

# The Effect of Denture Base Repair with Special Type of Acrylic O-Cry1 and Different Surface Treatments on Impact Bond Strength of Acrylic Resin (Comparative Study)

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** the common problem in prosthodontics is a fracture of the denture base and it represents an annoyance for the dentists. Therefore, the option of increasing repair strength using new reinforcement materials is of great interest to prosthodontists. The purpose of this study was to assess the effects of using a special type of acrylic o-cry1 in repair instead of heat cure acrylic resins and different surface treatments on impact bond strength using Ivomet and conventional curing methods.

**Materials and Methods:** One hundred thirty specimens of heat acrylic resins were constructed. There are 2 main groups according to curing methods (Ivomet and conventional method curing). For each group, there were 6 groups according to the surface treatments used (untreated, monomer, thinner, zirconium oxide, glass fiber and butt joint with monomer) as well as control group.

**Results:** The study showed that the control group had a higher value of impact strength than other groups which were cured by conventional method. For Ivomet curing, the butt joint with monomer and glass fiber groups improved the impact bond strength in comparison to other groups.

**Conclusion:** the butt joint with monomer treatment and glass fiber groups have improved the impact strength of the repaired acrylic resins when using Ivomet compared with other groups. On the other hand, the use of thinner and zirconium oxide reduced the impact bond strength when using the conventional curing method. The use of Ivomet device in curing samples improved the impact strength of acrylic repaired with O-cry1.

## المستخلص

الكسر المتكرر في قاعدة طقم الأسنان هي مشكلة شائعة في التعويضات ، وأنها تمثل مصدر إزعاج ومضيق الوقت للطبيب. ولذلك، فإن إمكانية زيادة قوة الإصلاح باستخدام مواد التعزيز الجديدة هي ذات أهمية كبيرة للعاملين في مجال التعويض. تهدف الدراسة إلى تقييم آثار استخدام نوع خاص من الأكريليك (O-cry1) في الإصلاح بدلا من علاج الأكريليك الساخن (hot cure acrylic) والمعالجات السطحية المختلفة على قوة التأثير ومقارنتها بين الأسلوبين الفيين. تم تصنيع مائة وثلاثين عينة من راتنج الأكريليك المبلر بالحرارة مقسمة إلى ثلاث مجموعات رئيسية هي: (مجموعة تحكم) واحدة ومجموعتين مقسومتين وفقا لطرق المعالجة (بمعالجة إيفومت ومعالجة الطريقة التقليدية) O-cry1 الأكريليك بدون معالجة سطحية ومع العلاجات السطحية (O-cry1 فقط، معالجة باستخدام المونيمر ، معالجة باستخدام ثينر ، والعلاج باستخدام ZrO2، والعلاج بالألياف الزجاجية، والعلاج باستخدام رابط معين مشترك مع العلاج بالمونومر). كشفت الدراسة أن مجموعة التحكم لها قيمة أعلى لقوة التأثير من المجموعات الست التي تعالج كيميائيا (الطريقة التقليدية) والمعالجة باستخدام الرابط مع مونومر والألياف الزجاجية ( باستخدام الإيفومت) لها أعلى قيمة على قوة التأثير من كل مجموعة، ثم أظهرت معاملة المونومر بواسطة الإيفومت أعلى قيمة متوسطة عند المقارنة مع المجموعة الضابطة (مجموعة التحكم) ، من ناحية أخرى أظهرت المعاملة البيئية والعلاج باستخدام ZrO2 أدنى قيمة متوسطة لقوة التأثير. استنتجت الدراسة الحالية ان العلاجات السطحية (باستخدام الرابط مع المونيمر , والألياف الزجاجية) باستخدام إيفومت حسنت قوة التأثير لقاعدة طقم الاسنان المصلحة (المصنعة باستخدام الأكريليك الساخن hot cure acrylic ) عند المقارنة مع مجموعة السيطرة والطريقة التقليدية، من ناحية أخرى قوة الإصلاح تقل عند علاج السطح المشترك مع ثينر و ZrO2 باستخدام الطريقة التقليدية. ان استخدام جهاز الإيفومت في علاج العينات المصلحة تحسن قوة تأثير الأكريليك الساخن المعالج باستخدام O-cry1.

## INTRODUCTION

In dentistry, acrylic resins are widely used for fabrication of removable dentures. Such materials may be fractured when dropping. The construction of a new removable denture is time consuming and very expensive for the patients. Hence, the repair of such dentures is preferred for both dentists and patients (1,2). The type of material used, surface design, surface treatment and material reinforcement are the main factors, which affect the success of denture repair (3). The procedure of repairing dentures includes the use of repair material to join two or more fractured pieces (4). Auto-cured , heat cured and light or microwave acrylic resin have been used to repair the fractured denture (5-6). The success of denture repair depended on adhesion between fractured piece and repair material (7). Surface preparation of the sites to be joined is of paramount importance in ensuring long service life. Chemical or mechanical treatments could change the morphology or surface chemistry of the acrylic resin

base material to promote better adhesion (1). Different chemical solvents such as acetone, monomer and thinner have been used to repair of light-cured acrylic resins(8). Zirconia (ZrO2) is a metal oxide and may be used to enhance the flexural strength of acrylic resin (9-11). The adding of glass fiber to repair material improves the strength of a denture base repair and may decrease the occurrence of future fracture (12-14). The aim of the study was to assess the impact of using O-cry1 in repair without surface treatments and with surface treatments on impact bond strength of repaired acrylic specimens using two curing methods.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### Grouping of specimens

In total, 130 rectangular samples of heat cured resin with dimensions (80 mmx10mmx4mm) length, width , and thickness respectively were prepared and divided according to the surface treatments and methods of activation. There were three main groups;

The first group (10 specimens) were prepared for control group (repaired with heat cure acrylic and cured by Ivomet). The second group (60 specimens) which were cured by conventional method and involved 6 groups with each group had 10 samples depending on the type of surface treatment used (untreated, monomer, thinner, zirconium oxide filler, butt joint and monomer, glass fibers). The third group (60 specimens) were cured by Ivomet and consisted of 6 groups as the second group.

### Preparation of acrylic specimens

#### 1. Plastic pattern preparation

A wax pattern was constructed with a dimension of (80mm x 10mm x 4mm) length, width and thickness respectively for impact strength test according to ISO 179,2000 <sup>(15)</sup> used to fabricate acrylic specimens for the impact test (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Wax pattern

#### 2. Investing procedure

A lower part of the flask was coated with a Vaseline. According to manufacturer instructions (the ratio of powder to water was 100g/25ml), the mixed dental stone was placed into lower part and the wax pattern was placed in the stone mixture <sup>(16)</sup>. After final set of dental stone, the surface of the stone was coated with separating medium and left to dry (figure 2). The upper half of the flask was painted with separating medium, then mounted on the top of the lower portion. Under vibration the upper half of the flask was filled with freshly mixed stone. The dental stone was allowed to set for one hour. After final set of dental stone, the boil out procedure was carried out for 5 minutes to eliminate the wax pattern. The upper and lower halves were separated and a detergent was used to eliminate the wax residua to leaving spaces to be occupied by acrylic materials.



Figure 2. Specimens positioned within the mould

#### 3. Proportioning and mixing of the acrylic

The acrylic resin was manipulated and mixed according to manufacture instructions. Packing process was then performed while the acrylic was in the dough stage, as recommended by ADA Specification No.12, 1999 <sup>(17)</sup>. The 2 parts of flask were put in contact under hydraulic press. The flask was then mounted onto clamp; transferred to water bath for curing. After completing the curing, the flask was allowed to cool at room temperature before deflasking. The acrylic samples were then removed from the stone mould. All the specimens were carefully removed from the mould after deflasking and were finished and polished <sup>(17)</sup>. All the specimens were stored in distilled water at 37 C for 48 hours, before fracture <sup>(17-18)</sup>.

#### Repair procedure

The samples were fractured by using a metal holding device. Each sample was positioned in a central groove, and cut with a fissure bur (figure 3). The space of 3 mm was created between two halves as demonstrated in the figure 4<sup>(19-20)</sup>.



Figure 3: Fracture of the specimens

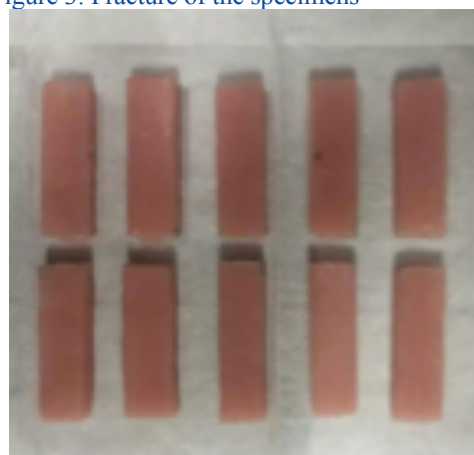


Figure 4: Specimens after the fracture



The control group was repaired with heat cured resin using a pressure pot (Ivomet) for 30 minutes at 40°C<sup>(21)</sup>. Similar steps of finishing and polishing of acrylic specimens were followed for repairing acrylic specimens. Acrylic samples were then stored in the distilled water at 37 °C for 48 hours before testing.

**Samples repaired using conventional method**

The untreated group was repaired with O\_cryl without any surface treatments. The thinner group was repaired with using a thinner (Iraq) with O acryl<sup>(8)</sup>.

The butt joint with monomer group was repaired by placement the pieces from stainless steel in the gap and painted with a monomer for 180 seconds before repairing with O\_cry (figure 4)<sup>(22)</sup>. The glass fiber group was repaired using a glass fiber (china), with O\_cryl (figure 5)<sup>(22)</sup>. The monomer group was repaired with monomer for three minutes<sup>(1)</sup>. Zirconium oxide (ZrO2) group was repaired by the addition of ZrO2 filler concentration of 3% (0.3 g) to the powder (9.7 g) and mixed with monomer (4.4 ml)<sup>(23, 11)</sup>.

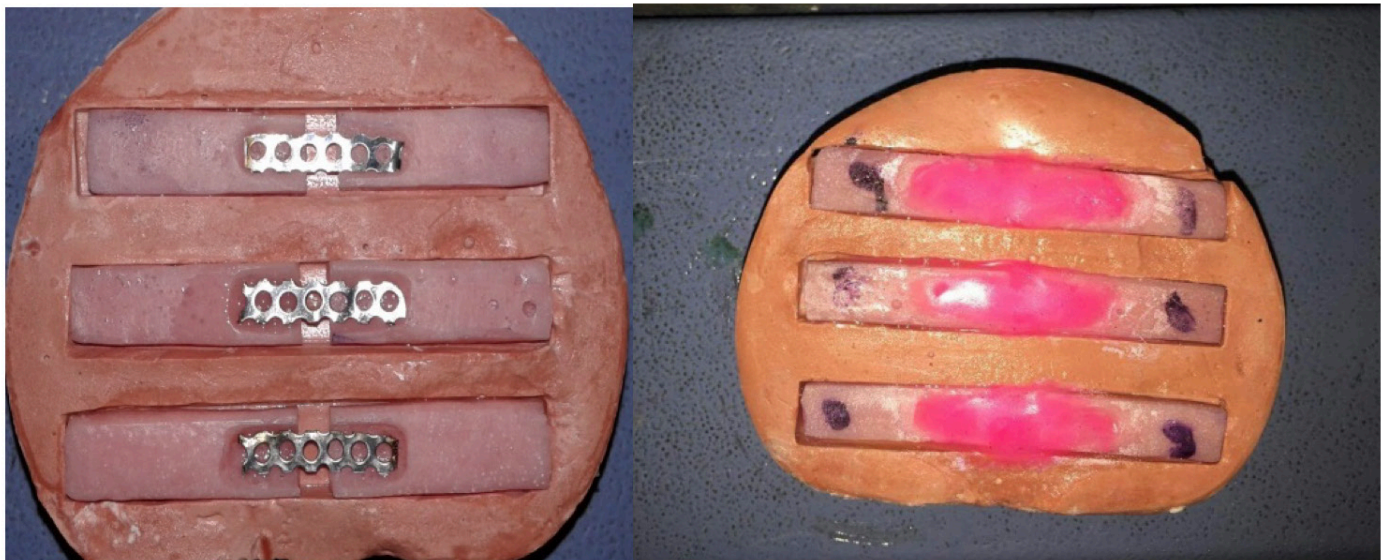


Figure 4. Specimens repaired by butt joint treatment

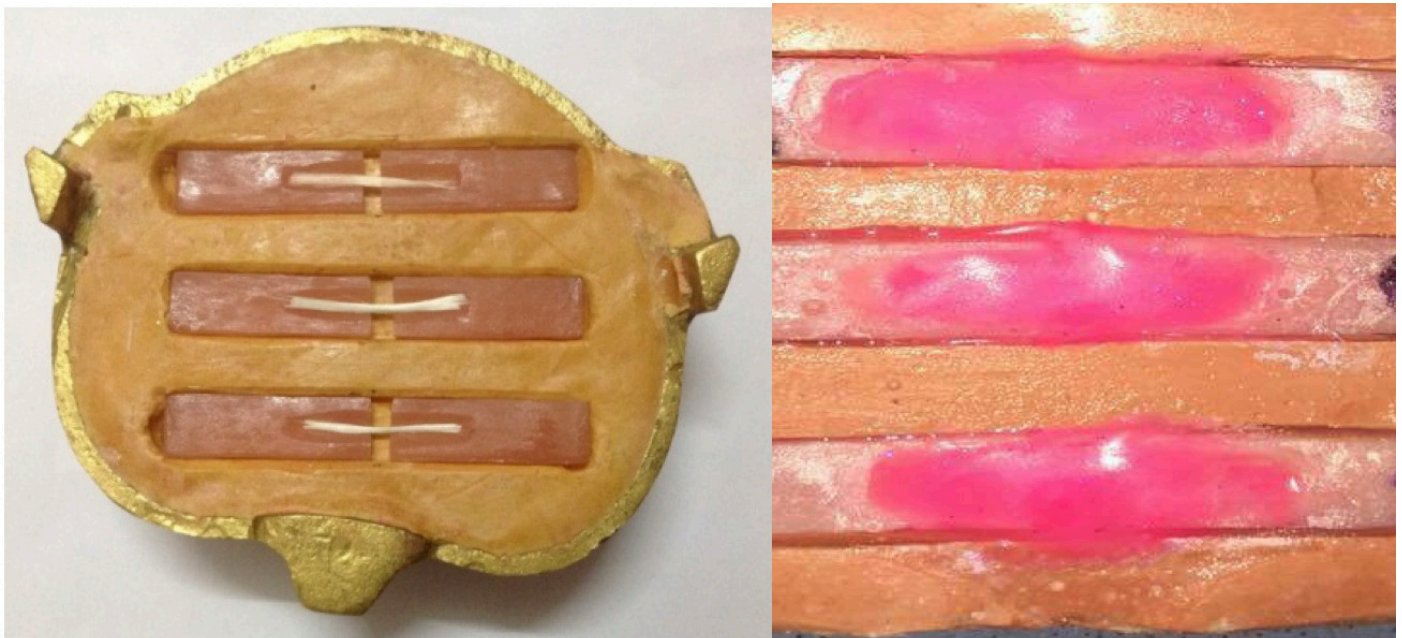


Figure 5. Specimens repaired with glass fiber treatment

Similar steps of finishing and polishing of acrylic specimens were followed for repaired specimens. The samples were kept in distilled water for 48 hours.

**Acrylic samples repaired with Ivomet**

Similar steps were conducted for repairing acrylic samples, which were cured by Ivomet (figure 6)<sup>(19)</sup>. Similar steps of finishing and polishing of acrylic

specimens were followed for repaired specimens. The repaired specimens were stored in the distilled water at 37°C for 48 hours before testing.





Figure 6. Ivomet device and curing procedure

### Impact strength test

The impact strength test was performed according to IS 179 with impact testing device (figure7). All specimens were supported horizontally at each end and struck by free swinging pendulum of two joules. The impact strength values were calculated

in kilojoules per square meter (KJ/ M<sup>2</sup>) using the following formula:

Impact strength =  $E/B D \times 10$  (ISO, 2000)  
 where E: is the impact absorbed energy in joules. B represents width of the specimens. D represents the thickness of the specimens.



Figure 7. Impact test machine

## RESULTS

### 1. Samples repaired by Ivomet

Samples data were analysed using SPSS v 20.

All values of mean and standard deviation are listed in the Table 1.

Table 1: Mean and standard deviation of all groups for Ivomet curing

Groups	Mean± Std.	Min.	Max.
Control	11.79±0.53	11.00	12.75
untreated	11.69±0.45	11.00	12.50
Monomer	11.93±0.58	11.00	12.75
Thiner	9.38±0.54	8.00	9.75
ZrO2	9.43±0.72	8.25	10.75
Butt joint with monomer	22.08±0.55	21.25	22.75
Glass fiber	19.53±0.72	18.25	20.75

The Table 1 demonstrated that the butt joint with monomer group presented the greatest value of mean impact strength. The Zirconium dioxide (ZrO2) and thinner groups had a lower mean value of impact bond strength. The glass fiber enhanced the impact strength of acrylic samples compared to other groups (untreated, monomer, zirconium and thinner groups).

As well, the Tukey test indicated that there were significant differences between 2 groups where  $P < 0.05$  as demonstrated in Table 2. However, no significant differences were found between these groups: control and untreated, control and monomer, untreated and monomer, thinner and zirconium dioxide groups where  $P > 0.05$ .

Table 2. Tukey multiple comparison test

Impact strength					
groups	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05			
		1	2	3	4
thiner	10	9.3750			
ZrO2	10	9.4250			
Untreated	10		11.6930		
Control	10		11.7880		
monomer	10		11.9250		
Glass fiber	10			19.5250	
Butt joint	10				22.0750
Sig.		1.000	.975	1.000	1.000

2. Samples repaired by conventional method.

For conventional curing method, all values of mean and standard deviation are listed in the Table 3.

Table 3: Mean and standard deviation of all groups for conventional curing

Groups	Mean± Std.	Min.	Max.
Control	11.88±0.62	11.00	12.75
untreated	5.88±0.45	5.25	6.50
Monomer	6.08±0.64	5.25	6.75
Thiner	4.96±0.51	4.25	5.75
ZrO2	5.75±0.62	5.00	6.75
Butt joint with monomer	8.23±0.30	7.75	8.75
Glass fiber	7.08±0.41	18.25	20.75

The Table 3 illustrated that the greatest value of mean impact strength was with control group (11.88). On the other hand, the thinner and untreated groups had a lower value of mean impact strength. In addition, the glass fibers, butt joint, monomer and zirconium dioxide groups enhanced the impact strength of repaired acrylic. Between two groups, there were

significant differences between 2 groups ( $P < 0.05$ ) as demonstrated in Tukey test (Table 4). However, no significant differences were found between these groups( untreated and zirconium dioxide; untreated and monomer; and zirconium dioxide and monomer) ( $P > 0.05$ ).

Table 4. Tukey multiple comparison test

Impact strength						
groups	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05				
		1	2	3	4	5
thiner	10	4.9500				
ZrO2	10		5.7500			
untreated	10		5.8750			
monomer	10		6.1750			
Glas fiber	10			7.0750		
Butt joint	10				8.2250	
control	10					11.7880
Sig.		1.000	.473	1.000	1.000	1.000

Comparison between two technical method observed between the Ivomet and conventional For curing method, significant differences were methods ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) as illustrated in the Figure 8.

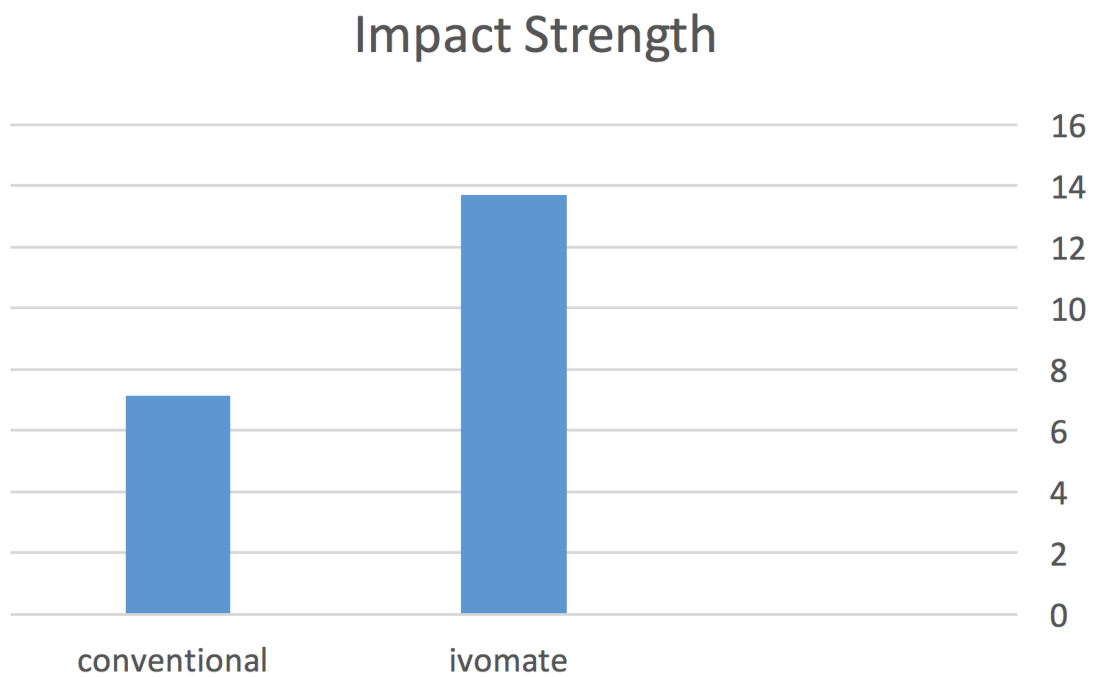


Figure 8 . Bar chart of mean impact strength

## DISCUSSION

In repairing procedure, all acrylic samples, which were repaired with O-cry1 showed a lower mean value of impact strength when compared to specimens that were repaired with heat cured acrylic resin. The process of repairing a denture with auto cured resins have about 60-65% from the original strength<sup>(23)</sup>. The material strength, working time of the material and its dimensional stability which achieved after and during repair are the main factors which must be taken into consideration when selecting the material repair<sup>(24-25)</sup>. All acrylic samples which were repaired with O-cry1 and cured by Ivomet device showed slightly

a low mean value of impact strength than control group and a high mean value than the conventional method. The reason was that the auto resin was cured under pressure in water and at 40°C. It could have improved the fracture strength of auto acrylic resin. The chemical reaction between polymer components and the monomer could be activated by heat and produced almost complete polymerization. These results are in agreement with Intisar et al , (2015)<sup>(21)</sup>. The results showed a significant improvement at ( $P < 0.05$ ) in the impact strength values of all the repaired acrylic specimens treated with monomer for both the conventional and Ivomet curing techniques



compared with control and untreated groups, this may be due because of forming interpenetrating polymer networks. These results are in accordance with Rached & Del-BelCury (2001)<sup>(26)</sup> and disagree with Grajower & Goultschin (1984)<sup>(27)</sup> as they stated that the process of wetting with monomer only did not increase the sample strength. The results showed that the lowest mean value of impact bond strength was with thinner treatment group in two technical methods. This demonstrated that some treatment solvent materials decrease the cohesion between old and new acrylic resin and led to had a lower fatigue life value<sup>(8)</sup>. This is in agreement with Jagger, R.G et al , (2002)<sup>(28)</sup> and D.Jagger et al ,2003<sup>(29)</sup>, where they found that monomer solvent material increase the stiffness, toughness and cohesion chemical bond of the old and new acrylic. The results showed that a lower mean value of impact strength was when using a ZrO<sub>2</sub> nano filler treatment in two curing methods. The reduction in the strength could be of stress concentration around ZrO<sub>2</sub> particles, which lead to crack propagation. As well, it might due to weak bond between ZrO<sub>2</sub> particles and PMMA resins. The results were in agreement with the results of the study Areej and mohammed in (2016)<sup>(11)</sup> that found the addition ZrO<sub>2</sub> in acrylic repair that reduced the transverse strength of the reinforced denture. The current research indicated that the use of ZrO<sub>2</sub> decreased the impact strength. These results disagree with a study which reported that the incorporation of nano-ZrO<sub>2</sub> into resins improved the flexural strength of the material<sup>(30)</sup>. The impact strength was meaningfully enhanced after using glass fibers as the presence of fibers in the resin ensure transferring of load from matrix to fiber, which also eventually arrests the crack and lead to an increase in the strength of the resin and allows the resin to tolerate the force of fracture more than the samples that had no fibers<sup>(31)</sup>. In addition to above, the homogenous mixture of poly methylmethacrylate (PMMA) and fibers, good impregnation of fiber with monomer make a good contact of fiber with resin, and adequate quantity of fiber present in resin, all that caused an increase in the acrylic strength. Also, this might due to the nature of the resin and fibers which are inorganic<sup>(32)</sup>. This agreed with Ali (2005)<sup>(32)</sup> and disagreed with Polyzois et al., (2001)<sup>(33)</sup> who recorded a reduction in the tensile strength of the acrylic samples when reinforced with the glass fibers. These results agreed with Hanna et al., (2010)<sup>(20)</sup> study. The butt joint group presented the highest mean value than all groups. The use of mechanical treatment (i.e. grinding with burs,

airborne particle, retention grooves and sandblasting) increases the surface area, and mechanical retention to increase Vander Waal force of attraction<sup>(34-35)</sup>. As monomer is not an efficient solvent for polymethyl methacrylate, painting or immersing the surface will not adequately dislodge the debris, and create particle free surface for bonding. The treatment with chemicals, therefore, is required as metal pieces have the ability to support to acrylic materials and give higher tendency and ability with to stand the higher strength regardless the type of substances used for repair<sup>(36)</sup>. The present study was similar to a study which carried out by Golbidi and Mousavi (2010)<sup>(37)</sup>. Furthermore, the results showed that all groups which were cured by Ivomet device had a higher mean value of impact strength when compared with conventional method. The increase of temperature to 40°C had a significant impact on the mechanical properties of auto acrylic resin. However, the increase in temperature to 80°C had no much positive effect. Therefore, polymerization under pressure and hot-water bath leading to samples with better properties for auto acrylic resins<sup>(21)</sup>. The present study concluded that the specimens which were repaired with heat-cured acrylic have a higher mean value of impact bond strength than the specimens which were repaired with O-cry1 by two technical methods. The specimens, which repaired with surface treatments showed a higher bond strength except the thinner and zirconium oxide nano filler when compared with the control group by Ivomet curing . On the other hand, all surface treatments cured in conventional method showed that a lower bond strength than control group. All the specimens repaired with Ivomet curing showed a high impact strength than those cured in conventional method.

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