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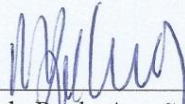
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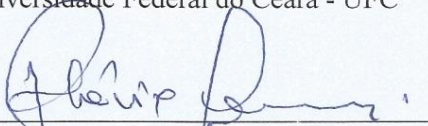
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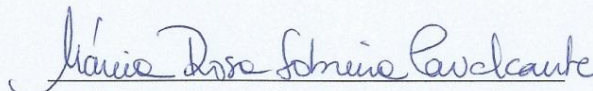
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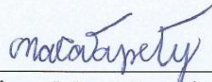
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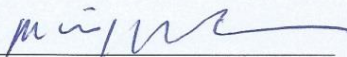
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## RESUMO

O objetivo desse estudo foi avaliar o efeito do pré-tratamento da dentina com etanol na resistência de união de um sistema adesivo simplificado de condicionamento total. Para isso, foram realizados estudos *in vitro* e *in vivo*. O primeiro estudo “Different concentrations of ethanol as dentin pre-treatment to bonding of an etch-and-rinse adhesive”, avaliou a resistência de união à dentina com a aplicação de etanol anterior à aplicação de um adesivo simplificado de condicionamento total (Single Bond 2) e analisou as características morfológicas da interface resina-dentina. Materiais e Métodos: Vinte e quatro terceiros molares foram distribuídos aleatoriamente em quatro grupos (n=5) de acordo com a concentração de etanol: controle (sem etanol, técnica convencional), 50%, 70% e 100%. Nos grupos experimentais, o etanol foi aplicado durante 20 segundos. Em seguida o adesivo (Adper Single Bond 2) foi aplicado e platôs de resina composta foram construídos de forma incremental. Os dentes foram seccionados e submetidos ao teste de microtração (1 mm/min). ANOVA one-way e teste *post hoc* Tukey foram aplicados para analisar os dados estatísticos ( $\alpha=0,05$ ). Microscopia ótica (MO) utilizando coloração Tricrômio de Masson foi usado para observar as características das interfaces resina-dentina. Resultados: o grupo 50% não apresentou diferença do grupo controle ( $p>0,05$ ). No entanto, os grupos 70% e 100% apresentaram um aumento na resistência de união ( $p<0,001$  e  $p=0,003$  respectivamente), sem diferença entre estes dois grupos. MO mostrou uma diminuição discreta de fibras colágenas expostas na interface adesiva dos espécimes dos grupos tratados com etanol 70% e 100%. Conclusão: O pré-tratamento da dentina utilizando etanol aumenta a resistência de união da interface resina-dentina quando aplicado em concentrações de 70% ou 100%. No segundo estudo “The use of ethanol as pre-treatment of dentin on bond strength of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive - an *in vivo* study”, vinte terceiros molares sadios, em função oclusal e indicados para exodontia, foram divididos aleatoriamente em 4 grupos e tiveram cavidades C1 I preparadas e restauradas aplicando-se ou não etanol 70% por 20 s. Os dentes foram extraídos imediatamente (24 h) ou após 18 meses. Quatro dentes de cada grupo (n=4) foram submetidos ao teste de micro tração e um foi seccionado para análise em MO, utilizando a técnica de coloração Tricrômio de Masson. Análise estatística (ANOVA two way e Holm Sidak *post hoc*,  $\alpha=0,05$ ) mostrou que os grupos tratados sem etanol (24 h e 18 meses) e o grupo imediato tratado com etanol (24 h) apresentaram resistência de união semelhantes ( $p>0,05$ ) e estatisticamente superiores ao grupo que teve tratamento com etanol e extraídos com 18 meses ( $p<0,05$ ). A análise em MO mostrou áreas pigmentadas em vermelho,



indicando presença de fibras de colágeno expostas nos grupos imediatos (24 h) e a ausência dessas áreas nos grupos envelhecidos (18 meses), Já nos grupos tratados com etanol e extraídos após 18 meses foram observadas áreas sem pigmentação vermelha indicando a degradação do colágeno exposto. Conclusão: o uso de etanol 70% na dentina previamente a aplicação de um sistema adesivo de condicionamento total simplificado diminui a resistência de união.

Palavras-chave: Etanol. Adesivos Dentinários. Corantes.

## ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of pretreatment of dentin with ethanol on bond strength (BS) of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive system and morphologically observe the hybrid layer (HL). And for that, two studies have been realized: one *in vitro* and other *in vivo*. In the first study, twenty four third molars were collected and randomly assigned into four groups (n=5) according to the ethanol concentration: control (traditional water-wet technique), 50vol.%, 70vol.% and 100vol.%. In experimental groups, ethanol was applied for 20 s. Bonding procedures (Adper Single Bond 2) were performed and resin composite was built up incrementally. Bonded teeth were sectioned into 0.8mm<sup>2</sup> sticks. The specimens were submitted to microtensile bond strength test ( $\mu$ TBS). One-way ANOVA and *post hoc* Tukey's test were applied to analyze statistical the data ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Light microscopy (LM) assisted by Masson's trichrome staining was used to observe the features of resin-dentin interfaces. Results: Control BS was not different from ethanol 50vol.% ( $p>0.05$ ). However, the pretreatment using ethanol 70vol.% and 100vol.% showed increase on BS ( $p<0.001$  and  $p=0.003$  respectively) with no difference between these two groups. LM showed a discrete decrease in denuded collagen fibrils to teeth treated with 70vol.% and 100vol.%. Conclusion: The pretreatment of dentin using 70vol.% or 100vol.% ethanol may increase the initial BS of resin/dentin interface. In the second study, twenty healthy third molars, in function, and suitable for extraction were divided into 4 groups, CI I cavities were prepared and restored applying or not 70% ethanol for 20 s. Teeth were collected immediately (24 h) or after 18 months. Four teeth of each group (n=4) were subjected to microtensile bond strength ( $\mu$ TBS) and one tooth was observed under light microscopy (LM), using Masson's trichrome staining. Statistical analysis (ANOVA Two Way and Holm Sidak *post hoc*,  $\alpha = 0.05$ ) showed that the groups treated without ethanol (24 h and 18 m) and the group treated with ethanol (24 h) showed similar BS ( $p>0.05$ ) and statistically superior to the group treated with ethanol and extracted after 18 months ( $p<0.05$ ). The LM analysis revealed a small amount of denuded collagen fibrils in immediate groups (24 h) and absence of these fibrils on aged groups (18 mos), while in the group treated with ethanol and extracted after 18 m, presented areas without pigmentation on HL. Conclusion: the use of 70vol.% ethanol on dentin prior to the adhesive system decreases the BS and increases the degradation of resin/dentin interface over time.

Keywords: Ethanol. Dentin-Bonding Agents. Coloring Agents.

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## 1 INTRODUÇÃO GERAL

O mecanismo de adesão amplamente utilizado na odontologia atual foi difundido pelo uso de materiais resinosos empregados com a técnica de condicionamento ácido (Buonocore, 1955). Desde então, vários estudos têm sido desenvolvidos com a finalidade de aperfeiçoar essa adesão do material restaurador ao substrato dentário (HASHIMOTO *et al.*, 2000; Van MEERBEEK *et al.*, 2003; DeMUNCK *et al.*, 2003; TAY; PASHLEY, 2003; PASHLEY *et al.*, 2007). Embora a adesão ao esmalte apresente alto índice de sucesso clínico, na dentina ainda é considerada deficiente, principalmente a longo prazo, devido à heterogeneidade e à presença de água nesse tecido (PASHLEY *et al.*, 2003).

A adesão ao dente é obtida através da infiltração de monômeros resinosos do sistema adesivo no tecido (esmalte/dentina) parcialmente desmineralizado pelo condicionamento ácido. Após a polimerização *in situ* da resina, essa camada de interdifusão entre material polimérico e tecido dental é denominada camada híbrida (CH) (NAKABAYASHI; KOJIMA; MASHUARA, 1982). A camada híbrida propicia resistência de união (RU) entre o material restaurador e o dente (TAY *et al.*, 2008) que promove a adesão e durabilidade das restaurações. A água é responsável por manter as fibras colágenas (expostas após a desmineralização) expandidas para a correta infiltração dos monômeros e formação da camada híbrida. Entretanto, a água em excesso também impede a infiltração de monômeros mais hidrófobos e prejudica a polimerização da resina, facilitando a degradação da união ao longo do tempo (CARVALHO *et al.*, 2003; De MUNCK *et al.*, 2003). Além disso, uma interface adesiva deficiente possui fibras colágenas não adequadamente envolvidas por resina, estando mais susceptíveis à degradação hidrolítica e enzimática (MAZZONI *et al.*, 2006; GARCIA-GODOY *et al.*, 2007). Portanto, na formação da camada híbrida, durante a aplicação de adesivos convencionais (com passo de condicionamento e lavagem separados), a remoção do excesso de água remanescente é considerada essencial para o sucesso do procedimento adesivo (TAY; PASHLEY, 2003).

Para auxiliar na remoção do excesso de água, facilitar a infiltração dos monômeros hidrofóbicos, melhorar a polimerização da resina e permitir a formação de uma camada híbrida mais homogênea, tem sido proposta a aplicação de etanol na dentina condicionada previamente à aplicação do adesivo, em uma técnica conhecida como “ethanol wet bonding” (PASHLEY *et al.*, 2007). Essa técnica consiste na aplicação de concentrações crescentes de etanol, começando com a concentração de 50%, seguida de 70%, 80%, 95% e 100% (SADEK

*et al.*, 2010; OSÓRIO *et al.*, 2010). O aumento gradual na concentração de etanol é um passo necessário para prevenir o colapso das fibras colágenas e permitir a total troca da água por etanol, dentro da dentina desmineralizada (LIU *et al.*, 2011; GUIMARÃES *et al.*, 2012).

Os monômeros hidrofóbicos presentes nos adesivos são solúveis em etanol e os monômeros hidrofílicos são mais solúveis em água (SAURO *et al.*, 2010). Dessa forma, é possível que esses adesivos possam apresentar melhor penetração em dentina desmineralizada e saturada com etanol devido à sua melhor solubilidade e consequente afinidade com o substrato saturado com etanol. Assim, a aplicação do etanol apresentaria dois mecanismos de ação para o aumento da infiltração dos monômeros na dentina desmineralizada: a remoção da água e o aumento da solubilidade destes resultando em maior penetração na dentina (PASHLEY *et al.*, 2007).

Os passos clínicos adicionais da técnica “ethanol-wet bonding” seriam justificados pela obtenção de um substrato dentinário com menos conteúdo de água e desta forma mais adequado à infiltração dos monômeros hidrofóbicos do adesivo, podendo resultar em valores de resistência de união superiores aos da técnica convencional e uma interface mais durável e resistente à degradação (HOSAKA *et al.*, 2009; SADEK *et al.*, 2010). Para essa técnica, diferentes tempos de saturação da dentina com etanol são descritas na literatura, variando de 20 s a 3,5 min (CARVALHO *et al.*, 2003; PASHLEY *et al.*, 2007; HOSAKA *et al.* 2009; SADEK *et al.*, 2010; LIU *et al.*, 2011). No entanto, essa técnica é considerada clinicamente inviável uma vez que acrescenta mais etapas, demanda mais tempo e torna a aplicação do adesivo mais sensível. Com a finalidade de deixá-la clinicamente viável, tem-se sugerido uma técnica simplificada, onde apenas uma aplicação de etanol a 100% por 60 segundos aplicado por 7 vezes demonstrou resultados promissores (LI *et al.*, 2012; SADEK *et al.* 2010). No entanto, nosso trabalho sugere a aplicação de etanol a 70% por 20s, em virtude de resultados prévios terem demonstrado aumento de resistência de união utilizando essa técnica (vide Capítulo 1). Somando-se a isso a evaporação rápida do etanol a 100% pode não remover totalmente o excesso de água.

Devido à carência de estudos clínicos na literatura utilizando a técnica de saturação da dentina com etanol e considerando que o principal objetivo desta é permutar a água dentro da dentina desmineralizada pelos monômeros hidrofóbicos do adesivo, o presente estudo, baseado em resultados de testes laboratoriais prévios e com o objetivo de tornar a técnica clinicamente viável, ajustou esse passo clínico utilizando solução de etanol em uma concentração de 70% aplicado em passo único por 20 s.

## **2 PROPOSIÇÃO**

Essa tese de doutorado será apresentada em capítulos, tendo como objetivos:

Capítulo 1 - Avaliar, *in vitro*, o efeito do pré-tratamento da dentina com etanol em diferentes concentrações na resistência de união de um adesivo simplificado de condicionamento total.

Capítulo 2 - Avaliar, *in vivo*, o efeito do pré-tratamento da dentina com etanol 70%, na resistência de união de um sistema adesivo simplificado de condicionamento total.

### 3 CAPÍTULOS

Esta tese está baseada no Artigo 46 do Regimento Interno do Programa de Pós-graduação em Odontologia da Universidade Federal do Ceará que regulamenta o formato alternativo para dissertações de Mestrado e teses de Doutorado e permite a inserção de artigos científicos de autoria ou coautoria do candidato. Por se tratar de pesquisas envolvendo seres humanos, ou partes deles, os projetos de pesquisa deste trabalho foram submetidos à apreciação do Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa da Universidade Federal do Ceará, tendo sido aprovados (Processo #107/10; Processo #108/10) anexos A e B. Assim sendo, esta tese é composta de dois capítulos contendo artigos que serão submetidos para publicação em periódicos científicos.

#### **Capítulo 1:**

“Avaliation of Different Concentrations of Ethanol as Dentin Pre-treatment on Bonding of an Etch-and-rinse Adhesive”

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#### **Capítulo 2**

“Ethanol as dentin pre-treatment on the bonding performance of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive - an *in vivo* study”

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### 3.1 Capítulo 1

#### **Avaliation of Different Concentrations of Ethanol as Dentin Pre-treatment to Bonding of an Etch-and-rinse Adhesive**

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To evaluate the bond strength (BS) to dentin pre-treated with ethanol in single application for 20 s after etching and before application of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive and to analyze the morphological features at the resin-dentin interface.

**Materials and Methods:** Twenty four third molars were collected and randomly assigned into four groups (n=5) according to the ethanol concentration: control (traditional water-wet technique), 50vol.%, 70vol.% and 100vol.%. In experimental groups, ethanol was applied for 20 s and gently air-dried for 5 s. Bonding procedures (Adper Single Bond 2) were performed and resin composite was built up incrementally. Bonded teeth were sectioned into 0.8mm<sup>2</sup> sticks. These specimens were submitted to microtensile bond strength test ( $\mu$ TBS). One-way ANOVA and Tukey's *post hoc* test were applied to statistically analyze the data ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Light microscopy (LM) assisted by Masson's trichrome staining was used to observe the features of resin-dentin interfaces. **Results:** Control BS was not different from ethanol 50vol.% ( $p>0.05$ ). However, the pre-treatment using ethanol 70vol.% and 100vol.% showed increase on BS ( $p<0.001$  and  $p=0.003$  respectively) with no difference between these two groups. LM Showed a discrete decrease in denuded collagen fibrils to teeth treated with 70vol.% and 100vol.%. **Conclusion:** The dentin pre-treatment with ethanol may increase the initial BS of resin/dentin interface when using 70vol.% or 100vol.% ethanol. Ethanol in 70vol.% also is able to decrease the thickness of the resin-sparse collagen fibrils.

**Keywords:** dentin bonding; ethanol-saturated dentin, microtensile bond strength.

## INTRODUCTION

Resin-dentin bonds are less durable than resin-enamel bonds<sup>1-3</sup>. In fact, this is due to dentin bonding relies on organic components which are not remarkable in enamel bonding<sup>4-8</sup>. Even though the moisture after etching is essential for successful bonding using etch-and-rinse adhesives, it also affects the long-term bonding stability<sup>9,10</sup>. Although immediate bond strengths of contemporary adhesives have been acceptable and in some cases relatively high<sup>6,7,11-13</sup>, substantial decreases occurred after several sorts of aging<sup>2,8,14,15</sup>.

Resin-dentin bonding uses a partially demineralized dentin collagen matrix as the scaffold for resin infiltration, to produce a hybrid layer that couples the adhesives, the resin composite and the underlying mineralized dentin<sup>8</sup>. However, the permeation of resin monomers within exposed collagen fibrils is not complete<sup>8,16</sup> and one of the reasons to this occur is the presence of residual water from the etch-and-rinse technique<sup>17</sup>. Water is responsible for maintaining the collagen fibrils (exposed after demineralization) optimally expanded for the infiltration of the comonomer blend and formation of the hybrid layer<sup>18</sup>. Nevertheless, excessive water also impairs the infiltration of hydrophobic monomers and precludes the polymerization of the resin facilitating the degradation of the bond over time<sup>5,9,19</sup>. Furthermore, the resin-sparse collagen fibrils are more susceptible to hydrolytic and enzymatic degradation<sup>20,21</sup>. Therefore, the control of water content (dentin wetness) after etching is important to create a reliable resin-dentin bond<sup>1,3,8,22,23</sup>.

In order to assist the removal of residual water and improve the infiltration of hydrophobic monomers into exposed collagen fibrils, as well as to allow the formation of a homogeneous hybrid layer, it has been proposed to saturate the etched dentin with ethanol prior to application of the two-step etch-and-rinse adhesives, the so-called "ethanol-wet bonding"<sup>24</sup>. This technique involves the application of a gradual and increasing concentration

of ethanol, starting with 50vol.%, 70vol.%, 80vol.%, 95vol.% and finally 100vol.%<sup>24-28</sup>. Such process is required to allow complete exchange of water by ethanol within the partially demineralized dentin<sup>23,29</sup>. These additional clinical steps are justified to obtain a more adequate infiltration of hydrophobic monomers of the adhesive<sup>28</sup> as well as less water content which could result in higher bond strength and more durable resin-dentin interfaces<sup>25-27,30</sup>. However, this technique is considered clinically unattainable as it is laborious, time consuming and technique sensitive. In an attempt to make the ethanol pre-treatment clinically feasible, an alternative and simplified technique has been suggested, in which seven applications of 100vol.% ethanol are conducted, showing promising results<sup>25-27,31,32</sup>. Although this simplified technique presented high bond strength, it is still time consuming and unattractive to be used clinically. It would be interesting to observe the effects of ethanol pre-treatment in a single application during a shorter period prior to the adhesive application, in order to make the technique clinically acceptable.

Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate the bond strength and morphological features of resin-dentin bonds using ethanol pre-treatment after the etching procedures by means of a single ethanol application for 20 s. The null hypothesis tested is that ethanol-saturated dentin does not interfere on BS.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### **Tooth preparation**

Twenty four recently extracted, caries-free human third molars were used after protocol was approved by the Research Ethics Committee Institution (Process #107/10). The teeth were stored in 0.01% thymol solution at 4°C and used within 2 months after extraction. After being copiously rinsed in running water, cleaned, and pumiced, tooth crowns were cut flat using a low-speed diamond saw under water irrigation (Isomet, Buehler; Lake Bluff,

USA), and a standardized smear layer was produced on the exposed coronal dentin using 600-grit wet silicon carbide paper mounted on a polishing machine (Aropol 2V – Arotec; São Paulo, SP, Brazil). The teeth were randomly assigned into four groups (n=5) according to the ethanol concentration: control (water), 50vol.%, 70vol.% and 100vol.%. Each tooth was etched with 35% phosphoric acid gel (Scotchbond Etchant, 3M ESPE; St Paul, MN, USA) for 15 s and rinsed thoroughly with distilled water for 15 s. The excess of water was removed from the surface with absorbent paper (Mellita; São Paulo, SP, Brazil). In experimental groups, the different concentrations of ethanol were applied for 20 s in a single application. Thereafter, the adhesive (Adper Single Bond 2 – M/ESPE) and resin composite (Z350 XT - 3M/ESPE St. Paul, MN, USA) applications were performed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Each resin composite increment was light cured for 20 s with 600 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, using a light-curing unit (XL 3000, 3M-ESPE). The details of all materials used are described in Table 1.

### **Microtensile bond strenght ( $\mu$ TBS)**

Following storage in distilled water at 37 °C for 24 h, each restored tooth was longitudinally sectioned in both “x” and “y” directions, across the bonded interface using a diamond blade (Isomet 1000, Buehler Ltd., Lake Bluff, USA) to obtain sticks with cross-sectional areas of approximately 0.8 mm<sup>2</sup>. Each stick was measured with a digital caliper (Absolute Digimatic, Mitutoyo, Tokyo, Japan) and fixed to a test apparatus (Bencor Multi-T Device - Danville Engineering, San Ramon, CA, USA) using cyanoacrylate glue (Zapit, Dental Ventures of America, Corona, CA, USA) and stressed to failure with tensile force in a universal testing machine (Instron 4411, Canton, MA, USA) at a cross-head speed of 1 mm/min and data were collected in MPa. The bond strengths from same bonded tooth were averaged and the mean was used as a statistical unit. The fractured beams were analyzed

using a stereomicroscope (Stemi 2000-C, Carl Zeiss Jena GmbH, Germany) at 50x magnification and the failure mode classified as cohesive in dentin (CD), cohesive in resin (CR), adhesive (A) or mixed (M).

### **Statistical analysis**

SPSS 17.0 (SPSS, Chicago, IL, USA) software was used to perform the statistical analysis. One-way ANOVA was applied to analyze the  $\mu$ TBS data (MPa) complemented by Tukey's multiple comparison *post hoc* test with significance level set at  $\alpha=5\%$ . Premature failures were noted but not included in the statistical analysis.

### **Light microscopy – Masson's trichrome**

One tooth from each group was sectioned serial 1 mm thick resin-dentin slabs, which were fixed on a glass holder with cyanoacrylate glue (Super Bonder flex gel – Henkel Ltd., Düsseldorf, Germany) and polished with SiC papers on increasing grits size (800, 1000, 1200 and 2500) under running water (Buehler, Lake Bluff, IL, USA), reducing the slabs to about 150  $\mu$ m in thickness. After polishing, the specimens were treated with Masson's trichrome staining technique, as previously described<sup>33</sup>. This staining technique has high affinity for cationic elements normally found in mineralized type I collagen, resulting in blue color. The acid etching of dentin causes the removal of these cationic elements and exposes collagen fibers showing a red pigmentation. These exposed collagen fibrils, showed by LM images, represented by a thin red colored layer at the HL, is called "red zone". Using this microscopic technique, lower incidence of red zones in the interface indicates less denuded collagen fibrils<sup>5,11,12</sup>. The composite resin usually stains in beige color. After all staining procedures, the specimens were covered with a glass coverslip and analyzed under light microscopy (LM)

at 400x magnification (Olympus BH-2, Tokyo, Japan). The evaluation of Masson's Trichrome was performed qualitatively.

## **RESULTS**

### **Microtensile bond strength - $\mu$ TBS**

One-way ANOVA test showed a statistically significant difference on BS between groups ( $p < 0.001$ ). Tukey multiple comparison *post hoc* test showed no difference between control and ethanol 50vol.% ( $p > 0.05$ ). Dentin pre-treatment with ethanol 70vol.% and 100vol.% showed statistically higher BS ( $p < 0.001$  and  $p = 0.003$ , respectively), with no difference between these two treatments ( $p > 0.05$ ). There was no difference between dentin pre-treatment with ethanol 50vol.% and with water (control). Mixed failures (M) were the most common fracture pattern observed in all groups. Mean bond strength and failure mode distribution are summarized in Table 2.

### **Light microscopy**

Representative light microscopy (LM) images of the adhesive interface showed presence of denuded collagen fibrils in all groups, demonstrated by red zones representing non-encapsulated/exposed collagen, able to react with the stain (Fig. 1 - arrows). A thicker red zone (resin-sparse collagen) can be seen along the whole adhesive interface of control and 50vol.% groups (Fig. 1A and 1B) suggesting less ability of these techniques in replacing the residual water by polymers. When dentin was treated with 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol, images showed less red zones indicating better infiltration of monomers during the hybrid layer formation (Fig. 1C and 1D).

## DISCUSSION

In the present study, it could be observed that dentin pre-treatment using 50vol.% ethanol applied for 20 s showed no statistical significant difference on BS ( $p>0.05$ ) in comparison with the traditional water-wet technique (control group). Additionally, based on morphological features of the resin-dentin interfaces imaged by LM (Fig. 1A and 1B), we could suggest that the effectiveness in replacing water was the same for these groups. Contrariwise, 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol presented a significant increase on BS (Table 2) compared with control group ( $p<0.05$ ). The null hypothesis was rejected once 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol increased BS despite 50vol.% presented similar BS to control (water). The microscopical survey showed that dentin pre-treatment using both 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol achieved higher resin infiltration than using 50vol.% ethanol or water-wet bonding, as demonstrated by the less amount of red zones (Fig. 1C and 1D respectively). These findings are not in agreement with those of Sadek *et al.* (2010), who affirm that 100vol.% ethanol applied for 30 s induced low bond strength. On the other hand, Hosaka *et al.* (2009) showed acceptable performance of 100vol.% ethanol applied for 1 min.

Authors have reported that the interfibrillar spaces between collagen fibrils contain a hydrogel composed of proteoglycans<sup>34,35</sup>. It has been discussed that the presence of this hydrogel may interfere with comonomer infiltration during bonding<sup>5,11,12</sup>. However, the ethanol removes the water from these spaces, causing the hydrogel to collapse, and shrinks the dehydrated collagen fibrils in a greater extent than the overall shrinkage of the collagen mesh<sup>16</sup>, thereby enlarging the interfibrillar spaces and allowing more resin infiltration resulting in a resin-dentin interface with less denuded collagen fibrils<sup>30</sup>. In the LM analysis, the dentin pre-treatment with 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol (Fig. 1C and 1D, respectively) presented less incidence of red zones than the control and 50vol.% ethanol (Fig. 1A and 1B, respectively). It may be suggested that the former groups achieved improved resin infiltration

and reduced resin-sparse collagen which could likely decrease the degradation of the resin-dentin interface.

Although ethanol-saturated dentin might be a better substrate for adhesive infiltration, it may be taking into account that ethanol evaporates faster than water, due to its higher vapor pressure<sup>24</sup>. Thus, the high volatility of 100vol.% ethanol and its rapid evaporation may lead collagen fibrils to collapse unless a continuous and time-consuming application is performed<sup>24-27</sup> which sometimes reduces the clinical feasibility of the technique. Although 70vol.% ethanol also has a relatively high volatility, the presence of water in its composition decreases its evaporation thereby facilitating the exchange of water and maintenance of the interfibrillar spaces. In fact, this procedure allows better infiltration of the resin comonomer blend<sup>31</sup>. However, in order to accomplish the optimal resin infiltration, the operator needs to avoid over-wet and over-dry situations which is easier to be controlled using 70vol.% ethanol<sup>24-27,31</sup>. Furthermore, the water present in 70vol.% ethanol facilitates the passage of ethanol through the bacteria cell wall which is one of the well-known antibacterial properties of ethanol<sup>36</sup>.

The hydrophobic monomers are more soluble in ethanol than in water<sup>37</sup>, and most of the dental adhesives are currently ethanol/water solvated mixtures of different sorts of monomers. Nevertheless, the degradation of the resin-dentin interface is remarkably reduced using more hydrophobic monomers which have higher affinity to ethanol-saturated dentin<sup>38</sup>. Therefore, it is possible that most of current adhesives may exhibit enhanced penetration in ethanol-wet partially demineralized dentin matrix<sup>38</sup>.

In an etched and rinsed dentin, the surface remains water-saturated preventing the collagen shrinkage, and after the experimental treatments the ethanol concentration would certainly diminish. In other words, the 50vol.% ethanol when in contact with this water-saturated dentin would be diluted (<50vol.% ethanol), leaving the partially demineralized dentin predominantly water-wet. The same dilution could occur with 70vol.% and 100vol.%



ethanol creating <70vol.% and <100vol.% ethanol concentrations in the substrate respectively. However, even after the dilution, these concentrations (70vol.% and 100vol.%) would likely saturate the partially demineralized dentin into a predominantly ethanol-wet surface due to the higher amount of ethanol. As previously demonstrated<sup>24</sup>, the overall solubility parameter of dental adhesive resins is higher in ethanol than in water. Therefore, the solubility and infiltration of the comonomer blend in a predominantly ethanol-wet substrate would be improved. This may explain the outcomes observed in the present investigation for 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol pre-treatment (Table 2 and Fig. 1). Indeed, in 50vol.% ethanol pre-treated dentin, this solvent was not able to significantly improve the BS and resin infiltration due to the increasing in the overall water content.

Despite the limitations of this *in vitro* study, the simplified application of 70vol.% and 100vol.% ethanol prior to the application of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive showed to be effective in terms of initial dentin bonding performance. However, further investigations should be conducted to confirm the effectiveness of such dentin pre-treatments.

## **CONCLUSION**

It may be concluded that dentin pre-treatment with ethanol increased the bond strength of the resin-dentin interface when 70vol.% or 100vol.% concentrations were used. Yet, both concentrations of ethanol decreased the incidence of resin-sparse collagen.

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**Table 1.** Materials used in the study

Comercial brand	Main components	Mode of application	Manufacturer
Adper Single Bond 2	Ethanol, bis-GMA, HEMA, GDMA, polycarboxylic acid copolymer, UDMA, water ter, CQ, EDMAB, DPIHFP	Apply two layers of the adhesive resin, gently air-stream for 5 s and light-cure for 10 s	3M/ESPE
Scotchbond Etchant	35% phosphoric acid, water, silica	Apply a layer for 15 s and wash for 15 s.	3M/ESPE
Filtek Z350 XT	-Bis-GMA, UDMA, Bis-EMA, TEGDMA resins, zirconium, silica	Apply increments of 2 mm and light-cure for 20 s.	3M/ESPE

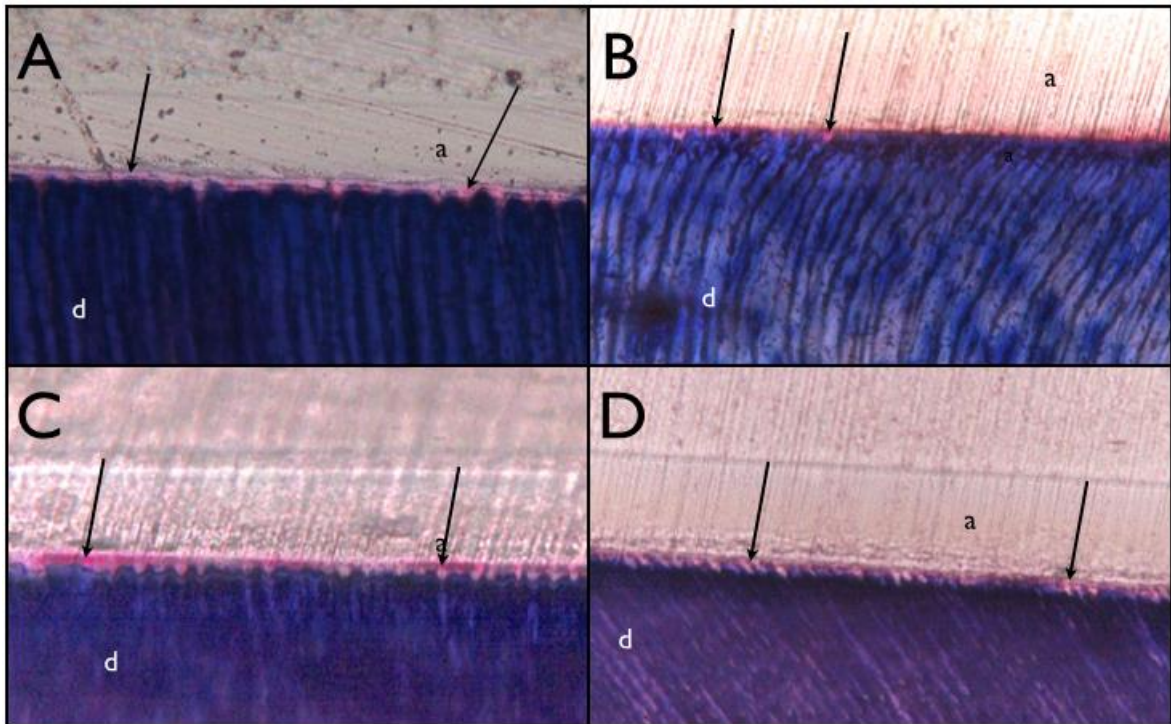
**Table 2.** Bond strength and Distribution of Fracture Modes

Dentin Pre-Treatment	$\mu$ TBS*	Failure mode - %**			
		CD	CR	M	A
<i>Water (control)</i>	$34,8 \pm 9,8$ (45) <sup>b</sup>	9	17	65	9
<i>50vol.%</i>	$36,1 \pm 9,4$ (59) <sup>b</sup>	12	15	62	11
<i>70vol.%</i>	$41,5 \pm 8,8$ (53) <sup>a</sup>	10	12	71	7
<i>100vol.%</i>	$40,9 \pm 8,4$ (57) <sup>a</sup>	13	11	69	7

\* Bond Strength values are means  $\pm$  Standard Deviations (beams/group). Different superscripts indicate statistical differences ( $p < 0.05$ ).

\*\*Failure modes pattern: CD - cohesive in dentin; CR - cohesive in resin; M - mixed; A - adhesive.

**Fig. 1** - Light micrographs of Masson's Trichrome of resin-dentin interface



A) Control - water; B) 50vol.% ethanol; C) 70vol.% ethanol; D) 100vol.% ethanol. a - adhesive; d - dentin. Arrow - red zone layer indicating denuded and unprotected collagen fibrils.



## 3.2 Capítulo 2

### **Ethanol as dentin pre-treatment on the bonding performance of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive - an *in vivo* study**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Purpose:** To evaluate the use of 70vol.% ethanol as a dentin pre-treatment on the bond strength (BS) of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive.

**Materials and Methods:** Resin composite Class I restorations were clinically bonded to acid-etched dentin of human sound third molars using Adper Single Bond 2 (SB, 3M-ESPE) and randomly divided into two major groups: dentin saturated with water (control) or 70vol.% ethanol (ethanol). The teeth were divided into two subgroups: immediately extracted and tested after 24h, and extraction after 18 months. Bonded-teeth (Adper Single bond 2) were cut into resin-dentin sticks which were tested by microtensile bond strength. The failure mode was thereafter evaluated. Data were statistically analyzed using two-way ANOVA and Holm-Sidak *post hoc* test ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). Additional bonded resin-dentin slabs from each group were examined under light microscopy (LM) using Masson's trichrome staining technique.

**Results:** The lowest BS was obtained by ethanol pre-treated dentin after aging whilst other groups presented similar BS. The LM analysis showed presence of resin-sparse collagen fibrils in groups examined immediately (24 h) and the presence of several gaps due to collagen degradation at the interfaces of ethanol pre-treated aged specimens (18 mos).

**Conclusion:** The use of 70vol.% ethanol in dentin prior to the application of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive should be avoided once it resulted in a significant drop on the bond strength.

**Keywords:** bond strength, ethanol wet-bonding, hybrid layer.

## INTRODUCTION

The current concept of adhesion to dentin relies on the infiltration of monomers from the adhesive resin within the etched dentin tissue (collagen mesh), in order to allow the formation of the so-called hybrid layer.<sup>29</sup> The hybrid layer is considered the foremost factor to achieve high bond strength (BS) between the restorative composite and the dentin.<sup>5,43</sup> During this process, water is responsible for maintaining the collagen fibrils expanded which allows resin penetration and formation of hybrid layer after the subsequent polymerization of the resin.<sup>12,29</sup> Although water has been important in this bonding mechanism, especially using etch-and-rinse adhesives, it is also associated with the degradation of the resin-dentin bonds.<sup>5,9,12,19</sup> In order to simplify the application of dentin adhesives, the two-step etch-and-rinse and one-step self-etch adhesives were developed. However, they are intrinsically more hydrophilic than the multi-step versions. In fact, such hydrophilic polymers result in significant water sorption<sup>23,27</sup>, which also cause the decrease of mechanical properties. Additionally, acid-etching exposes and activates matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) in the dentin which are able to accelerate the collagen degradation promoted by water.<sup>25,30,43</sup> The residual water entrapped surrounding the collagen fibrils may impair the diffusion of more hydrophobic monomers<sup>36,42,44</sup> potentially contributing to a rapid resin-dentin interfacial degradation.<sup>7,48</sup> Thus, the residual water must be removed as much as possible to attain an optimal resin infiltration.<sup>47</sup> Solvents such as acetone and ethanol are added to the adhesive resin blend to decrease its viscosity as well as to facilitate the evaporation of water from the interfibrillar spaces, thereby contributing to the formation of the hybrid layer.<sup>12</sup> Unfortunately, the complete removal of this water is unattainable in user-friendly protocols.

In a clinical attempt to dehydrate the exposed collagen fibrils, a simplified dehydration protocol applying 100vol.% ethanol three times for 1 min prior to the adhesive application

was tested.<sup>24</sup> Although this technique seems promising, it is still time-consuming and ethanol applied at this concentration may not be totally effective due to its fast evaporation.<sup>40</sup>

The use of 70vol.% ethanol as a dentin pre-treatment could be useful to reduce the overall residual water content to improve the more hydrophobic monomers infiltration (Li *et al.*, 2012) and potentially to attain antimicrobial properties (Chambers *et al.*, 2006).

Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate clinically the effect of such dentin pre-treatment adjunctively used with a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive on the dentin bond strength and interfacial morphology. The null hypothesis to be tested was that 70vol.% ethanol dentin pre-treatment does not interfere on the bonding performance of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This research protocol was approved by the appropriate institutional Research Ethics Committee (Process #108/10). Eight volunteers of both genders, with ages from 18 - 30 years, who presented all four sound third molars, erupted, in function and orthodontically scheduled for extraction were selected. After all patients had signed an informed consent form, the clinical procedures were carried out.

### **Bonding procedures**

From the same patient, four teeth were randomly assigned to receive a restorative adhesive procedure. After acid etching, 70vol.% ethanol was applied on two teeth

(experimental group) and in the control group (two teeth) ethanol was not applied. From each treatment, one tooth was extracted immediately (24 h) and another tooth extracted at 18 months. The same clinical procedures were performed for all teeth: local anesthesia using anesthetics without vasoconstrictor (MEPISV 3% - DFL, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil); rubber dam isolation; and Class I cavity preparation for composite resin, with continuous enamel cavosurface margins using diamond burs #3131 (KG Sorensen, São Paulo, Brazil) under abundant water cooling. In order to obtain standardization, the depth of the cavities was controlled using the half-length of the diamond burs as reference (4 mm) in the central sulcus following the long axis of the teeth, and the width was controlled by the inter-cuspal distance. The teeth were radiographically examined prior cavities preparation to avoid the use of teeth with morphological defects or caries. All restorative procedures were performed by a single trained operator. Cavities were etched with 35% phosphoric acid (Scotchbond Etchant; 3M-ESPE, St. Paul, USA) for 15 s and thoroughly rinsed with water for 15 s. The excess of water was removed with absorbent papers (Mellita; São Paulo, Brazil) according to the etch-and-rinse technique. Afterwards, the experimental groups were saturated with 70vol.% ethanol for 20 s. In all groups, the two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive Adper Single Bond 2 (3M/ ESPE, St. Paul, USA) was applied to the cavity walls and light-activated with an halogen lamp for 10 s (Optilux 500; Kerr, Danbury, USA) at  $600 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ , as periodically controlled by a radiometer (Demetron; Kerr). The build-ups were constructed with a resin composite shade A2 (Filtek Z350 XT; 3M/ESPE, St. Paul, USA) in 1mm-thick increments light-activated for 20 s each. The commercial brand, components, mode of application, and manufacturers of the materials used in the study are presented in Table 1.

The volunteers were informed about oral hygiene and teeth were periodically followed up clinically and radiographically.

### **Microtensile bond strength ( $\mu$ TBS)**

Teeth were collected, using minimal traumatic technique of extraction in order to avoid damages to dental structures. Bonded-teeth were cut into beam-shaped specimens with a cross-sectional area of approximately  $0.8 \text{ mm}^2$  using a slow-speed water-cooled diamond saw (Isomet 1000, Buehler, Lake Bluff, USA). Each beam was measured with a digital caliper (Absolute Digimatic, Mitutoyo, Tokyo, Japan), fixed to a test apparatus (Bencor Multi-T Device - Danville Engineering, San Ramon, USA) using cyanoacrylate glue (Zapit, Dental Ventures of America, Corona, USA), submitted to microtensile bond strength test in a universal testing machine (Instron 4411, Canton, USA), stressed until failure with a tensile force at a speed of 1 mm/min, data were collected in MPa. The data (MPa) attained from the beams of the same resin-bonded tooth were averaged and the mean bond strength was used as one unit for statistical analysis. Immediately after testing, the debonded beams were dried and stored at room temperature until analysis of the fracture pattern using a stereomicroscope (Stemi 2000-C, Carl Zeiss Jena GmbH, Germany) at 50X magnification. Failure mode was classified as cohesive failure in dentin (CD), cohesive in resin (CR), adhesive (A) or mixed failure (M).

### **Statistical Analysis**

SPSS 17.0 (SPSS, Chicago, IL, USA) software was used to perform the statistical analysis. A two-way ANOVA was applied to the  $\mu$ TBS data to analyze the factors “dentin pre-treatment” (water vs. ethanol) and “aging” (24 h vs. 18 mos), complemented by Holm-Sidak multiple comparison *post hoc* test ( $p < 0.05$ ). The significance level was set at  $\alpha = 0.05$

and statistical unit was tooth (n=4). Premature failures were noted, but not included in the data analysis.

### **Light Microscopy – Masson’s trichrome**

One tooth from each group was sectioned in only one direction to obtain 1 mm thick dentin-resin slabs, which were fixed on a glass holder with cyanoacrylate glue (Super Bonder flex gel – Henkel Ltd., Düsseldorf, Germany) and polished with SiC papers on increasing fine grits (800, 1000, 1200 and 2500) under running water (Buehler, Lake Bluff, IL, USA) reducing the slabs to about 150 µm in thickness. After polishing, the specimens were treated with Masson's trichrome staining technique as previously described.<sup>15</sup> This staining technique has high affinity for cationic elements normally found in mineralized type I collagen, resulting in blue color. The acid etching of dentin causes the removal of these cationic elements and exposes collagen fibers showing a red pigmentation. These exposed collagen fibrils, showed in the LM images, represented by a thin red colored layer at the HL, is called “red zone”. Using this microscopic technique, lower incidence of red zones at the interface indicates less denuded collagen fibrils.<sup>9,30</sup> The composite resin usually stains in beige color. After all staining procedures, the specimens were covered with a glass coverslip and analyzed under light microscopy (LM) at 400x magnification (Olympus BH-2, Tokyo, Japan). The evaluation of Masson’s Trichrome was performed qualitatively.

## RESULTS

### Microtensile bond strength ( $\mu$ TBS)

Two-way ANOVA test showed there is a statistically significant interaction between treatment and aging ( $p=0.008$ ). Holm-Sidak multiple comparison *post hoc* test showed that the bond strength was not affected by ethanol pre-treatment 24 h after restoration ( $p=0.430$ ). After 18 months, no bond strength reduction was observed in water-saturated dentin ( $p=0.096$ ), but a significant drop in bond strength was attained using ethanol pre-treatment ( $p<0.001$ ), with a statistically significant difference between the two dentin treatments after aging ( $p<0.001$ ). Mixed failures (M) were the most common fracture pattern observed in all groups. In the ethanol groups, adhesive failures (A) were three times more frequent after 18 months than in 24 h. In the control groups, this failure pattern remained predominant. Mean bond strengths, standard deviations and failure mode distribution are summarized in Table 2.

### Light Microscopy – Masson's trichrome

LM showed resin-sparse collagen fibrils within the resin-dentin interfaces in immediate groups, demonstrated by the red zones (Fig. 1A and 1C), with greater intensity in the group treated with ethanol. For the aged groups (18 months), the group treated with water showed some isolated, discrete and less colored red zones at the bonded interface and white zone suggesting the absence of either polymers or collagen fibrils which were likely degraded (Fig. 1B), while the group treated with ethanol showed no red zone but white zone (Fig. 1D).



## DISCUSSION

Based on the outcomes aforementioned, the null hypothesis was rejected once ethanol pre-treated dentin showed significant decrease on the bond strength after 18 months in clinical function.

The residual water in the dentin matrix and the hydrophilic domains of contemporary dental adhesives make the hybrid layer behave as a semi-permeable membrane, which permits water permeation through the bonded interface even after polymerization.<sup>20,43</sup> By dentin acid-etching, the etchant dissolves interfibrillar apatite crystallites and exposes the collagen, creating spaces between and inside the collagen fibrils.<sup>48</sup> Several authors have reported the presence of a hydrogel composed of proteoglycans in these spaces.<sup>13,17,32,35,46</sup> Studies affirm that the presence of this hydrogel may interfere with monomer infiltration during bonding and the removal of water from these spaces result in hydrogel collapse.<sup>4,6,23</sup> The solvated resins of contemporary two-step etch-and-rinse adhesives do not remove all the residual water from interfibrillar spaces<sup>5,18,26</sup> leaving small amounts of water into partially demineralized dentin which may hinder the hydrophobic comonomer blend to optimally coat the exposed collagen.<sup>16,18</sup> Based on the solubility parameters theory of Hansen,<sup>1,3,28</sup> ethanol is miscible with both hydrophobic monomers and water, which makes this substance an appropriate alternative to facilitate the penetration of hydrophobic monomers into a water-wet substrate. The so-called ethanol-wet bonding technique relies on filling spaces between the fibrils with ethanol,<sup>34</sup> thereby replacing all water in the partially demineralized dentin by ethanol. It may permit hydrophobic comonomer blend to infiltrate the spaces along the etched substrate properly, providing less resin-sparse collagen and consequently durable resin-dentin bonds.<sup>31,34,40</sup>

Experiments with different concentrations of ethanol have been applied in a simplified protocol, using also 70vol.% and 100vol.%.<sup>24,31,34,41</sup> However, when a simplified protocol is applied using ethanol at high concentration (*i.e* 100vol.%), the replacement of water may not be totally efficient to promote a completely saturated substrate, resulting in relatively low infiltration of hydrophobic monomers.<sup>21,30,33</sup> A suitable explanation for this occurrence could be the high vapor pressure of 100vol.% ethanol which is almost three times higher than that of water.<sup>34</sup> In spite of 70vol.% ethanol has a relatively high volatility, the presence of water in its composition decreases its evaporation time and vapor pressure in comparison with 100vol.%, thereby facilitating the exchange of water and the maintenance of interfibrillar spaces.<sup>24</sup> Yet, water facilitates the passage of ethanol through the bacteria cell wall which attains its well-known antibacterial properties.<sup>11</sup> Moreover, 70vol.% ethanol dentin pre-treatment showed a significant increase on the initial bond strength of Adper Single Bond 2 (unpublished observations, 2013). Therefore, 70vol.% ethanol could be a feasible alternative as a dentin pre-treatment as used in this study.

In spite of using ethanol, our study did not apply the ethanol-wet-bonding technique but rather a simple protocol (70vol.% ethanol for 20 s) of dentin pre-treatment to advocate the well-known characteristics of ethanol. The immediate results were promising, showing ethanol with similar bond strength of the control group. Nevertheless, the amount of red zone (resin-sparse collagen) was lower in water-treated group (Fig. 1A). However, when the ethanol pre-treatment was used in such an adverse situation as clinical function ageing (18 months) the results was discouraging once the bond strength strikingly decreased and the resin-dentin interface was severely degraded (Fig. 1D). The negative outcomes of ethanol pre-treated aged group could be explained by the ineffectiveness of 70vol.% ethanol to remove all residual water from interfibrillar spaces. By the contrary, the amount of water in its composition may have increased the moisture of the partially demineralized substrate

impairing an efficient coating of exposed collagen fibrils by resin (represented by the increase in the red zones, Fig. 1C) and jeopardizing the solvent evaporation.

Our findings are in accordance with those of Huang *et al.*<sup>22</sup> and Barros *et al.*<sup>2</sup> who found a decrease on the bond strength and significant collagen degradation in specimens pre-treated with 100vol.% ethanol and submitted to thermocycling or immersion in NaOCl. Conversely, Carvalho *et al.*,<sup>8</sup> Hosaka *et al.*,<sup>21</sup> and Pashley *et al.*<sup>34</sup> showed a strong increase on bond strength using the ethanol-wet bonding technique. Although Pashley's *in vitro* study (2007)<sup>34</sup> had been performed using a macro-model of hybrid layer, differently from an *in vivo* study in which some variables are difficult to control such as thickness of the smear layer, cavity preparation, dentin moisture, intrapulpal pressure.<sup>14,38</sup> However, in a clinical situation, resin-dentin interfaces are only partially in contact with environmental fluids, since outer resin-bonded enamel has been shown to prevent water uptake.<sup>8,14,37</sup> In such circumstances, these resin-dentin bonds may come in contact with fluids *in vivo* only via pulpal pressure through dentinal tubules (Pashley, 1998)<sup>33</sup> or by residual water in etched and rinsed dentin.<sup>8</sup>

White spaces found in the resin-dentin interfacial microscopies after ageing where there was the red zone staining (Fig. 1B and 1D) suggest the breakdown of resin-infiltrated dentin<sup>14</sup> and/or collagenolytic degradation which may be governed by host-derived factors, such as the action of endogenous collagenolytic enzymes on partially exposed collagen fibrils.<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, the ethanol pre-treatment resulted in a significant decrease on bond strength in the long-term which was not observed using water (control). Furthermore, the ethanol aged group (18 months) showed an increase in adhesive failures (Table 2) when compared with ethanol immediate (24 h) which is another indication of resin-dentin degradation. It may be suggested that the disappearance of resin-sparse collagen layer, as aforementioned and the appearance of gaps in the hybrid layer may have contributed to achieving this lower bond strength (Table 1). However, the correlation between the decrease on bond strength and these

gaps at the resin-dentin interface is complex and still unclear as discussed in previous publication.<sup>5</sup>

Finally, further research is required to explain the many possible reasons for the degradation promoted by 70vol.% ethanol dentin pre-treatment.

## **CONCLUSION**

It can be concluded that the use of 70vol.% ethanol in dentin after phosphoric acid etching and water rinsing, prior to the application of a two-step etch-and-rinse adhesive decreases the bond strength and increases the resin-dentin interfacial degradation *in vivo*. The proposed dentin pre-treatment using ethanol was not clinically successful.

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**Table 1.** Materials used in the study.

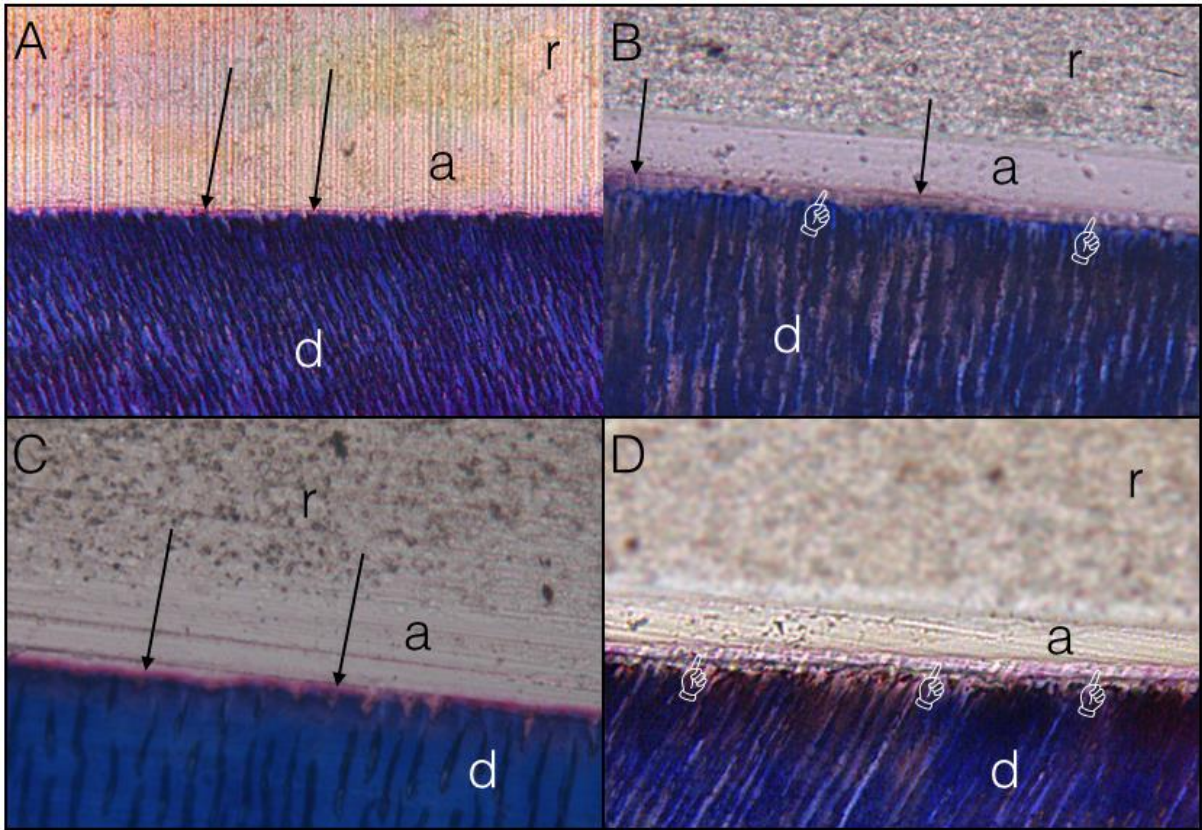
Comercial brand	Main components	Mode of application	Manufacturer
Adper Single Bond 2	Ethanol, bis-GMA, HEMA, GDMA, polycarboxylic acid copolymer, UDMA, water ter, CQ, EDMAB, DPIHFP	Apply one layer of adhesive, wait for 20 s, air stream for 5 s and polymerize for 10 s	3M/ESPE
Scotchbond Etchant	-35% phosphoric acid, water, silica	Apply a layer for 15 s and wash for 15 s	3M/ESPE
Filtek Z350 XT	-Bis-GMA, UDMA, Bis-EMA, TEGDMA resins, zirconium, silica	Apply increments of 2 mm and polymerize for 20 s.	3M/ESPE

**Table 2.** Bond strength and Distribution of Fracture Modes

	$\mu$ TBS (MPa)*		Failure Modes (%)**							
	24 h	18 mos	24 h				18 mos			
			CD	CR	M	A	CD	CR	M	A
Control	31.7 $\pm$ 3.9 <sup>A</sup>	31.5 $\pm$ 3.8 <sup>A</sup>	9	18	61	12	9	12	65	14
Ethanol	30.3 $\pm$ 4.3 <sup>A</sup>	21.9 $\pm$ 3.2 <sup>B</sup>	4	6	83	7	5	6	68	21

\* Bond strength values are means  $\pm$  standard deviations. Different superscripts indicate statistically significance difference ( $p < 0.05$ ).

\*\*Failure modes pattern: CD, cohesive failure in dentin; CR cohesive failure in resin; M - mixed failure; A - adhesive.



**Fig. 1** - Light micrographs Masson's Trichrome of resin-dentin interface: A) Control immediate; B) Control aged; C) Ethanol immediate; D) Ethanol aged. r - resin; a - adhesive; d - dentin. Arrows - red zone, indicating presence of denuded collagen fibrils; Pointers - white zone indicating absence of both polymers or exposed collagen fibrils, suggesting degradation of resin-dentin interface.

#### **4 CONCLUSÃO GERAL**

Com base nos resultados dos trabalhos desta tese, podemos concluir que:

- O pré-tratamento com etanol a 70% ou 100% aumenta a resistência de união inicial de um adesivo simplificado de condicionamento total.
- O pré-tratamento da dentina com etanol a 70% *in vivo* diminui a resistência de união à dentina e aumenta a degradação da interface resina-dentina após 18 meses.

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**ANEXOS****ANEXO A – Aprovação no Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa do estudo *in vitro* (Capítulo 1).**

Universidade Federal do Ceará  
Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa

**Of. Nº 107/10**

Fortaleza, 28 de maio de 2010

**Protocolo COMEPE nº 109/ 10**

**Pesquisador responsável:** Francisco Cláudio Fernandes Alves e Silva  
**Deptº./Serviço:** Departamento de Odontologia/ UFC

**Título do Projeto:** “Influência do uso do etanol como pré-tratamento da dentina, na resistência de união de adesivos de condicionamento total”

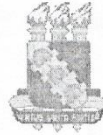
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Outrossim, informamos, que o pesquisador deverá se comprometer a enviar o relatório final do referido projeto.

Atenciosamente,

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ANEXO B – aprovação no Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa do estudo *in vivo* (Capítulo 2).

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**ANEXO C - TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO**  
**(Referente ao capítulo 1)**

Título da pesquisa:

**Influência do uso do etanol como pré-tratamento da dentina, na resistência de união de adesivos de condicionamento total.**

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Eu,.....  
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**ANEXO D - TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO**  
**(Referente ao capítulo 2)**

Título da pesquisa:

**Estudo *in vivo* do uso do etanol como pré-tratamento da dentina, na resistência de união dos adesivos de condicionamento total.**

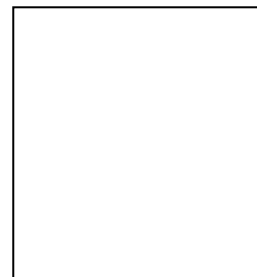
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