

Evaluation Of The Peel Bond Strength And Antifungal Property Of Soft Tissue Conditioners After Addition Of Oregano Oil And Grape Seed Oil- An “In Vitro Study”

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Abstract:

Resilient materials have been routinely used with the purpose of recovering tissues that are in contact with the denture base. These materials partially absorb chewing load on the denture during function, thus reducing the energy transmitted to the associated para-prosthetic tissues. However, these materials are easily degradable and susceptible to microbial colonization, which may cause different degrees of denture stomatitis. To prolong the clinical longevity of resilient materials and reduce plaque accumulation, incorporation of antimicrobial agents into these materials has been proposed. The incorporation of drugs into polymeric materials, including tissue conditioners and resilient liners, may affect their properties. Recently there have been many researches focused towards the antimicrobial properties of herbal products.

Aim of the study:

The aim of this study was to evaluate the peel bond strength and antifungal property of soft tissue conditioners after addition of oregano oil and grape seed oil.

Material and methods:

The peel bond strength of heat cure acrylic resin and soft tissue conditioners was evaluated, using universal testing machine on day 1 and after 7 days and Antimicrobial test was evaluated by using the zones of inhibition (length and width) method with the help of Vernier callipers and the area was calculated on day 1 and after 7 days.

Result: From the result of 20% grape seed oil and 60% the present study, it was evident that Peel Bond Strength had significant difference between Control group, Study group I and Study group II on day 1. There was no significant difference for the Peel bond Strength among Control Group and Study Group II on 7th Day. However there was significant difference for the Peel bond Strength of Study Group I on 7th Day. There was significant difference between the 3 groups on the antifungal properties on day 1 however the antifungal property of oregano oil is more effective than grape seed oil. However there was no significant difference among the antifungal property of oregano oil and grape seed oil on 7th Day.

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I. Introduction:

Soft denture liners may be defined as soft polymers which may be applied to the fitting or mucosal surface of a denture for the purpose of reducing and more evenly distributing the occlusal load on the underlying mucosal tissues. The use of soft denture liners has increased in recent years in an effort to achieve some measure of redistribution and reduction of locally damaging occlusal forces of dentures on the underlying oral tissues.¹ These materials can be classified as provisional or definitive according to their composition of either silicone rubber or acrylic resin, and they can be either chemically or heat polymerized.

The oral candidiasis known as denture stomatitis is related to the use of removable dentures and is considered the most common oral lesion observed (65%)² in patients wearing removable dentures. Although the etiology of denture stomatitis is multifactorial, infection by *Candida* species, especially *C. albicans* is considered the main etiologic factor. Local factors associated with the denture are also related to this pathology such as: presence of biofilm^{3,4}, local trauma caused by dentures⁵, xerostomia³, continuous use of the dentures and alteration in salivary pH⁶.

Different treatments for denture stomatitis are available and may include topical antifungal and systemic therapy, care with oral hygiene, denture cleaning and disinfection procedures⁷, replacement of old dentures, elimination of anatomic irregularities, re-establishment of a traumatic occlusion, and nutritional restitution⁸. Furthermore, in order to protect and preserve the integrity of the mucosal epithelium, patients should sleep without the dentures⁹. The choice of a treatment to be individually considered. Re-infection of the treated oral mucosa may occur in up to two weeks post-treatment, and is attributed to the survival of the antifungal agent on the denture surfaces⁷. Therefore, it is crucial to adopt methods that reduce or preferably eliminate the microorganisms from denture surfaces.

In addition, resilient materials have been routinely used with the purpose of recovering tissues that are in contact with the denture base⁸. These materials partially absorb chewing load on the denture during function, thus reducing the energy transmitted to associated paraprosthodontic tissues⁹. However, these materials are easily degradable and susceptible to microbial colonization¹⁰, which may cause different degrees of denture stomatitis.

To prolong the clinical longevity of resilient materials and reduce plaque accumulation, incorporation of antimicrobial agents into these materials has been proposed¹¹. This combination may be a logical therapy in the treatment of denture stomatitis because of several factors:¹ reducing the trauma caused by the internal surface of removable dentures; ² eliminating contact of the contaminated surface with the oral tissues and consequently, interrupting the cycle of re-infection, and ³ action of antimicrobial agents incorporated into the material on the infected tissues¹¹. In this context, denture stomatitis may be treated before fabricating new dentures, in a relatively short period. The reason is attributed to their gradual degradation and hardening, so it should not take longer than two weeks, which is a period similar to the one required for the treatment with conventional topical antifungal drugs^{12,13}.

The incorporation of antimicrobial agents into resilient materials has shown to be effective and feasible both *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies¹¹⁻¹³. Despitese therapeutic advantages, the incorporation of drugs into polymeric materials, including tissue conditioners and resilient liners, may affect their properties. Recently there have been many researches focused towards the antimicrobial properties of herbal products. Grape (*Vitis vinifera*) is one of the most palatable edible fruits, grown all over the world and is considered to have many nutritional and medicinal properties. It has been reported that grape contains a large amount of phenolic compounds, especially the seed which is considered to contain 60% - 70% of the total phenolic content of the fruit, comprising of monomeric phenolic compounds such as (+)-catechins, (-)-epicatechin and (-)-epicatechin-3-O-gallate, and dimeric, trimeric and tetrameric procyanidins¹⁴.

Grape seed extract obtained from grapes grown in Hasandede, Emir and Kalecik Karasi wine cultivars in Turkey showed concentrations of 2.5% - 5% exhibited the most inhibitory effect against a wide variety of microorganisms including *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, and *S. aureus*¹⁵. A similar grape seed extract product IH636 was tested against 21 strains of gram positive and gram negative cocci which showed gram positive cocci to be more

susceptible, especially *S. aureus*. In presence of 1 mg/mL, 99% inhibition was reported with no further bacterial recovery¹⁶. Complete inhibition of 43 clinical strains of Methicillin

resistant *S. aureus* was noted at concentration of 3 mg/mL crude grape seed proanthocyanide extract¹⁷.

A feasible approach to limiting the transmission of these pathogens is to use essential oils as alternative agents or topical agents. Oregano, one kind of labiate *Origanum* plant that has been known for a long time as a popular remedy, is a very versatile plant. It was reported that *Origanum compactum*, *Origanum minutiflorum*, and *Origanum majorana* exhibit antifungal activity, antibacterial activity, and antimicrobial activity, respectively¹⁸.

For the resilient liner to adequately perform its function of recovering the tissues injured by trauma, it should remain bonded to the acrylic base of the removable denture¹⁹. Peeling of the resilient material from the denture base has been reported as the cause of clinical failure and the bond between the resilient materials and the denture base acrylic resin has been the object of previous investigations^{20,21}. Thus, the aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of the addition of antimicrobial agents oregano oil and grape seed oil and to evaluate its effect on its peel bond strength to denture base acrylic resin. The hypothesis investigated in this study was that the addition of antimicrobial agents to a resilient liner would result in changes in the peel bond strength to a denture base acrylic resin.

Aim of the study:

The aim of this study was to evaluate the peel bond strength and antifungal property of soft tissue conditioners after addition of oregano oil and grape seed oil.

Objectives of the study:

To determine the Peel bond strength of the soft tissue conditioners after incorporation of oregano oil 60 vol % after 1 day and 7 days, to determine the Peel bond strength of the soft tissue conditioners after incorporation of grape seed oil 20 vol % after 1 day and 7 days, to assess the antifungal property of soft tissue conditioners after incorporation of oregano oil 60 vol % after 1 day and 7 days, to assess the antifungal property of soft tissue conditioners after incorporation of grape seed oil 20 vol % after 1 day and 7 days.

II. Materials and Method:

Preparation of Test Specimens for Peel Bond Strength

Each specimen consists of three parts.

A rectangular acrylic base, central metallic ring for confinement of tissue conditioners and upper circular lid made up of acrylic with a metallic bolt in the centre, which will cover the tissue conditioner. (Fig. 1)

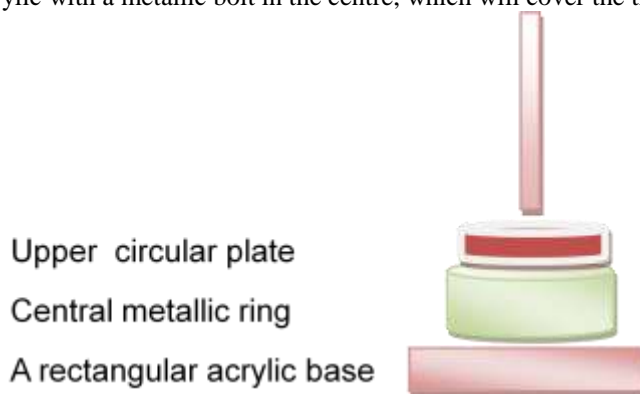


Figure 1:- Specimens for Peel Bond Strength

Rectangular acrylic base

Specimens consist of lower rectangular block measuring 50x50x5 mm of heat-curing acrylic trevalon (Dentsply Ind. e Com. Ltda., Petrópolis RJ, Brazil) were made. For this purpose, modeling wax matrixes measuring 50x50x5 mm were molded. Each rectangular block were perforated, so that the tissue conditioners can flow through these holes and provide mechanical interlocking between acrylic and tissue conditioners (Fig2).



Figure 2:- Square acrylic base

Central Metallic Ring:

A standardized metal ring of diameter 35mm and 3 mm height was machined for confinement of soft tissue conditioners above the acrylic block (Fig 3)



Figure 3:- Central Metallic Ring

Upper Circular Plate (Fig 4):

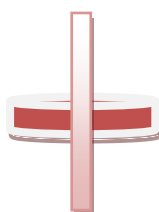


Figure 4:- Upper Circular Plate

Table 1 Material:

SNO.	Code	Materials	Manufacturer	Lot No.
1	V	Viscogel	DentsplyDeTreyGmbH, Konstanz, Germany.	1805000667
2	OO	Oregano oil	Suyash Herbs PvtLtd,Surat,Gujarat,India	161116/38/V-60/045
3	GO	Grape seed oil	Suyash Herbs PvtLtd,Surat,Gujarat,India	161116/38/V-60/045
4	DB	Trevalon Denture Base Resin	Dentsply Gurgoan ,India Pvt Ltd	122606
5	CA	Candida Albicans (ATCC24433)	Kothari pathology lab, Bhopal	00282691
6	A	Sabouraud Dextrose Agar	Sisco research laboratories pvt.Ltd.Mumbai	SD170412

Preparation of the Control group

Thirty specimens of control group were prepared. Each specimen consist of three parts: square acrylic base , central metallic ring for confinement of tissue conditioners and upper circular lid made up of acrylic with a metallic bolt in the centre, which will cover the tissue conditioner.

Preparation of Square Acrylic Base

For preparation of square acrylic base modeling wax of 50mm sides and 5mm height were prepared. These wax blocks were used to create uniform mold space. Type III gypsum was mixed using rubber bowl and a spatula according to manufactures instruction and then poured in the metal flask . Before the initial set the wax squares was placed in a metal flask. Once the setting reaction was over, separating media was applied and the counter pouring was done. After the setting of the stone, dewaxing is done and the flasks were opened. Thus the Square shaped cavities that were used as matrixes for the fabrication of heat cured acrylics resin specimens are formed.

Preparation of Upper Circular Lid

For preparation of Upper lid a metallic ring with 28mm diameter and 6mm height is used . Modeling wax is poured in the metallic ring and thus the circular wax pattern are obtained . These circular wax pattern were used to create uniform mold space. Type III gypsum was mixed using rubber bowl and a spatula according to manufactures instruction and then poured in the metal flask . Before the initial set the wax ring was placed in a metal flask once the setting reaction was over, separating media was applied and the counter pouring was done After the setting of the stone, dewaxing is done and the flasks were opened. Thus the circular shaped cavities that were used as matrixes for the fabrication of heat cured acrylics resin specimens are formed.

Packing of the specimen:

Heat polymerized (TREVALON) acrylic resins were mixed in the ratio 3:1 by volume such that the monomer thoroughly wet the polymers particles. Heat cure PMMA resin was mixed according to manufacturers instructions and packed into the mould spaces in dough stage and flasks were closed.

Bench curing:

The flask assembly was placed into Hydraulic press, and pressure was applied incrementally so that the resin dough can flow evenly throughout the mould space. Some amount of excess material, Flash was displaced eccentrically. The application of pressure was continued until the major portion of the flask closed approximated each other. The flasks were bench cured for 30 minutes.

Processing of the specimens

The specimens were processed at 74°C for approximately 2 hours followed by increasing the temperature of water bath to 100°C and then processed for 1 hour more. Following the completion of polymerization cycle, the denture flasks were recooled slowly to the room temperature. Subsequently, the flasks were immersed in cool tap water for 15 minutes.

Finishing and Polishing of the specimens

The specimens were then retrieved from the flasks and the flash of acrylic resin, remaining stone and nodules of acrylic were removed using acrylic carbide burs. The borders of the samples were then finished and smoothed. Sandpapers of 100, 300 and 500 grade were used for the final finishing. Using a wet rag wheel, dipped in pumice the specimens were polished and then buffed with a clean, soft, dry brush wheel.

Surface Preparation to Receive the Soft Liner

After this, specimens were submitted to surface preparation to receive the soft liner. One of the specimen surfaces of upper circular lid was abraded automatically in a polishing machine using #600 silica carbide abrasive paper (Versharp). The abraded surface was cleaned with detergent for 20s, washed under running water, and dried. While the lower square shaped specimen was perforated with stainless steel round bur to create perforation which will help in mechanical entrapment of tissue conditions with the acrylic base.

Tissue conditioners was mixed according to the manufactures instruction and then tissue conditioner was confined in a hollow stainless steel circular mold with internal measurement of 30 mm diameter and 3 mm height. This set was covered with upper circular disk and kept under finger pressure during the resilient liner polymerization time recommended by the manufacturer. The excesses of the modified resilient liner were eliminated and the specimen was removed from the mold. The lined specimens were then stored in distilled water at 37°C for 24 h prior to the peel test.

Preparation of the Test group specimens

Thirty specimens of each test group were prepared. The 60% of organo oil and 20% grape seed oil was mixed in each experimental group. They were manually mixed with resilient lining powder with a spatula, until a homogenous mixture was obtained. The resilient lining liquid was added to this mixture and the material was mixed in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions. The modified material was inserted into the hollow circular ring with square heat-curing acrylic resin prepared for the relining procedure. This set was covered with upper acrylic lid and kept under finger pressure during the resilient liner polymerization time recommended by the manufacturer. The excesses of

the modified resilient liner were eliminated and the specimen was removed from the mold. The lined specimens were then stored in distilled water at 37°C for 24 h prior to the peel test.

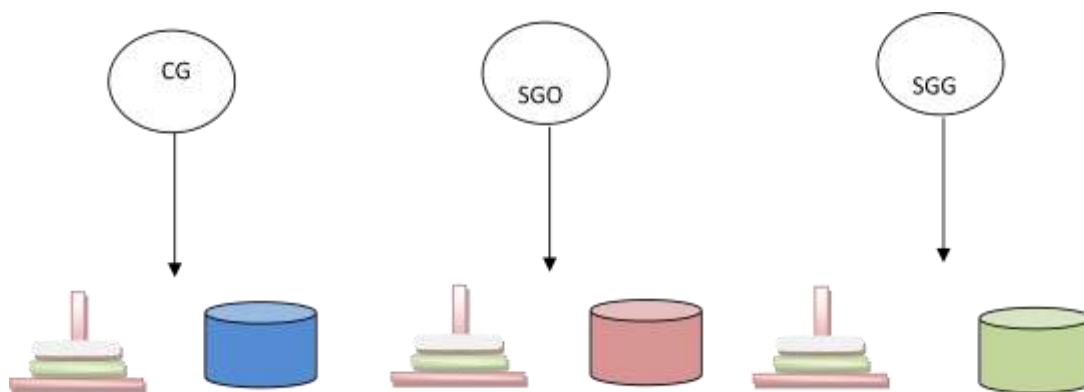
Grouping of the specimens

90 specimen of heatcure acrylic resin and tissue conditioners were made and divided into 3 groups of 30 each. Control group I (CG). Study group II with oregano oil (SGO) and Study group III with grapeseed oil (SGG). All specimens prepared were tested for peel bond strength and antifungal properties.

- Group I: Control Group (CG 30 specimens).
- Group II: Study Group with oregano oil (SGO 30 specimens).
- Group I: Study Group with inorganic oil (SGG 30 specimens).

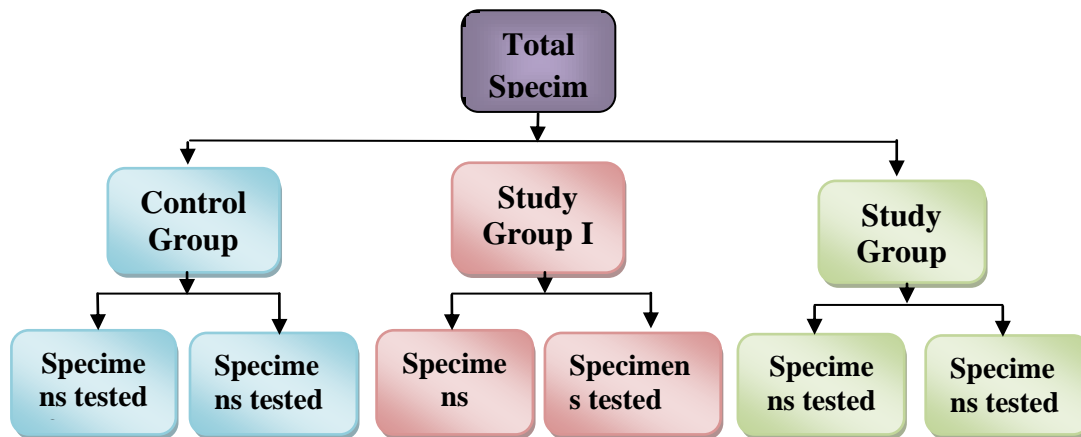
Table-II: Grouping of specimens

Group I (CG)	Tissue conditioners
Group II (SGO)	Tissue conditioners + oregano oil
Group III (SGG)	Tissue conditioners + grape seed oil



Schematic representation of grouping of samples

The specimens were serially numbered in each group, and each specimen was measured.



Flowchart showing grouping of samples

Measurement of Peel Bond Strength

A universal testing machine (Instron) was used to perform the peeling bond strength test of the lined test specimens at an angle of 180°. A portion of modified resilient material not bonded to the resin base (65mm) was attached upwards and fixed onto the top hook of the equipment at 20mm from the adhesive bond area of the test specimen. The other un-relined portion of the curing acrylic resin was fixed onto the bottom hook of the equipment at the same distance from the adhesive bond area. Each test specimen was submitted to tension to promote peeling of the modified resilient liner from the heat-curing acrylic resin base at a speed of 10mm/min until failure occurred.

Bond failures were visually observed and classified into three categories: adhesive, when peeling occurred between the modified resilient liner and the denture base acrylic resin; cohesive,

when there was tearing (rupture of the resilient liner within the area bonded to the denture base) or snapping (resilient material had stretched and then ruptured away from the bonded area) within the modified resilient liner; and mixed, when regions with two types of failure were observed on the surface of the denture base material^{13,17}.

The results of rupture force were initially obtained in N and transformed into peeling bond strength in MPa and then submitted to one-way ANOVA at a significant level of 5%.

**Measuring the Antifungal Activity:
The Agar Diffusion method**

Agar disk-diffusion testing developed in 1940 [Heatley], is the official method used in many clinical microbiology laboratories for routine antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Nowadays, many accepted and approved standards are published by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) for bacteria and yeast testing [CLSI, 2004, 2012].

Test Organism

Candida albicans strain (ATCC 66026) was used as test organism. The stock was grown and maintained in nutrient broth/agar and *Candida* agar (Himedia Labs, Mumbai). For all the tests specimen, and control the antimicrobial assay was performed in triplicate.

Procedure

- i. 1 ml suspension of the 24 hours old actively growing pure culture of *Candida albicans* was aseptically poured into each Petridish .
- ii. Approximately 30 ml of melted and cooled *Candida* agar medium was then poured to each plate and the contents were gently mixed and allowed to settle.
- iii. The acrylic test blocks were then gently placed over the solidified medium.
- iv. The plates were appropriately labelled and incubated at 32°C for 24 hours.
- v. The zones of inhibition (length and width) were measured with the help of Vernier callipers and the area was calculated (L X W) after one day and one week.

III. Observation and result:

The peel bond strength of heat cure acrylic resin and soft tissue conditioners was evaluated, using universal testing machine on day 1 and after 7 days .

Table III: Peel bond strength (MPa) of Test Groups on 1st Day

S No.	Control group (MPa)	Study group I (MPa)	Study group II (MPa)
1	0.60	0.12	0.23
2	0.47	0.20	0.24
3	0.70	0.18	0.12
4	0.58	0.16	0.28
5	0.56	0.22	0.26
6	0.56	0.24	0.30
7	0.54	0.20	0.24
8	0.62	0.18	0.22
9	0.54	0.19	0.24
10	0.56	0.16	0.26
11	0.58	0.12	0.28
12	0.60	0.14	0.24
13	0.62	0.18	0.28
14	0.66	0.10	0.32
15	0.62	0.13	0.24

Table IV: Peel bond strength (MPa) of Test Groups on 7th Day

S No.	Control group (MPa)	Study group I (MPa)	Study group II (MPa)
1	0.58	0.56	0.30
2	0.49	0.44	0.32
3	0.55	0.48	0.24
4	0.57	0.58	0.28
5	0.53	0.40	0.26

6	0.53	0.53	0.27
7	0.46	0.56	0.32
8	0.60	0.50	0.28
9	0.58	0.58	0.30
10	0.52	0.52	0.24
11	0.60	0.45	0.29
12	0.59	0.62	0.31
13	0.65	0.52	0.28
14	0.62	0.45	0.29
15	0.59	0.39	0.32

Antimicrobial test was evaluated by using the zones of inhibition (length and width) method with the help of Vernier callipers and the area was calculated on day 1 and after 7 days.

Table V: Zone of Inhibition of Test Groups on 1st Day

S No.	Control group (mm)	Study group I (mm)	Study group II (mm)
1	0	34	14
2	0	31	11
3	0	32	13
4	0	30	13
5	0	34	11
6	0	33	12
7	0	35	10
8	0	32	13
9	0	31	9
10	0	33	11
11	0	34	13
12	0	35	12
13	0	32	11
14	0	33	10
15	0	35	12

Table VI: Zone of Inhibition of Test Groups on 7th Day

S No.	Control group (mm)	Study group I (mm)	Study group II (mm)
1	0	23	3
2	0	21	3
3	0	19	5
4	0	18	3
5	0	22	4
6	0	21	5
7	0	24	3
8	0	23	5
9	0	21	2
10	0	20	4
11	0	16	6
12	0	16	5
13	0	20	4
14	0	21	4
15	0	19	3

The Average Value of peel bond strength and minimum zone of inhibition of control Group, study group I and study group II on day 1 and day 7 are shown in Table III, Table IV, Table V, and Table VI.

The data were collected from all quantitative studies of heat cure acrylic resin Trevalon and soft tissue conditioner Visogel were compared with 60% vol. by weight organo oil and 20% vol. by weight grape seed oil using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) statistical. A significance level of 0.05 was used for all tests.

Table V depicts the comparison between mean values of control group, study group I and study group II. There is significant difference between the 3 groups based on peel bond strength on 1st day (0.04) between the study group I and II and antimicrobial activity with (0.0001) . For peel bond on 7th day, there is a significant difference between study group I and study group II but for peel bond strength on day 1 the significance is between control and study group I.

The mean values for peel bond strength of the control group, study Group I and study group II on day 1 are: 0.5873, 0.1680 and 0.2473 respectively. The standard deviation of the above mentioned values of control group, study group I and study group II are: 0.054, 0.04 and 0.4 respectively. (Table VII) There is significant difference between the three groups based on peel bond strength on 1st day (0.013).

The mean values for peel bond strength of the control group, study Group I and study group II on day 7 are: 0.5640, 0.505 and 0.2867 respectively. The standard deviation of the above mentioned values of control group, study group I and study group II are: 0.050, 0.06 and 0.026 respectively. (Table VII) There is significant difference between the control group and study group I (0.013) on day 7 however there is no significant difference between the study groups based on peel bond strength on 7 day (0.00).

The mean values for zone of inhibition of a control group, study Group I and study group II on day 1 are: 0, 32.93 mm and 20.26 mm respectively. The standard deviation of the above-mentioned values of control group, study group I and study group II are: 0.0, 1.57 and 2.37 respectively. Results are shown in Table VIII. This table depicts the comparison between mean values of control group, study group I and study group II. There is significant difference between the three groups based on antimicrobial activity on 1 day (less than 0.0001).

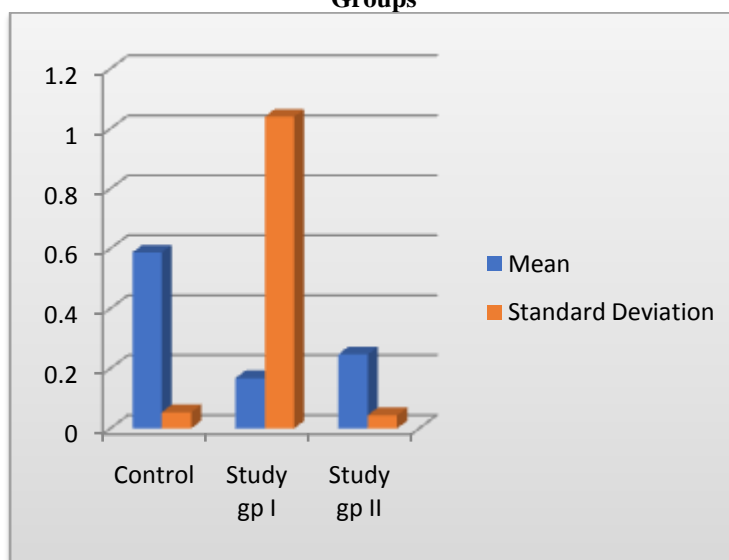
The mean values for zone of inhibition of a control group, study Group I and study group on day 7 are: 0, 11.66 mm and 3.93 mm respectively. The standard deviation of the above-mentioned values of control group, study group I and study group II are: 0, 1.39 and 0.1.09 respectively. Results are shown in Table VIII. This table depicts the comparison between mean values of control group, study group I and study group II. There is significant difference between the three groups based on antimicrobial activity on 7 day (0.0001).

Table VII: Comparing Peel Bond Strength on Day 1 and Day 7 among the 3 Groups

		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	P value
Control	Day 1	15	0.5873	0.054	0.001
	Day 7	15	0.5640	0.050	
Study Gp I	Day 1	15	0.1680	0.04	0.013
	Day 7	15	0.505	0.069	
Study Gp II	Day 1	15	0.2473	0.044	0.002
	Day 7	15	0.2867	0.026	

There was no significant difference seen by storage of sample on day1 and day 7 on peel bond strength of control and studygp II .However here was significant difference seen by storage of sample on day1 and day 7 on peel bond strength of study gp I.

Graph 1 Comparing Mean Value and Standard Deviation of Peel Bond Strength on Day 1 among the 3 Groups



Graph 2 Comparing Mean Value and Standard Deviation of Peel Bond Strength on Day 7 among the 3 Groups

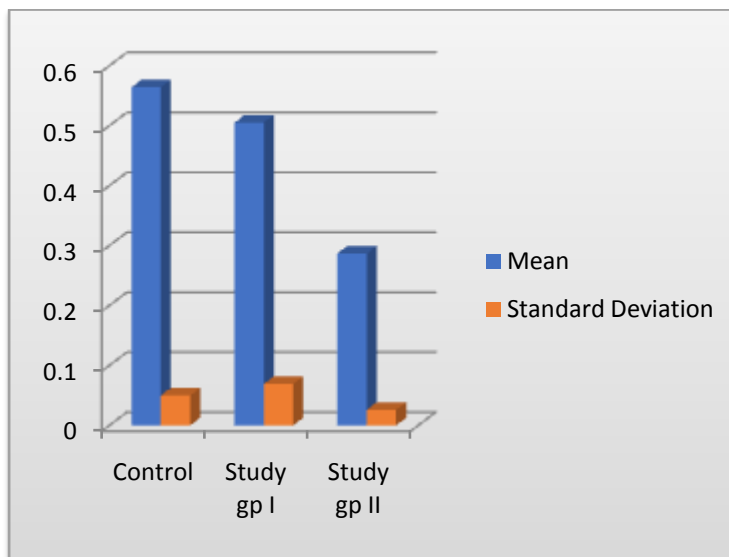
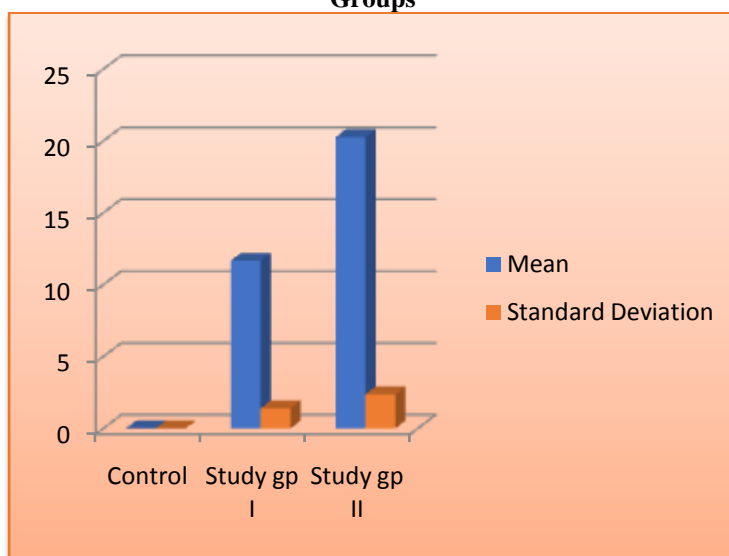


Table VIII: Comparing antimicrobial Activity on Day 1 and Day 7 among the 3 Groups

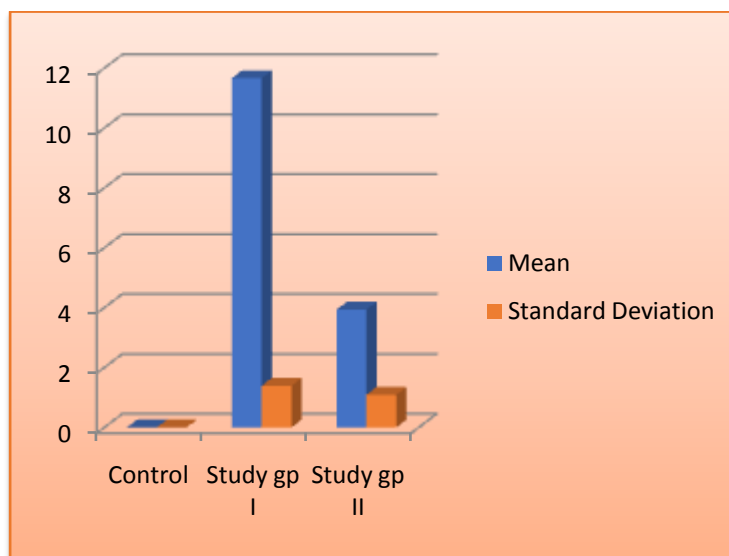
		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	P value
Control	Day 1	15	0	0	0.0001
	Day 7	15	0	0	
Study gp I	Day 1	15	32.93	1.57	0.0001
	Day 7	15	11.66	1.39	
Study gp II	Day 1	15	20.26	2.37	0.0001
	Day 7	15	3.93	1.09	

Among 3 groups, the mean value for zone of inhibition of both study group is statistically significant with the control group i.e. 0.0001 . Moreover the mean value for zone of inhibition among the two study group is also statistically significant i.e. less than 0.0001.

Graph 3 Comparing Mean Value and Standard Deviation of antimicrobial activity on Day 1 among the 3 Groups



Graph 4 Comparing Mean Value and Standard Deviation of antimicrobial activity on Day 7 among the 3 Groups



IV. Discussion:

Tissue conditioners are routinely used to improve the fit and function of an ill-fitting denture prior to its replacement. When applied to the fitting surface of the denture absorb the impact of mastication and distribute the force widely, thereby reducing the mucosal pain.¹⁻⁴ However, these materials are easily degradable and susceptible to microbial colonization¹⁴, Fungal growth on tissue conditioners is known to cause irritation of the oral mucosa,⁵⁻⁸ and is due to the lack of antifungal activity. Which may cause different degrees of denture stomatitis. Denture stomatitis is related to the use of removable dentures and is considered the most common oral lesion observed (65%)³⁹ in patients wearing removable dentures. Although the etiology of denture stomatitis is multifactorial, infection by *Candida* spp., especially *C.albicans*, is considered the main etiologic factor. Different treatments for denture stomatitis are available and may include topical antifungal and systemic therapy, care with oral hygiene, denture cleaning and disinfection procedures¹⁸, replacement of old dentures, elimination of anatomic irregularities, re-establishment of atraumatic occlusion, and nutritional restitution.

Thorough denture cleansing with daily brushing and cleaning is necessary.¹⁴ Topical application of antifungal agents has not been encouraged, as the medication gets washed away by the saliva, leaving an insufficient concentration at the site of action.^{11, 15, 16} Systemic administration requires large doses of drugs with a serious risk of side effects.¹¹ To overcome these disadvantages, anti-fungal agents have been incorporated into the denture liners. This combination may be a logical therapy in the treatment of denture stomatitis. The incorporation of antimicrobial agents into resilient materials has shown to be effective and feasible both in *invitro* and *invivo* studies.^{6,20} Despite these therapeutic advantages, the incorporation of drugs into polymeric materials, including tissue conditioners and resilient liners, may affect their properties.

In the recent past, use of phytotherapeutic agents has increased because of the overuse and misuse of antibiotics, which leads to side effects and the emergence of resistant bacterial strains. This is the only method in which the failure proceeds at controlled section of force throughout the bond area.²²

In the peel bond strength test, the stress is confined to a line restricted to the end of the bond, and is considered the most clinically representative of the failure modes.⁵¹ The peeling test simulates the lining procedure more precisely, with a uniform and constant distribution of load.⁵² The ability of the material to resist tearing is of practical importance. In clinical use, including the cleaning and disinfection procedures, the soft materials are submitted to conditions that start the tearing process. Adequate bonding between denture base resin and soft material is therefore essential. Clinical failure of these materials is frequently attributed to the rupture of this bond and the measurements of this bond are clinically relevant. Reduced bond between the soft liner and the denture base resin effectively negates any other property considered adequate for this material.²²

In this study the peel bond strength of acrylic based soft liner, Viscogel was determined on 1 day and 7 day of stored samples in water at room temperature. However this study showed that with the incorporation of antifungal agents the peel bond strength of both study group I (0.168 MPa) and study group II (0.24MPa) was less than the control group(0.58MPa). Viscogel is a self curing , two component resilient methacrylate. The powder of Viscogel is a polyethyl methacrylate, and liquid consist of ester based plasticizer and ethyl alcohol. mixing of powder and liquid results in the polymer chain entanglement and formation of a coherent gel.⁴²

On 1st day Peel bond strength of control group was high (0.58MPa) , as no bonding agents are needed to achieve a bond with acrylics resins. The results of the present study are supported by Emmer et al³⁸ who examined the bond strength of soft denture liner to denture base resin. They explained that these material debond immediately after elastic deformation with little stretching or plastic deformation. These failures (debonding) were internal (cohesive), which indicated that these materials are brittle, strong and bonded strongly to the denture base. The adhesive strength was higher than the cohesive strength.

Incorporation of antifungal agents resulted in the decreased peel bond strength of both study group I (0.168 MPa) and study group II (0.24MPa). Antimicrobial agents assessed, oregano oil and grape seed oil, they are insoluble in monomers and plasticizers. the essential oil of oregano oil is composed primarily of monoterpenoids and various compound among which thymol and carvacol ranging to over 80% while others to lesser content. Thymol is extremely soluble in ethyl alcohol which is the major component of liquid of soft lines. Thus, they could not interfere with the polymerization process of these materials. This possibly explains the decreased peel bond of study group I as compared to Study group II. Moreover, their physical presence within the polymer matrix could interrupt the structure of the polymerized materials²¹. In the study conducted by Addy and Handely²³ in 1981 also showed that change in material properties may be consistent with the incorporation pattern of the medication into the polymer matrix. In a previous study²² conducted by Waters and Jagger also confirms that a tissue conditioner modified by the addition of nystatin showed cohesive strength values less than to those of the control group.

However with the storage of the samples in water for 7 days have resulted in increase of peel bond strength of controlled group (0.58MPa) and study group I

When immersed in soaking solutions or placed in the oral cavity, soft denture liners undergo two processes: leaching out of plasticizers and other soluble materials, and sorption of water or salivary components. The fluctuation between these two processes affects the properties of the denture liner material.⁴² Conflicting results regarding bond strength following storage in water at room temperature. While some studies reported increase in bond strength^{23, 24, 25, 26} on account of less lengthening and increased rigidity of the material others reported decrease in bond strength^{27, 28}. The present showed the increased in the strength on storage which could have been due to the swelling and stress buildup at the bond interface or of the changed viscoelastic properties of the resilient lining material, which renders the material stiffer and transmits the external loads to the bond site. In our study, the peel bond strength of all the material increases on storage in water which was in agreement with the previous studies.

It is speculated that the incorporation of an antifungal agent in a short-term denture liner may be beneficial. Douglas and Walker (1973) had the idea of combining the therapeutic effects of a tissue conditioner and an antifungal agent. This had the advantages that the action of the drug was prolonged, the cost was low and tissue recovery from trauma was encouraged.²⁹

In this study, the tissue conditioners did not show any antifungal activity when tested there is absolutely no zone of inhibition (0 mm) of *C. albicans* seen in control group. This result confirms with the results of a study conducted by Kanathila et al³⁰ and previous study by Thomas et al,³¹ who observed that Viscogel alone was completely inert and, therefore, would not be beneficial without antifungal agents in the treatment of denture stomatitis. Also, in an *in vitro* study conducted by Chow et al³² to know the efficacy of antifungal agents in tissue conditioners.

in inhibiting *C. albicans*, samples containing only tissue conditioners did not exhibit significant fungicidal activity as compared to combinations of antifungal agents plus tissue conditioners.³¹

In the present study, on Day 1 study group I showed the highest zone of inhibition (32.93mm) i.e. antifungal activity while the study group II showed the least zone of inhibition (20.26mm). This observation is due to the fact that oregano oil is more potent antifungal agent than grape seed oil. The possible explanation for which is that Oregano oil contains carvacrol, 4-terpineol, and thymol, with wide variations in their relative percent ages, depending on geologic and climatic conditions. As high as 81.93% of carvacrol in oregano oil has been previously reported.³³ Both thymol and carvacrol impart significant antifungal properties to the Oregano oil.³⁴ Previously, superior antifungal activity was observed for the oil compared to thymol and carvacrol.³⁵ The Oregano oil's anti-microbial action was found to be due to the inhibition of germination and filament formation, which are essential for tissue invasion.³⁶ However the Phenolic contents found in grape seed are partially hydrophobic, and are considered to interact with the bacterial cell wall and lipopolysaccharide interfaces by decreasing membrane stability.³⁸

However on Day 7 both study group I shows decrease in zone of inhibition (11.66mm) and study group II (3.93mm) i.e. antifungal activity decreases with time. The Minimal Inhibiting Zone diameter was found to reduce with time, which may be due to the leaching of the essential oil from the tissue conditioner.³⁷

For the potency of antifungal property among the two study group, study group I is more antifungal compared to study group II which is due of the fact that the surface roughness of tissue conditioners with

oregano oil was less than that for the study group II. Low surface roughness coupled with the antifungal activity of oregano oil resulted in reduced adhesion of *Candidaalbicans*.⁴¹

Further research into the incorporation of modifiers to improve these materials is warranted. It is assumed that such modification will have some effect on their other properties. In addition, clinical studies should be conducted to establish correlation with laboratory findings. Finally, the search for more acceptable material.

V. Summary:

Tissue conditioners are resilient materials that are often used for conditioning the denture bearing mucosa sores by ill fitting dentures. Addition of antimicrobial agents into the base material might produce adverse effects on the physical, mechanical properties, biocompatibility etc. The storage of the material may further deteriorate the properties of the material, increasing the chances of adherence of these microorganisms, affecting the health of the tissue. In this *in-vitro* study, the Peel Bond Strength and Antifungal property of soft tissue conditioners after addition of oregano oil and grape seed oil was compared with control group.

From the result of 20% grape seed oil and 60% the present study, it was evident that Peel Bond Strength had significant difference between Control group, Study group I and Study group II on day 1. There was no significant difference for the Peel bond Strength among Control Group and Study Group II on 7th Day. However there was significant difference for the Peel bond Strength of Study Group I on 7th Day. There was significant difference between the 3 groups on the antifungal properties on day 1 however the antifungal property of organo oil is more effective than grape seed oil. However there was no significant difference among the antifungal property of organo oil and grape seed oil on 7th Day.

VI. Conclusion:

Within the limitations of this study it can be concluded that:

1. The Peel bond strength of Control group is more than Study group I and Study group II irrespective of time period.
2. The Peel bond strength of control group and study group II decreases with time however the Peel bond strength of Study group I increases with time.
3. There was significant difference regarding the effectiveness of antifungal properties of control group and Study group I and Study group II after 1 day.
4. Maximum antifungal activity was shown by Study group I followed by Study group II

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