) that can enhance the adhesion at the post-resin interface and to investigate their morphologic aspect using a scanning electron microscope (SEM).

Material and Methods: 100 glass fiber-reinforced posts (DT light posts) were divided into four groups (n=25) namely, Group A: Salinization, Group B: Treatment with 20% vol kmno₄ followed by salinization, Group C: Treatment with 4%HF followed by salinization, Group D: Treatment with 10%H₂O₂ followed by salinization. These specimens were bonded with a dual polymerizing resin-based luting agent (Calibra), and subjected to a shear load at a cross-head speed of 1mm/min until failure, using a universal testing machine (Instron 4467). Means and standard deviations were calculated using analysis of variance (ANOVA). Further SEM analysis was done to study the characteristics of the post-resin interface.

Results: Dissolution of the epoxy resin matrix occurred in each of the four groups except for Group A which showed poor ultrastructural changes respectively.

Conclusion: A combination of chemical pre-treatments followed by salinization enhanced the bond strength at the post-adhesive interface.

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