

Evaluation of Adding Ginger Oil on Sorption and Solubility of Soft Liners Using Different Saliva PH Levels

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ABSTRACT

Background: Soft lining denture base materials have a key role in modern prosthodontics, but the major problem with soft linings is that they show change in the sorption and solubility after being used for a long period, which lead to dramatically effect on the dimensional stability and on the adhesion of soft lining acrylic denture base material. The purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of adding plant oil extracts on sorption and solubility of soft linings as well as the effect of different pH levels of artificial saliva at different times of immersion on sorption and solubility of soft linings.

Materials and methods: 270 specimens were made from heat cured soft liner materials and divided into three groups (90 specimens in each group) according to the addition of ginger oil extracts. The first group was the control group made of soft liners only without adding ginger oil; we added 2% of ginger oil extract to the second group and 5% to the third group. Each group was divided into subgroups according to the immersion time of different pH artificial saliva levels (neutral, basic and acidic). There were three different periods of immersion: 1week, 3 weeks and 6 weeks. The sorption and solubility of each specimen were measured separately.

Results: The results showed that there was no significant difference in the sorption and solubility of soft linings when adding plant oil extracts, but there was a highly significant difference when different pH levels of artificial saliva were used. The result also showed a highly significant difference when we used different times of immersion.

Conclusion: The findings of the study concluded that there was no effect on the sorption and solubility of the soft liners when adding plant oil extracts and there was a highly significant difference on the sorption and solubility of soft lining materials when immersed in different pH levels of artificial saliva at different periods.

KEY WORDS:

ginger oil, sorption, solubility, pH of saliva

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تأثير إضافة زيت الزنجبيل على امتصاص وقابلية ذوبان المادة المبطنة باستخدام مستويات مختلفة من الدالة الحامضية لللعاب

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المستخلص:

الخلفية: إن المادة المبطنة لطقم الأسنان لها دور كبير في التعويضات الحديثة لكن من المشاكل الرئيسية للمادة المبطنة حدوث تغيير في الامتصاص وقابلية الذوبان بعد استخدامها لفترة طويلة والذي يمكن ان يؤثر بشكل كبير على ثبات الإبعاد والتصاق المادة المبطنة لقاعدة طقم الأسنان الاكربليكية. لذلك هدفت هذه الدراسة تقييم تأثير إضافة مستخلص الزيوت النباتية على امتصاص وقابلية ذوبان المادة المبطنة وكذلك تقييم اختلاف الدالة الحامضية لللعاب في أوقات غمر مختلفة على امتصاص وقابلية ذوبان المادة المبطنة.

المواد و طريقة العمل: تم إعداد 270 عينة من المادة المبطنة المبلمرة حرارياً تم تقسيمها الى ثلاثة مجاميع رئيسية وفقاً لإضافة مستخلص نبات الزنجبيل. تم إعداد تسعين عينة من المادة المبطنة المبلمرة حرارياً فقط كمجموعة قياسية المبطنة والتسعين عينة الأخرى صنعت مع إضافة 2% من مستخلص زيت الزنجبيل اما التسعون عينة الأخيرة صنعت مع إضافة 5% من زيت الزنجبيل . كل مجموعة قسمت الى ثلاث مجاميع وفقاً لاختلاف الدالة الحامضية لللعاب المحضّر صناعياً (معتدل , قاعدي , حامضي) في ثلاثة اوقات مختلفة أسبوع واحد , ثلاثة أسابيع وستة أسابيع. الامتصاص وقابلية الذوبان تم قياسهما لكل عينة. **النتائج:** أظهرت النتائج عدم وجود فرق معنوي في الامتصاص وقابلية الذوبان للمادة المبطنة بإضافة مستخلص الزيوت النباتية ولكن هنالك فرق معنوي عالي عند استخدام درجات مختلفة من الدالة الحامضية لللعاب. بالإضافة أظهرت النتائج يوجد فرق معنوي عالي في الغمر بأوقات مختلفة.

الاستنتاج: استنتج من هذه الدراسة ليس هنالك تأثير عند إضافة مستخلص الزيوت النباتية على الامتصاص وقابلية الذوبان للمادة المبطنة بالإضافة الى إن هنالك اختلاف كبير في الامتصاص وقابلية الذوبان للمادة المبطنة عند الغمر في درجات مختلفة من الدالة الحامضية لللعاب في فترات مختلفة.

INTRODUCTION

Denture lining materials have become important in dental prosthetic treatment. They are applied to the intaglio surface of dentures to achieve more equal force distribution, reduce localized pressure, and improve denture retention by engaging undercuts⁽¹⁾. Therefore, soft liners are used to evenly distribute the forces applied to soft tissues during function⁽²⁾. They

are also used when a patient cannot tolerate the hard denture base and to improve retention of an ill-fitting denture. During the use soft liners, the materials are in continuous contact with saliva and during storage they are soaked in water or an aqueous cleaning solution. During such contact, the soft liner materials undergo two responses: the plasticizers and other soluble components are leached out and water or saliva is

absorbed inside voids, which favor the colonization of yeasts and *Candida* ⁽³⁾ and cause the denture stomatitis, which is the most common infectious disease affecting the palatal mucosa ^(4,5). In recent years, there has been an increasing interest in the use of natural substances, essential concentrated oils, and hydrophobic liquids extracted from plants. They possess a wide spectrum of pharmacological activities. The antimicrobial effects of essential oils have been documented and used in herbal medicine in many countries ⁽⁶⁾. The use of natural products as disinfectants or denture cleansers is greatly advantageous over using systemic approach by antibiotics or local approach with synthetic products or some oral antibiotics including safety and biocompatibility. Natural products have no chance to develop bacterial resistance ⁽⁷⁾. They are effective as fungicidal and bactericidal agents, have anti-tumor, anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial activity and stimulate the immune system ⁽⁸⁾, in addition to their low cost and availability in mostly every house. Recently, many researchers have verified that essential natural oils have antifungal, antiviral, antibacterial and antiamebic actions, including nigella (*nigella sativa*), sesame (*Sesamum indicum*), flax (*Linum usitatissimum*) and ginger oil (*Zingiber officinale*) ⁽⁹⁾, and some of these oils are safe and biocompatible materials ⁽¹⁰⁾. *Zingiber officinale* is one of the most widely used species of the ginger family. It has a long history of medicinal use dating back to 2500 years in China and India. Recently, medical researchers have also verified that ginger contains several bioactive constituents and possesses health-promoting properties ⁽¹¹⁾. Antifungal activity of ginger extracts observed by a study done by Zahra et al showed a significant effect on the oral species of *Candida albicans* ⁽¹²⁾.

On the other hand, the aging process could also affect the properties of the denture while in use due to rigorous clinical conditions such as alteration in pH, salivary flow and temperature ⁽¹³⁾. The pH of saliva could be more acidic due to certain types of food like orange juice, sugar, candy, pastries, smoking or diseases such as Sjögren's syndrome and chemotherapy, which could cause the saliva to be acidic. Saliva pH could be more alkaline due to food like amaranth or due to disease like a problem in digestive functions, including enzyme production and pancreas secretions and eliminative functions, especially the liver and lymphatic system ⁽¹⁴⁾. One of the common problems of soft denture liners is water sorption and solubility ⁽¹⁵⁾. This problem is associated with changes in the structure and physical properties

of the materials and their dimensional stability that result in swelling, distortion, color changes, support of *Candida albicans* growth and stresses at the liner denture base interface that reduce bond strength ⁽³⁾.

The aim of the present study was to investigate the effect of adding ginger oil and the effect of different pH levels of artificial saliva for different immersion periods on the sorption and solubility of the heat cured soft lining materials.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The 270 specimens were prepared from permanent heat cure soft denture lining materials (Vertex™ Soft, Vertex-Dental, Netherlands) in three major groups according to the addition of plant oil extract:

- Group I: specimens made from soft liner only (the control group)
- *Group II: specimens made from soft liner with 2% of ginger oil (Hemani, Pakistan)*
- *Group III: specimens made from soft liner with 5% of ginger oil (Hemani, Pakistan)*

For each major group the specimens were classified according to the pH of the artificial saliva, as follows:

- Group a: specimens immersed in neutral artificial saliva at pH 7.
- Group b: specimens immersed in basic artificial saliva at pH 8.3.
- Group c: specimens immersed in acidic artificial saliva at pH 5.7.

The specimens were divided into 3 subgroups according to the time of immersion: 1 week, 3 weeks and 6 weeks.

Specimens preparation

The specimens were prepared by using a stainless steel disc with dimensions of 50 mm ± 1 mm diameter and 0.5 mm ± 0.1 mm thickness for soft liner materials, following the ADA specifications No.12 (1999) ⁽¹⁶⁾. The vertex soft lining material which was supplied as powder and liquid was placed into the prepared mould, according to the manufacturer's instructions (12 g: 10 ml) (p/l) and applied into the mould by a spatula. The flask was closed and pressure was applied by using a hydraulic press up to 100 Kpa for 10 minutes, the pressure was then released and the flask was transferred into thermostatically controlled water bath to polymerize, and the cold water was then heated slowly at 70°C for an hour and a half, the temperature was then raised to 100 °C for one hour and a half, then it was removed; and allowed to cool

slowly before opening it;. After opening, the excess was cut with a sharp knife then the specimen was removed from the mould slowly. For the groups with the addition of ginger oil to the soft liner, the ginger oil was used as an additive to the acrylic and subtracted its volume into 2% and 5%^(17,18). The samples were packed directly into the prepared mould and then placed to be cured according to the manufacturer's instructions as the control group.

We prepared the artificial saliva with an electronic balance and PH meter in three different pH levels: 7, 8.3, and 5.7. An electrolyte composition similar to that of human saliva was used in the study⁽¹⁹⁾ including:

- Na₂HPO₄ 0.260 g/l
- NaCl 0.700 g/l
- KSCN 0.330 g/l
- KH₂PO₄ 0.200 g/l
- NaHCO₃ 1.500 g/l
- KCl 1.200 g/l

The artificial saliva was prepared in three different pH levels (neutral, base and acid). Buffer solution was first prepared from KH₂PO₄ and Na₂HPO₄ by dissolving each salt in 1 liter of de-ionized distilled water.

The neutral saliva solution was prepared as in the previous manner, but the amount of Na₂HPO₄ solution was gradually added until it reached pH 7 as it was recorded by the digital pH meter placed in the flask.

The basic saliva (8.3 ± 0.01) was prepared by placing 500 ml of Na₂HPO₄ in a graduated flask and KH₂PO₄ solution was gradually added until it reached the required pH, then the remaining salts of artificial saliva were added and the volume was completed to 1 liter by de-ionized distilled water.

The acidic solution (5.7 ± 0.01) was prepared by placing 500 ml of KH₂PO₄ in a graduated flask and Na₂HPO₄ solution was added gradually until it reached the required pH, then the remaining salts of artificial saliva were added and the volume was completed to 1 liter by distilled water. All the samples were stored in artificial saliva inside the incubator at 37 °C for different periods of immersion: 1 week, 3 weeks and 6 weeks. The artificial saliva was changed every day because the pH of saliva changed within 48 hours⁽¹³⁾.

Water sorption and water solubility test

The specimens were dried in a desiccator containing freshly dried silica gel arranged according to their group and separated by filter paper. The

desiccator was then stored in an incubator at 37 °C for 24 hours. The specimens were removed to a similar desiccator at room temperature for one hour then weighed with a digital balance with a precision of 0.2 mg. This cycle was repeated until a constant mass (W₁) was reached (the weight loss of each disc was not more than 0.5 mg in 24 hours). The discs were then labeled according to their specific subgroups as described previously. The discs for the test groups were then immersed in a 250 ml of artificial saliva at 37 °C in a closed polyethylene containers for 1 week, 3 weeks and 6 weeks, respectively. For all test groups, the discs were removed from distilled water with tweezers and wiped with a clean dry towel until they were free of moisture, waved in the air for 15 seconds and weighed one minute after removal from the water, and this mass was recorded as (W₂). To obtain the value of solubility test, the discs were reconditioned to a constant mass in the desiccators at 37 °C as done previously for the sorption test and the constant reconditioned mass was recorded as (W₃). The values for sorption and solubility tests were calculated for each disc using the following equation and the final value was rounded to the nearest 0.1 mg/cm:

- sorption (mg/cm²) = $\frac{W_2 - W_1}{\text{surfacearea}}$

- solubility (mg/cm²) = $\frac{W_1 - W_3}{\text{surfacearea}}$

The specimen preparation and testing procedure were done according to ADA specification NO. 12 for denture base resin.

Statistical analysis

The data was statistically analyzed with the computer program Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 15.0 for Windows. The means and standard deviations were obtained. One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to compare the control groups and the groups of addition of 2% and 5% of ginger oil for different periods, and for comparison of immersion in different pH of artificial saliva. A 95% confidence levels were used.

RESULTS

Water sorption and solubility test

Descriptive statistics of the results of sorption and solubility values of the heat-cured soft liners for the control group showed the highest mean values, while the addition of the plant oil extracts 2% and 5% of ginger oil showed the lowest mean values.

The sorption and solubility results of the soft liners revealed that the lowest mean values for the specimens immersed in neutral saliva than basic saliva and the

highest mean values for the specimens immersed in acidic saliva in general as shown in (Table1) and (Figure1).

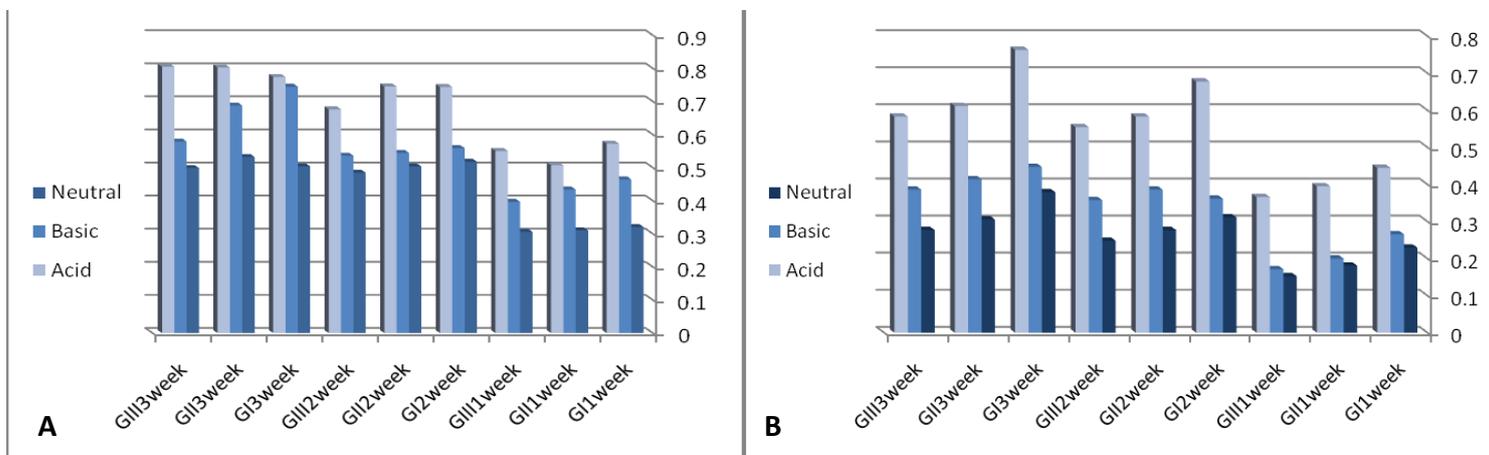
Table (1): Mean and standard deviation values of sorption and solubility of the soft liner for all groups (1 week, 3 weeks, and 3 weeks).

		Sorption						Solubility					
		Group I 0% ginger oil		Group II 2% ginger oil		Group III 5% ginger oil		Group I 0% ginger oil		Group II 2% ginger oil		Group III 5% ginger oil	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
1 week	Group a 1 (Neutral pH)	0.3205	0.146	0.3103	0.116	0.3060	0.084	0.2292	0.15	0.1811	0.04	0.1525	0.07
	Group b 1 (Basic pH)	0.4646	0.089	0.4339	0.074	0.3966	0.057	0.2655	0.13	0.2000	0.12	0.1714	0.15
	Group c 1 (Acidic pH)	0.5725	0.150	0.5073	0.089	0.5507	0.143	0.4446	0.04	0.395	0.08	0.3659	0.10
3 weeks	Group a 2 (Neutral pH)	0.5181	0.127	0.5038	0.106	0.4845	0.137	0.3113	0.07	0.2770	0.04	0.2480	0.04
	Group b 2 (Basic pH)	0.5591	0.227	0.5448	0.207	0.5360	0.020	0.3613	0.06	0.3860	0.15	0.3575	0.17
	Group c 2 (Acidic pH)	0.7740	0.116	0.7454	0.114	0.6764	0.182	0.6777	0.29	0.5830	0.14	0.5546	0.17
6 weeks	Group a 3 (Neutral pH)	0.5038	0.106	0.5324	0.086	0.4988	0.098	0.3390	0.03	0.3055	0.04	0.2770	0.07
	Group b 3 (Basic pH)	0.7448	0.132	0.6877	0.148	0.5788	0.066	0.4470	0.08	0.4140	0.12	0.3860	0.14
	Group c 3 (Acidic pH)	0.7740	0.097	0.8028	0.063	0.8050	0.092	0.7630	0.24	0.6117	0.11	0.5830	0.14

Figure (1): Bar chart showed: A. the sorption of the soft liner in all groups. B. the solubility of the soft liner in all groups

Effect of the addition of the plant oil extract:In comparison with the mean values of the sorption and solubility of the soft liners according to the addition

of ginger oil, the ANOVA test showed there was no significant difference between the test groups as shown in (Table 2).



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Table (2): ANOVA between groups of sorption and solubility of the soft liner according to the addition of the plant oil extracts .

	Sorption			Solubility		
	F-test	p-value	Sig	F-test	p-value	Sig
G I a1 & G II a1 & G III a1	0.028	0.973	NS	0.950	0.405	NS
G I b1 & G II b1 & G III b1	1.461	0.258	NS	0.864	0.438	NS
G I c1 & G II c1 & G III c1	0.453	0.643	NS	1.635	0.223	NS
G I a2 & G II a2 & G III a2	1.28	0.880	NS	2.145	0.146	NS
G I b2 & G II b2 & G III b2	0.030	0.970	NS	0.088	0.916	NS
G I c2 & G II c2 & G III c2	0.888	0.429	NS	0.612	0.553	NS
G I a3 & G II a3 & G III a3	0.242	0.788	NS	2.527	0.108	NS
G I b3 & G II b3 & G III b3	3.386	0.056	NS	0.443	0.649	NS
G I c3 & G II c3 & G III c3	0.286	0.755	NS	2.055	0.157	NS

Effect of the different pH levels of saliva

For the comparison of mean values of the sorption , the ANOVA test indicated that there were highly significant differences between the groups of immersion for 1week and 6 weeks, while there was a significant difference in the group immersed for 3 weeks and the results of the solubility of different pH of artificial saliva showed that there were highly significant differences in all groups as shown in (Table 3).

The results of the LSD test of the sorption groups showed a non-significant difference between neutral pH and basic pH groups except in the control group,

but there was a highly significant difference in the groups of 2% of ginger oil for 6 weeks as well as between the neutral pH and acidic pH groups. There was a non-significant difference between groups of basic pH and acidic pH except in the group of 2% of ginger oil group for 3 weeks and the groups for 6 weeks. For solubility test, the results showed a non-significant difference between neutral pH and basic pH groups, but a highly significant between the neutral pH and acidic pH groups and there was a non-significant difference between groups of basic pH and acidic pH as shown in (Table 4).

Table (3): ANOVA between groups according to different pH of saliva groups.

	Sorption			Solubility		
	F-test	P-value	Sig	F-test	P-value	Sig
G Ia1 & G Ib1 & G Ic1	6.452	0.008	HS	6.152	0.009	HS
G IIa1 & G IIb1 & G IIc1	7.656	0.004	HS	11.997	0.000	HS
G IIIa1 & G IIIb1 & G IIIc1	10.468	0.001	HS	7.262	0.005	HS
G Ia2 & G Ib2 & G Ic2	4.853	0.020	S	8.417	0.003	HS
G IIa2 & G IIb2 & G IIc2	5.204	0.016	S	10.465	.001	HS
G IIIa2 & G IIIb2 & G IIIc2	3.966	0.037	S	8.005	0.003	HS
G Ia3 & G Ib3 & G Ic3	12.028	0.000	HS	11.485	0.001	HS
G IIa3 & G IIb3 & G IIc3	11.500	0.001	HS	15.680	0.000	HS
G IIIa3 & G IIIb3 & G IIIc3	23.460	0.000	HS	10.760	0.001	HS

* P<0.01 Highly Significant ** P<0.05 Significant

Table (4): LSD test between the groups of different pH of saliva groups.

Between groups	1week				3 weeks				6 weeks			
	Sorption		Solubility		Sorption		Solubility		Sorption		Solubility	
	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig
Group I a & Group Ib	0.056	NS	0.588	NS	0.475	NS	0.612	NS	0.001	HS	0.554	NS
Group I a & Group Ic	0.002	HS	0.004	HS	0.014	S	0.001	HS	0.000	HS	0.000	HS
Group I b & Group Ic	0.143	NS	0.014	HS	0.062	NS	0.004	HS	0.636	NS	0.001	HS
Group II a & Group IIb	0.060	NS	0.700	NS	0.615	NS	0.125	NS	0.013	S	0.065	NS
Group II a & Group IIc	0.001	HS	0.000	HS	0.007	HS	0.000	HS	0.000	HS	0.000	HS
Group II b & Group IIc	0.166	NS	0.001	HS	0.022	S	0.009	HS	0.057	NS	0.002	HS
Group III a & Group IIIb	0.111	NS	0.764	NS	0.647	NS	0.177	NS	0.102	NS	0.120	NS
Group III a & Group IIIc	0.000	HS	0.003	HS	0.009	HS	0.001	HS	0.000	HS	0.000	HS
Group III b & Group IIIc	0.011	S	0.006	HS	0.025	S	0.021	S	0.000	HS	0.009	HS

* P>0.05 Non significant **P<0.01 High significant ***P<0.05 Significant

Effect of the time of immersion

In comparison of mean values of the sorption and solubility of the soft liners at different times of immersion for 1week, 3 weeks and 6 weeks. The ANOVA test showed there were significant and highly significant differences between the tested groups as shown in (Table 5). The LSD test between groups of sorption test showed a highly significant difference between the groups of immersion for 1 week and 3 weeks as well as between 1 week and 6 weeks groups except in the control group and

the group of 2% of ginger oil where the results showed there was no significant difference between immersion basic pH for 1week and 3weeks groups, also there was non significant between immersion for 3 weeks and 6 weeks in all groups. For solubility test, the result showed a highly significant difference between the immersion for 1week and 3 weeks groups and immersion for 1week and 6 weeks. There were no significant differences in the control group and between groups of immersion for 3 weeks and 6 weeks as shown in (Table 6)..

Table(5): ANOVA between groups of the soft liners according to time of immersion.

	Sorpton			Solubility		
	F-test	p-value	Sig	F-test	p-value	Sig
G I a1 & G I a2 & G I a3	5.188	0.017	S	4.266	0.030	S
G I b1 & G I b2 & G I b3	5.523	0.013	S	5.884	0.011	S
G I c1 & G I c2 & G I c3	6.244	0.009	HS	3.764	0.043	S
G II a1 & G II a2 & G II a3	9.444	0.002	HS	13.946	0.000	HS
G II b1 & G II b2 & G II b3	4.811	0.021	S	4.996	0.019	S
G II c1 & G II c2 & G II c3	20.522	0.000	HS	7.052	0.005	HS
G III a1 & G III a2 & G III a3	6.815	0.006	HS	6.745	0.007	HS
G III b1 & G III b2 & G III b3	23.799	0.000	HS	3.977	0.037	S
G III c1 & G III c2 & G III c3	5.481	0.014	S	4.463	0.027	S

* P<0.05 significant ** P<0.01 highly significant

Table (6): LSD test between the groups of different time of immersion.

Between groups	Group I				Group II				Group III			
	Sorptions		Solubility		Sorptions		Solubility		Sorptions		Solubility	
	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig	P-value	Sig
Group a1 & Group a2	0.010	HS	0.170	NS	0.003	HS	0.001	HS	0.007	HS	0.015	S
Group a1 & Group a3	0.015	S	0.009	HS	0.001	HS	0.000	HS	0.004	HS	0.003	HS
Group a2 & Group a3	0.837	NS	0.153	NS	0.614	NS	0.262	NS	0.809	NS	0.431	NS
Group b1 & Group b2	0.285	NS	0.087	NS	0.193	NS	0.021	S	0.000	HS	0.037	S
Group b1 & Group b3	0.004	HS	0.003	HS	0.006	HS	0.009	HS	0.000	HS	0.018	S
Group b2 & Group b3	0.044	S	0.123	NS	0.099	NS	0.703	NS	0.138	NS	0.734	NS
Group c1 & Group c2	0.007	HS	0.068	NS	0.000	HS	0.008	HS	0.119	NS	0.028	S
Group c1 & Group c3	0.007	HS	0.016	S	0.000	HS	0.003	HS	0.004	HS	0.013	S
Group c2 & Group c3	1.000	NS	0.485	NS	0.256	NS	0.655	NS	0.111	NS	0.722	NS

DISCUSSION

Soft lining materials have been used in dentistry for more than a century. These materials play an important role in modern prosthodontics. Many of these materials have been used with varying levels of success, but limitations exist including water sorption and solubility that cause dimensional instability, thus subjecting the materials to internal stress that results in crack formation and fracture of the denture⁽²⁰⁾. Therefore, the desirable objective of soft liner materials is low sorption and stability to prevent the problem of adhesion to the under lining acrylic denture base. The water sorption of material represents the amount of water absorption on the surface and to the body of material while any observed loss of weight of material is a measure of the solubility⁽²¹⁾.

The tested samples of soft liner materials for all groups fulfilled the requirements regarding sorption within the range (0.2-5.6mg/cm²)²¹.

Effect of the addition of plant oil extracts

The natural medicinal plants are still a major source of therapeutic agents for infectious diseases⁽²²⁾. The results showed that the sorption and solubility of soft liners with the addition of ginger oil decreased mean values in comparison with the control group, but statistically there were no significant differences. This may be due to the addition of ginger oil into soft liners, which reduces porosity, the sorption and the solubility, and produce dense and heavier specimens that lead to less micro pockets of water⁽²³⁾. On the other hand, the natural products of plant oil extracts showed an unmatched of chemical diversity⁽²⁴⁾. This agrees with⁽²⁵⁾, who concluded that the use of oil as additive to reduce adherence of *Candida albicans*

without significantly affecting some properties and adhesion to heat polymerized resin.

Effect of different pH levels of saliva

The results of this study showed there were no significant differences between the immersion in neutral saliva and basic saliva regarding the sorption and solubility of soft liners, but there was a significant difference in sorption and solubility when immersed in acidic saliva; this may be due to erosion effect of acidic median or due to cationic reaction⁽²⁶⁾. This may cause weight changes that cause differences between initial dry weight and saturated weight⁽³⁾.

The sorption and solubility of soft liner did not change in the neutral and basic artificial saliva this could be explained by the fact that the water sorption and solubility depended on the resin composition and the time necessary to saturate or dry out an appliance and the temperature that affected the diffusion of water but had no effect on the equilibrium water content. Therefore, the sorption and solubility of soft liners did not change in neutral or basic artificial saliva⁽²⁷⁾.

Effect of time of immersion

The results of this study showed that there were highly significant differences between 1 week and 3 weeks of immersion in artificial saliva and for 1 week and 6 weeks. This might be due to the gaps in polymer chains that led to different liquids such as artificial saliva or distilled water which can penetrate and cause the change in the mechanical properties of the polymer⁽²⁸⁾. For the control group and the group of 2% of ginger oil the, results showed there was no difference in the sorption, which may be attributed to the high cross-linking nature of the materials. The

heat process of curing which involves the application of pressure may create denser material so that the micro pockets of water may exist within the material and it takes longer time to be saturated because of difficulty of water to be absorbed in this material; therefore, the material was little affected by the time of artificial saliva storage⁽³⁾. The result is in agreement with⁽²⁸⁾, who concluded that soft liners revealed a highly significant increase regarding time of storage for 1 week, 3 weeks, or 1 week and 6 weeks, but there was no difference between immersion in 3 weeks and 6 weeks on sorption and solubility of different soft lining materials.

CONCLUSION

The findings of this study concluded that there was no effect on the sorption and solubility of soft liners when adding plant oil extracts, but there was a significant difference in the sorption and solubility of soft lining materials when immersed in different pH levels of artificial saliva for different periods.

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