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Color stability, water sorption and water solubility of the acrylic resin artificial teeth are the success keys to the appearance and mechanical properties of the denture teeth. The objective of the present study was to compare the color stability, water sorption and water solubility of 3 commercial artificial teeth: linear PMMA (NEW), resin composite (CPX) and cross-linked PMMA (ANT) and 1 color-liked heat-polymerized acrylic resin (MAJ). 80 colume-shaped specimens (9 mm/ 2 mm thickness) were fabricated for color stability test using a spectrophotometer after immersing in water or coffee solution at 1, 7, 28, 56 and 84 days. 40 colume-shape specimens ( 9 mm/ 0.5 mm thickness) were fabricated for the water sorption and water solubility tests using the weight measurement method at 1, 8, 36 and 92 days. The repeated 2-way ANOVA was calculated at the confidential level of 95. The results demonstrated the different color change depending on the type of denture teeth (MAJ>NEW>CPX>ANT) from 28 to 84 days, while the color change showed no significant difference at 1 day storage. The water sorption results demonstrated the greatest MAJ, followed by NEW, CPX and ANT respectively at 36 and 92 days, while the water solubility showed the greatest MAJ, followed by CPX, NEW and ANT respectively. This study confirmed the effect of the composition of acrylic resin denture teeth on the color stability, water sorption and water solubility. Moreover, the effect of the fabrication method as well as the type of storage solution was reported.

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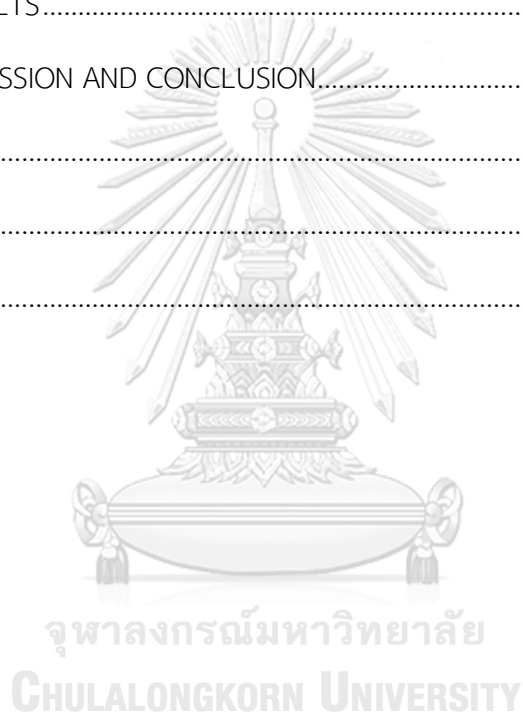
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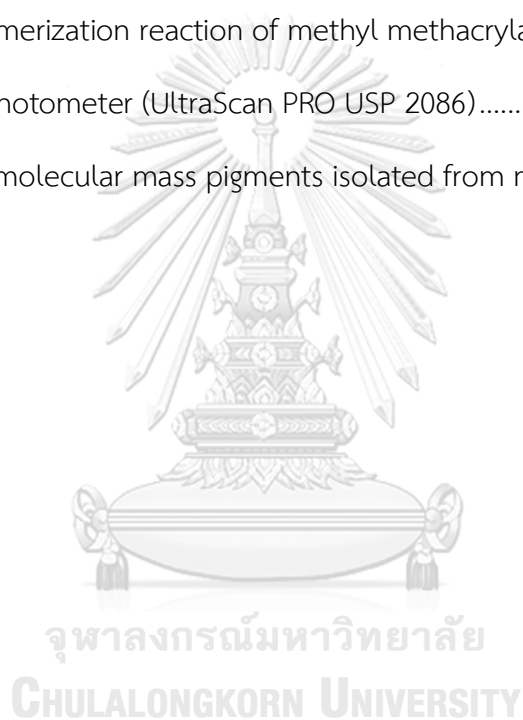
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# CHAPER I

## INTRODUCTION

### Background and Rationale

Edentulism is described as a condition which people partially or totally loss their tooth/teeth due to dental caries, periodontitis, congenital missing and/or accident. Fixed prosthesis, removable prosthesis as well as the latest technology dental implant are the possible prosthodontic plan for restoring the appearance, phonetic, chewing ability of the edentulous patients. According to the 7<sup>th</sup> Thai national oral health survey, the 60 – 74-year-old Thai people was reported to be the most population that need both the removable partial denture (15.7%) and the full denture (20.8%), while the over 80-year-old population needed full denture (59.4%). (1). The prevalence study of the northern India population needed the removable denture data showed that the removable partial denture (12.23%) was needed rather than full denture (6.5%) (2). Nevertheless, the satisfaction study of the Dutch elderly population who worn the removable prosthesis reported the 90% of samples accepted daily use of their present prosthesis both the aspect of chewing ability and esthetics (3). Therefore, the removable prosthesis is still an alternative of choice under the reason of the comparative lower cost and acceptable appearance.

The materials which are considered to fabricate the removable prosthesis are acrylic resin, porcelain and metal alloy, especially acrylic resin that is a common used material. For selection of the materials for fabricating a removable prosthesis, the mechanical properties, physical properties including their appearance are the major considerations for predicting their duration of service, the patient satisfaction. The less toxicity, user-friendly and reasonable laboratory cost are also the consideration for materials selected. The polymeric materials are the only materials which can successfully fulfill all purposes.

The acrylic resin material was invented since the 1890s, and firstly introduced to the dental field by the early 1930s. The polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) became famous for fabricating the denture base by 1946 according to their polymerizing method and esthetics (4). The ISO 20795-1: 2013 specified the minimum mechanical properties of the denture polymers that the flexural strength was 60 – 65 MPa, the flexural modulus; 1.5 – 2.0 GPa (5). The mechanical properties of the acrylic resin materials used in prosthesis fabrication are under the influence of their molecular structures. The simple molecular acrylic resin structure called “linear structure” present by twice lesser impact strength than the acrylic with copolymer. The polymerization method is also a factor affecting on the impact strength (6). Moreover, the acrylic resins with different type of cross-linking polymer chain and their different concentration were reported to effect on the mechanical properties (7). The acrylic with higher molecular weight showed the greatest impact strength, while the molecular weight showed no correlation with the deflection, the tensile strength and flexural modulus, but their own cross-linking agent concentration.

Apart from the mechanical properties, the physical properties which predict the appearance are the color stability, water sorption and water solubility. Several studies reported the effect of color change when acrylic resins immersed in a staining solution such as coffee, tea and red wine. That the color of denture base acrylic resins was not significantly changed after immersing in the food colorants for 6 months (8), whereas the denture base acrylic resins were significantly changed after immersing in color beverages (9). The color of the acrylic denture tooth with copolymers or filler was reported to be darker and eye perceptible after wine immersion, whereas the PMMA acrylic denture tooth could not observe color change (10). Regarding water sorption and solubility of the acrylic resin, the type and the concentration of cross-linking polymers added to the PMMA and methyl methacrylate (MMA) solution presented the correlation to these parameters (11, 12), whilst other study reported no significant difference among the up to 60% ethylene glycol dimethacrylate (EGDM) concentration of the cross-linking polymer in PMMA/MMA group comparing to no cross-linking acrylic resin group (13). On the other

hand, the acrylic resin with additive fillers showed no significantly different water sorption and water solubility comparing to the acrylic resin without the additive filler (14). The color stability, the water sorption and the water solubility of the PMMA materials are the crucial concerns when the materials are used for fabricating the removable prostheses. should be retain the color over period of time. However, the color stability, the water sorption and the water solubility of the various structure acrylic resins used in dental service are still not clearly elucidated. Therefore, the aim of this study is to evaluate color stability, water sorption and water solubility among several acrylic resins with cross-linking polymers or additive filler comparing to conventional heat-curing PMMA acrylic resin.

### **Research Objective**

The purpose of this present study is to compare the color stability, the water sorption, water solubility of various acrylic resin teeth materials.

### **Research Hypothesis**

H<sub>10</sub>: There would be no significant difference among the color difference ( $\Delta E^*$ ) of various acrylic resin teeth materials immersed in water and coffee.

H<sub>1a</sub>: There would be significant difference among the color difference ( $\Delta E^*$ ) of various acrylic resin teeth materials immersed in water and coffee.

H<sub>20</sub>: There would be no significant difference among the water sorption of various acrylic resin teeth materials.

H<sub>2a</sub>: There would be significant difference among the water sorption of various acrylic resin teeth materials.

H<sub>30</sub>: There would be no significant difference among the water solubility of various acrylic resin teeth materials.

H<sub>3a</sub>: There would be significant difference among the water solubility of various acrylic resin teeth materials.

**Keywords**

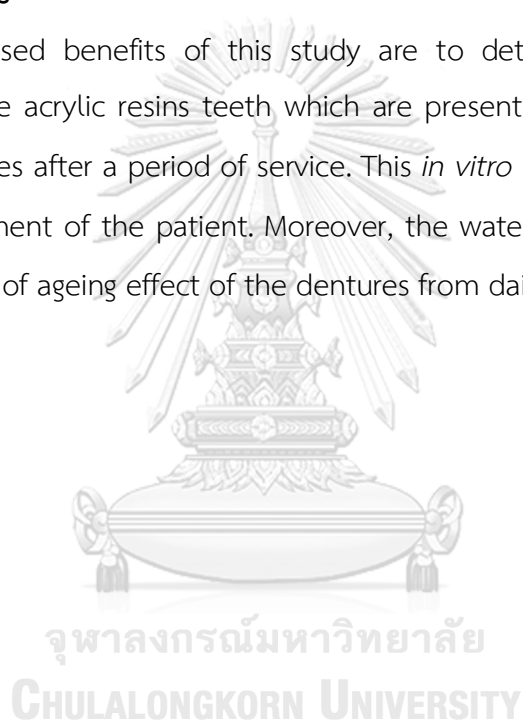
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**Research design**

Experimental study

**Proposed benefits**

The proposed benefits of this study are to determine the color change phenomena of the acrylic resins teeth which are presently used for fabricating the removable dentures after a period of service. This *in vitro* study simulates the actual intra-oral environment of the patient. Moreover, the water sorption, water solubility might be a reason of ageing effect of the dentures from daily stainable beverages.



## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW LITERATURE

#### Acrylic resin

The acrylic resin is classified to be a type of polymer consisting of the repeated same molecules or the repeated same set of molecule orders with/without the additive copolymer or the additive fillers. The smallest molecular unit of the polymer is called “mer or monomer” a small and simple structural molecule which made up of many units to be a larger or complicated molecular structure. The monomer is the molecule that to forms the polymer when the polymerization reaction occurred and processed by polymerization reaction. Another type of polymer would also be combined the main polymer molecules and more different types of monomer or small sets of polymers called the copolymers or cross-linking polymer (15, 16).

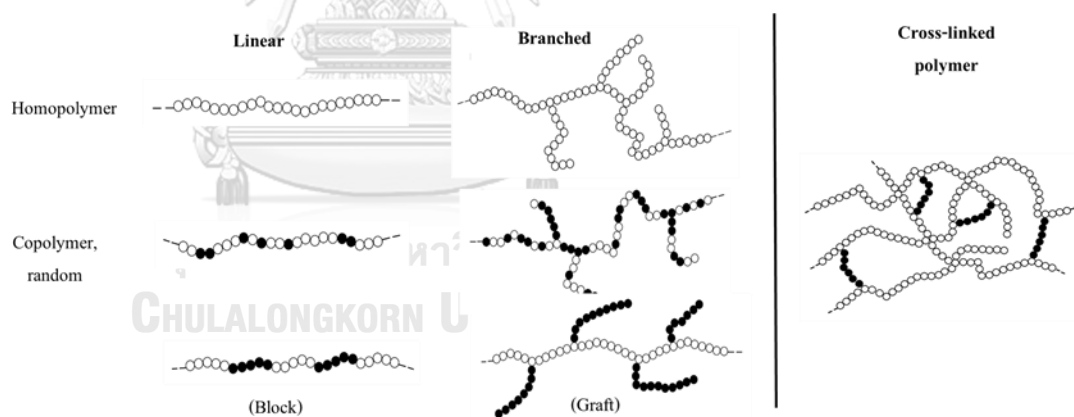


Figure 1 Type of polymer according to the type of polymer (homopolymers, copolymers) and molecular structure (linear, branched, and cross-linked).

The open circles represent one type of mer units, and the solid circles represent another type of mer unit. The dashed lines indicate the repeated segment in the same order.

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Generally, the polymer has different classification according to the chemical composition, molecular weight and distribution or the arrangement of small repeated units as shown in Fig 1. Considering the molecular structure, the polymers can be classified to be linear structure and branched structure. Another classification is considered by the number of additive polymers. The polymeric molecule which consists of the same mer molecule called “homopolymer”, the inserted or grafted short polymer to the main polymer molecular chain called “copolymer”, and the short polymer which combines the several parts of the main polymer chain together called “cross-linked polymer”.

### Methyl methacrylate and Polymethyl methacrylate

The MMA was firstly synthesized in the early 1900s, and polymerized to be the larger polymer, PMMA, for producing the denture base in 1930’s (17, 18). The large acrylic resin molecule used in Prosthodontic treatment basically is the PMMA (polymer) consisting of the same repeated the MMA (mer). The structure of the MMA and the PMMA are shown in Fig 2.

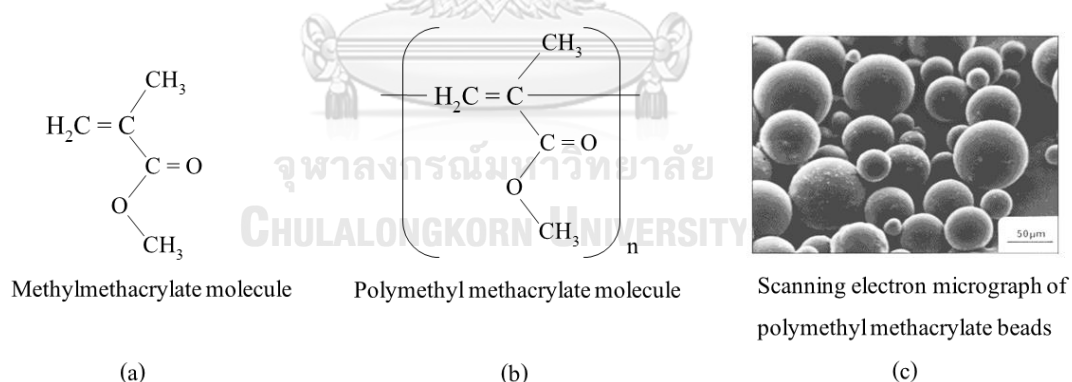


Figure 2 The MMA and the PMMA: the molecular structure of MMA (a), the molecular structure of PMMA (b), and the microscope of PMMA beads (c).

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The commercial application of the acrylic resin commonly consists of two components, the powder and the liquid (Table 1). The main composition of powder is PMMA with the initiator such as benzoyl peroxide and the color pigments. The main composition of the liquid part is the MMA and probably cross-linking agents depending on the commercial purpose. The activator is added in the liquid part for initiating the redox reaction, while the inhibitor is used for prolong the storage time.

Table 1 The component, composition and function of acrylic resin materials

| Component           | Constituent                             | Function   |
|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>Powder</b>       |   |  |
| Polymer             | Polymethyl methacrylate beads           | Main component of acrylic resin  |
| Initiator           | A peroxide such as benzoyl peroxide     | Initiate the polymerization of the monomer liquid after being added to powder                    |
| Pigment             | Salt of cadmium or iron or organic dyes | Simulate tissue colors   |
| <b>Liquid</b>       |   |  |
| Monomer             | Methyl methacrylate                     | Main component   |
| Cross-linking agent | Ethylene glycol dimethacrylate          | Reduces the solubility and water sorption and reduces the tendency of the denture base crazing   |
| Inhibitor           | Hydroquinone                            | Prevent polymerization of the liquid during storage  |
| Activator           | N N'- dimethyl-p-toluidine              | Speed up the peroxide decomposition and enable the polymerization of monomer at room temperature |

Modified from (1) Rashid, H.; Sheikh Z.; and Vohra F. Allergic effects of the residual monomer used in denture base acrylic resins. *European journal of dentistry*. 9 (2015): 614 – 619., (2) Powers, J. M.; and Sakaguchi, R. L. *Craig's restorative dental materials*. 12<sup>th</sup> ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier Mosby, 2012.

The physical and mechanical properties of the PMMA and the MMA indicates in Table 2 and Table 3, respectively. The MMA is a polymeric transparent liquid with the boiling point temperature almost similar to water. The PMMA has greater density than the MMA after polymerization, and can also absorb surrounding water, and dissolve in water. The PMMA is a transparent acrylic resin with the flexural strengths (78 – 92 MPa), the abrasive resistance (0.595 mm in depth), the tensile strength (48 – 62 MPa), the modulus of elasticity (1.1 – 2.4 GPa) and the Knoop hardness number (15-20). The mechanical properties of the presently commercial PMMA products are acceptable according to the ISO 20795-1 for base polymers, but some products showed their flexural modulus less than the standard (5, 15, 16).

Table 2 The summarize of the physical properties of MMA and PMMA comparing the ISO 20795

| Properties                             | MMA   | PMMA        | ISO 20795                |
|--|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Molecular weight                       | 100   | 150,000     |                          |
| Melting point (°C)                     | 48°C  | 160         |                          |
| Boiling point (°C)                     | 100.8 | 200         |                          |
| Density (g/mL)                         | 0.945 | 1.16 – 1.18 |                          |
| Heat of polymerization (kcal/mol)      | 12.9  | -           |                          |
| Water sorption (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )   | -     | 0.69        | < 32 µg/mm <sup>3</sup>  |
| Water solubility (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | -     | 0.04        | < 1.6 µg/mm <sup>3</sup> |

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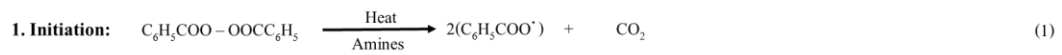
Table 3 The summarize of the mechanical properties of PMMA comparing the ISO 20795

| Properties                            | Anusavice | Craig     | ISO 20795 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Flexural strength (MPa)               | -         | 78 - 92   | 65        |
| Flexural modulus (GPa)                | -         | 1.1 – 2.1 | 2         |
| Abrasive resistance ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | -         | 595       | N/A       |
| Tensile strength (Mpa)                | 60        | 48 - 62   | N/A       |
| Modulus of elasticity (Gpa)           | 2.4       | 1.1 – 2.2 | N/A       |
| Knoop hardness number (KHN)           | 18 - 20   | 15        | N/A       |

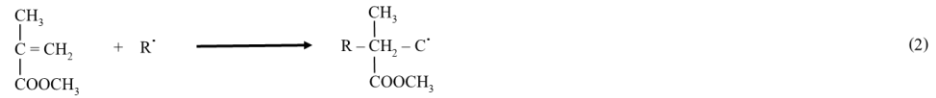
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### The methacrylate polymerization

The PMMA is synthesized by the polymerization reaction via a redox initiated system, the chain growth and termination as follows (Fig 3) (16-18).

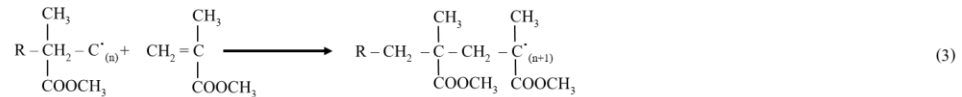


Benzoyl peroxide  $\longrightarrow$  Free radicals ( $\text{R}\cdot$ ) + Carbon dioxide



Free radical + Monomer  $\longrightarrow$  Free radical (activated monomer)

### 2. Propagation:



Polymer free radical + Monomer  $\longrightarrow$  Growing chain

### 3. Termination:

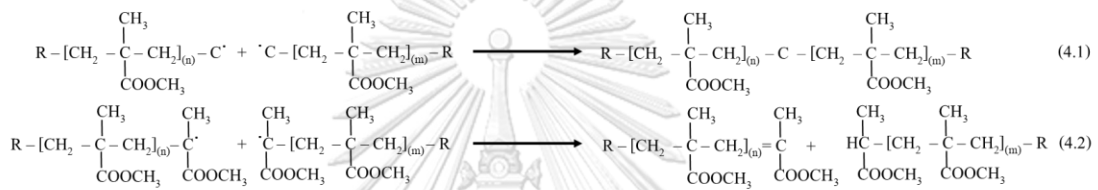


Figure 3 The polymerization reaction of methyl methacrylate

Modified from (1) O'Brien, W. J. Dental materials and their selection. 4th ed. Chicago: Quintessence, 2008., (2) Anusavice, K. J.; Shen, C., and Rawls, H. R. Phillips' Science of dental materials. 12th ed. St. Louis: Elsevier Saunders, 2013.

1.1 **Initiation:** The polymerization reaction of MMA starts from the breakdown of the initiator molecule, for example benzoyl peroxide, to be free radicals ( $\text{R}\cdot$ ) and a by product. Subsequently, the free monomer receives the free radical and forms the molecule with an extra electron, called "activated monomer".

1.2 **Propagation:** The activated monomer combines to another free monomer at the site with the double bond carbon, resulting dimer. The reaction propagates rapidly to combine other free monomers become linear oligomer chain and passes the free radical to the combined monomer.

1.3 **Termination:** The end of elongation is inhibited by two possible reactions which are the direct combine between two polymer free radicals (Fig 3/4.1) or the exchange of hydrogen atom from one polymer free radical to another (Fig 3/4.2) (16, 18).

### The acrylic resin in prosthodontics

Prior to 1900s, the natural materials, for example horns and hoof from animals or resin from insects or natural rubber, were used in prosthesis fabrication (4, 14). The invention of synthetic thermoplastic polymer in 1930's was the change point of dental treatment. The acrylic resin became widely used for fabricating the dentures due to its durability to the masticatory force and acceptable appearance. The acrylic resin presently used in prosthodontic treatment could be classified following the ISO 20795 as shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Acrylic resin classification (5)

| Type | Class | Polymer   |
|------|-------|---|
| 1    | 1     | Heat-cured polymerizable materials (powder and liquid)                      |
|      | 2     | Heat-cured polymerizable materials (plastic cake form)                      |
| 2    | 1     | Self-cured polymerizable materials (powder and liquid)                      |
|      | 2     | Self-cured polymerizable materials (powder and liquid for pour-type resins) |
| 3    | -     | Thermoplastic polymerizable materials (blank of powder)                     |
| 4    | -     | Light-cured polymerizable materials   |
| 5    | -     | Microwave-cured polymerizable materials                                     |

#### 1. Heat-cured polymerizable materials (4, 15, 16, 20)

The heat- polymerizable materials consist of powder and liquid separately. The powder part composes of polymethyl methacrylate beads with Benzoyl peroxide (Initiator), Dibutyl phthalate (plasticizer), pigments and opacifiers, while the liquid part composes of methyl methacrylate monomer with hydroquinone

(inhibitor), glycol dimethacrylate (cross-linking agent) and plasticizers. During the manipulation of powder part and liquid part following the manufacturer recommendation, the MMA is converted to PMMA structure via the additional polymerization with no by-product occurs (Fig 3).

## **2. Chemically-cured polymerizable materials (4, 15, 16, 20)**

In 1947, the chemical activators were invented and added in to the denture base materials for activating polymerization without heat. The new invented materials were also referred to the terms of cold-curing, self-curing or auto-polymerizing resins. The chemical activator, which is consisted of tertiary amine such as dimethyl-para-toluidine and benzoyl peroxide, would produce free radicals to initiate polymerization reaction at room temperature.

## **3. Thermoplastic polymerizable materials (19, 20)**

The thermoplastic polymerizable materials, also called the injection-mold activated acrylic resin was first introduced in 1970. This system need more sophisticate machines for mixing methyl methacrylate liquid and powder, and for injecting the mixing material to the molds under continuous heat to the melting point temperature and pressure. The advantages of this material are good dimensional accuracy (19) and greater impact strength (21) comparing the heat-cured acrylic resin. However, the high cost of more sophisticated machines and special flasks are required.

## **4. Light-cured polymerizable materials (15, 17, 19)**

These materials are mainly composed the PMMA derivative material, urethane dimethacrylate, microfine silica, and high molecular weight acrylic resin monomers, and light activator, camphorquinone as an initiator. Visible light activates the resin sheet after forming the denture base with a 3% polymerization shrinkage comparing to the conventional polymerization (7%).

## 5. Microwave-cured polymerizable materials

The microwave-cured polymerizable materials are polymerized by the 400-watt-microwave activation for 2.5 minutes (20). Even though the materials need quite short time processing procedure comparing to the heat-cured polymerizable materials, no significant differences of the physical and mechanical properties including the density, transverse bending strength, Knoop hardness and transverse repair strength between the materials were reported (22).

### Artificial denture teeth

Artificial denture teeth are designed and manufactured for replacing the natural teeth both the masticatory function and the esthetics. The materials which are considered to be fabricated the artificial denture teeth should withstand to the masticatory force in terms of their mechanical properties including wear resistance, hardness, elastic modulus. The studies of the wear resistance and the hardness reported that the correlation between the composition of the artificial denture teeth and two physical properties were significantly reported (23, 24). The elastic modulus (24) and the surface roughness (25) among the different compositions of the artificial denture teeth were significant differences. Nevertheless, the composition of the artificial denture teeth was also reported the relation to the color stability after immersing in the different color beverages (25) and several denture cleansing agents. (26).

Regarding the ISO 22112:2017 for artificial teeth for dental prostheses, the artificial denture teeth are classified, seem to be considered the position or function of the artificial teeth, to be two types: type 1; anterior teeth, type 2; posterior teeth (27). The standard separately gives more information between the polymer tooth and the porcelain tooth. The standard considerations of the porcelain denture teeth are the radioactivity, anchorage and resistance to thermal shock; whereas, the polymer denture teeth consider to the aspects of the bonding between the artificial teeth



and the denture base polymer, the resistance to blanching, distortion, crazing, color stability and dimensional stability. The mechanical properties of the artificial denture teeth are summarized as shown in Table 5.

Table 5 The mechanical properties summarize of the artificial polymer-based denture teeth

| Mechanical properties      | Craig (16)                    | Suwannaroop P. <i>et al</i> (23) | Shimoyama K. <i>et al</i> (28) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Compressive strength (MPa) | 76                            | -                                | 43.0                           |
| Elastic modulus (GPa)      | 2.70                          | 5.27 – 9.56                      | 2.76                           |
| Elastic limit (MPa)        | 55                            | -                                | -                              |
| Hardness                   | 18 – 20<br>(Knoop's hardness) | 0.37 – 0.63<br>(Nano hardness)   | -                              |
| Wear resistance            | -                             | 0.040 – 0.693 mm <sup>3</sup>    | -                              |
| Fracture load (kN)         | -                             | -                                | 2.2                            |

Several researchers were classified the artificial acrylic resin denture teeth into 3 groups according to their composition and molecular structures (23-26, 28).

### 1. Commercial linear PMMA

The commercial linear PMMA is the conventional acrylic denture teeth which the manufacturers claim to fabricate from linear polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA). The lowest abrasive resistance (23) but greatest attrition wear resistance comparing to the cross-linked polymer(24) ,the lowest hardness (23, 24), the similar elastic modulus comparing to the cross-linked polymer but not for composite resin denture teeth (24) were reported. The brand and manufactures which are available in Thai, for example, are Major dent (Major Prodotti Dentari, Italy), Yamahashi FX (Yamahashi dental Mfg. Co., Aichi, Japan), Cosmo HXL (Densply International Inc., NJ, Brazil).

### 2. Cross-linked PMMA

The cross-linked PMMA is produced by the copolymerization between methylmethacrylate (MMA) and dimethacrylate (presumably triethylene glycol dimethacrylate (TEGDMA)) in the presence of finely powdered PMMA for improved

mechanical properties of conventional acrylic resins (12). The mechanical properties of the cross-linked PMMA are informed as mention above. The example of the cross-linked PMMA artificial teeth are SR-Antaris (Ivoclar Vivadent, NY, USA), Truebyte Bioform IPN (Dentsply International. Inc., York, PA, USA)

### **3. Highly cross-link PMMA with colloidal silica**

This material consists of the combination of the cross-linked copolymer with the additive colloidal silica fillers and silane as coupling agent. This material group showed the comparatively lowest wear resistance both attrition and abrasion, and greatest hardness (23, 24). The example of the highly cross-link PMMA with colloidal silica are Yamahashi PX (Yamahashi dental Mfg. Co., Aichi, Japan) and SE Orthosit PE (Dentsply International. Inc., York, PA, USA).

Regarding the color stability, one study reported that the color of two denture teeth with the cross-linked polymer groups and the conventional group were difference when immerse in red wine, coffee comparing to the water immersing group (29). The other study reported the lowest color stain of the porcelain denture tooth comparing to the cross-linked polymer denture teeth, and the storage time affected on the color stability (30). However, the water sorption and the water solubility of acrylic resin denture teeth study has no report.

### **The color stability of the acrylic resins and their factors related**

Color is described as a phenomenon of light or visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical objects. The difference of color is explained according to the visual response to the light to be three dimension including hue, chroma and value. The “Hue” refers to the basic of color, which is the separately-wavelengths of radiant energy quality of the observer sensation as red, green, blue, etc., but white, gray and black are considered with no hue. The “Chroma” refers to the purity of a color or the intensity of an individual hue, and the “Value” is the relative whiteness or blackness of the color that can be distinguished by an observer (31). The standard color measurement using by many researchers is firstly introduced

by the Commission Internationals d'Eclairage (CIE) which presented as color difference equation. (eq 1) The CIE coordinates into three dimensional matrices such that a specified distance between two colors is more nearly proportional to the magnitude of an observed difference between regardless of their hue (31).

$$\Delta E^*_{ab}(L^*a^*b^*) = [(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2]^{1/2} \quad (\text{eq 1})$$

where  $\Delta E^*$  denote as color difference which the magnitude and the character of difference between two colors under specified condition,  $L^*$  denote as value (blackness to whiteness),  $a^*$  as the level of red (+ $a^*$ ) to and green (- $a^*$ ) and  $b^*$  as the level of yellow (+ $b^*$ ) to blue (- $b^*$ ). The  $\Delta E^*$  of 1 can be observed by the half of observers, whereas the  $\Delta E^*$  value of 3.3 is considerable to be the clinically perceptible level (15). Color stability is considered after a service of period when an acrylic resin denture was delivered to a patient. The dairy beverage and food contain various spectrum colorants which could be absorbed into the surface of the acrylic resin or penetrated deeply, and result the color change of the denture. The color stability of the acrylic resin is a property, regarding the appearance aspect, to retain its color over a period of time, and to be the indication of ageing and damage of the acrylic resin.

The color stability is under the influence of several factors including staining agents (8, 9, 32, 33), immersion time (33), type of acrylic resin (9, 33) and polymerization methods (32-35).

**1. Staining agents:** Several studies have reported that the different types of staining agents result in different color changes such as food colorants (8, 9, 32, 33), The 3% erythrosine colorant show greater color change effect than the tartrazine and sunset yellow, but acceptable in clinic (8). Regarding the daily beverage, a study reported that tea could change the acrylic resin greater than coffee and cola (9), while the organic juice exhibited the greatest color change result comparing to coffee and cola (32). The other reported the difference color change results of the acrylic resin immersing in coffee, cola and red wine groups in each observation time period (33).

However, the coffee is the most famous beverage used in the color change test (36-38).

2. **Immersion time:** The color stability is also under the influence of the immersion time. The greater the immersion time is, the greater the color change (33-35, 37).

3. **The composition of acrylic resin:** The relationship between the composition of the acrylic resin and the color change have been reported. The cross-linked acrylic resin and the heat-polymerized acrylic resin showed the different color change after immersing in the colorant solution (8, 10), while the composite denture teeth (10), the thermoplastic nylon resin (9) and porcelain denture teeth (30) showed comparatively greater color stability than the heat-polymerized acrylic resin and the cross-linked acrylic resin.

4. **Polymerization methods:** The present acrylic resins might be polymerized from chemical free radicals, heat, light wave or microwave-length wave. Several studies reported the correlation between the polymerization method and color stability of the acrylic resins. One study reported that the heat-polymerized acrylic resin both normal set and fast set and the microwave-polymerized acrylic resin were reported significant difference (33); whereas, another reported the fast heat-polymerized acrylic resin showed the greatest color change following by the chemical-polymerized acrylic resin and the light-polymerized acrylic resin respectively (34, 35).

#### **Color measurement methods (39)**

The color perception of human consists of three main factors including the light source, the object and the observer. This visual perception happens from the reflected 400 – 700 nm of the light from an object passing through and affecting on the rod cells and the cone cells in the eyes.

There are two color measurement or shade specification methods, as follow.

## 1. Visual method

The visual measurement method bases on “the Munsell color system”. Three variables are used to determine the difference between two observed colors. The “value” indicates the lightness from white to black, the “chroma” indicate saturation of color, and the “hue” indicates basic color (red/green/blue). This system relies on human experience to measure color.

## 2. Spectrophotometric and colorimetric measurement methods

The explanation of the spectrophotometric and colorimetric measurement methods imitates the visual perception of the human eyes which consist of the illumination, the object and the observer sensor. The data of color measurement will be determined following the CIE system as mention above. Comparing to the visual perception of the human eyes, the illumination unit should involve the entire wavelength of day light (380 – 780 nm). The observer sensor should interpret into the tristimulus which contain three-dimensional axis (X, Y, Z), and then the coordinated results will transform to be the three dimension of color according to the CIE L\* a\* b\* system which L\* is the lightness and which a\* and b\* are two different distinct color axes representing the RGB color system. The example of the spectrophotometry measuring the color in quantitative data is Hunter Lab (UltraScan PRO, Hunter Associates Laboratory, Inc., Virginia, USA)

## The water sorption of the acrylic resins and their factors related

The water sorption could effect on the dimensional change of the polymer via the reversible and repeatable cycles between expansion and contraction. The expansion of the material is from the water immersion, and the contraction is from drying in the air. The result of the repeatable expansion/contraction cycle is that the warpage effect. (15) The water sorption might represent in term of adsorption which is the water sorption on the material surface, and in term of absorption which the water absorbs into the body of the material. The relation between the water sorption

and the mechanical properties such as the surface hardness (40) and the transverse bond strength (41) are reported. The surface hardness and the transverse bond strength of acrylic resins were reduced after a period of water immersion.

According to ISO specification No 20795, the water sorption of the polymer was specified should not be greater than  $32 \mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^3$ . The water sorption measurement can be performed by weighting specimen after stored in water solution with an analytic balancer with the accuracy of 0.0001 g. The calculation of the water sorption is used following the eq 2.

$$W_{\text{sp}} = (m_2 - m_3)/V \quad (\text{eq 2})$$

where  $m_2$  is the constant mass of wet specimens,  $m_3$  the constant mass of reconditioned specimens and  $V$  the specimen volume in  $\text{mm}^3$ .

Factors related the water sorption are the type of acrylic resin (11, 12, 42-46), storage solution (44), polymerization temperature, pressure and time (47, 48), the presence of copolymer or additive fillers (11-14).

### 1. Type of acrylic resin and copolymers

Several studies have reported that the different types of acrylic resin and copolymer showed the different results of the water sorption (11, 12, 42-46). The water sorption data of the different additive copolymers were also significantly different, especially the quantity of absorbed water and the behavior of water sorption. The additive triethylene glycol dimethacrylate (TGDMA) showed the increase of the absorbed water comparing the acrylic resin without TGDMA group (11, 12), while the reduced water sorption results were reported in the acrylic resin with other copolymers, for example 1,4- butanediol dimethacrylate (1,4 BDMA), 1,6-hexanediol dimethacrylate (1,6 HDMA) and trimethylol-propane trimethacrylate (TMPT)(11).

Apart from the additive copolymers, the water sorption also might be under the influence of the polymerizing method, probably in term of the acrylic resin composition (42-46). A previous study reported the greater water sorption of thermoplastic acrylic resin rather than that of the heat-cured acrylic resin (43);

whereas, the others reported that the heat-polymerized acrylic resin showed greater water sorption than the thermoplastic acrylic resin (42, 45).

## 2. Storage solution

One of the routine doctor suggestions after the delivery of the dental acrylic resin appliances is that the storage condition of the appliances during the bed time. The acrylic resin dentures are stored in the oral cavity with the saliva during the day time, and the distill water or the denture cleansing solution at night. The amount of water sorption of acrylic resin were differences when the acrylic resins were stored in the different storage media (44).

## 3. The storage condition

The relationship between the storage condition, especially temperature, pressure and time and the water sorption of acrylic resin was reported (47). The temperature was presented to be the most importance water absorbed factor comparing the pressure and the time. Furthermore, this relation was still ongoing until 90°C, and then the relation between the storage time and the water sorption was not significant.

## The water solubility of the acrylic resins and their factors related

The water solubility is the property of the chemical substance called “Solute” to dissolve in water called “Solvent”. According to ISO specification No 20795, the water solubility of the polymer was specified should not be greater than 1.6  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^3$ , whereas that of the auto-polymerizing acrylic resin should not be greater than 8.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^3$ . The water solubility measurement can be performed by weighting specimen before and after stored in water solution with an analytic balancer with the accuracy of 0.2 mg. The calculation of the water sorption is used following the eq 3.

$$W_{\text{sol}} = (m_1 - m_3)/V \quad (\text{eq 3})$$

where  $m_1$  is the constant mass of the specimens,  $m_3$  the constant mass of reconditioned specimens and  $V$  the specimen volume in  $\text{mm}^3$ .

Several factors affecting the water solubility of the acrylic resins are the type of acrylic resin (11, 12, 42-46), storage solution (44), polymerization temperature, pressure and time (47, 48), the presence of copolymer or additive fillers (11-14).

### **1. Type of acrylic resin and the additive copolymers**

Several studies have reported that the different types of acrylic resin and the additive copolymer resulted the different water solubility (11, 42, 43, 45). The increasing copolymer including ethylene glycol dimethacrylate (EGDMA), 1,4-butanediol dimethacrylate (1,4-BDMA), 1,6-hexaneiol dimethacrylate (1,6-HDMA) and Trimethylol-propane trimethacrylate (TMPT) caused the decrease of the water solubility. (11) In addition the different type of the main acrylic resins also showed the different behavior of their water solubility. Several studies reported that the heat-polymerized acrylic resin were greater the water solubility than the thermoplastic nylon resin. (42, 43, 45)

### **2. Polymerization method**

The polymerization methods including the heat polymerization and chemical polymerization resulted the difference of the water solubility. Several studies reported that the heat-polymerized acrylic resin has lower water solubility than the auto-polymerized acrylic resin (41, 45, 46).

### **3. Additive fillers**

A previous study reported that the additive fillers effect on the water solubility of acrylic resin. The study showed acrylic resins with addition reinforced glass-fiber fillers had the higher water solubility than the acrylic resin without the reinforced fillers (14).



## CHAPTER III

### RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY

#### Part I: Specimen preparation

The materials used in this study are presented in table 6.

Table 6 The materials used in the study

| กลุ่มทดลอง                              | ตัวย่อ | สี | ยี่ห้อ     | บริษัทผู้ผลิต                           | Batch No. |
|---|--------|----|------------|---|-----------|
| Commercial linear PMMA                  | NEW    | A3 | New Ace    | Yamashashi Dental MFG.Co., Aichi, Japan | GC0241    |
| Cross-linked PMMA with colloidal silica | CPX    | A3 | Crown PX   | Yamashashi Dental MFG.Co., Aichi, Japan | DC1049    |
| Cross-linked PMMA                       | ANT    | A3 | Anteriores | Ivoclar Vivadent., New York, USA        | UR0869    |
| Heat-cured dentine acrylic resin        | MAJ    | 3F | Major C&B  | Major Dental., Piemonte, Italy          | 1102CH    |

#### Color stability specimen fabrication

Regarding the specimens for color stability test, TRI group (n = 20) will be prepared by the loss wax technique with the disc-shaped silicones with  $9.0 \pm 0.1$  mm in diameter and  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  mm in thickness in the plaster stone molds. The heat-polymerized acrylic resin will be sieved the nylon threats out before mixing according to the manufacturer recommendation, and then packed into the molds before heat-polymerization under  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 8 hours. All specimens will be consequently polished using the SiC abrasive papers until the #1000 grid and the alumina suspension in water. All specimens is cleaned using an ultrasonic cleanser, and stored in distilled water at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 24 hours before testing.

Apart to the artificial polymeric teeth groups, the 20 specimens of each group are prepared from the upper maxillary central incisors to be  $9.0 \pm 0.1$ -mm-in diameter and  $2.0 \pm 0.1$ -mm- in thickness cylindrical specimens using a low speed cutting machine (Isomet 1000, Buehler, Lake Bluff, USA). All specimens will be polished using the SiC abrasive papers until the #1000 grid, cleaned with the ultrasonic cleansing machine, and then stored in distilled water at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 24 hours before testing.

### Water sorption and water solubility specimen fabrication

All specimen groups will be prepared in the same manner of the color stability, but not specimen size. The size and shape of the specimens for the water sorption and the water solubility test is the  $9.0\pm 0.1$  mm in diameter and  $2.0\pm 0.1$  mm in thickness column.

## Part II: The physical properties measurements

### The color stability measurement

All specimens in each groups randomly divide into 2 group interventions. One group is immersed in the coffee solution at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ , while the other is immersed in the distilled water at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  incorporating with an orbital shaker incubator (ES-20 Biosan, Medical-Biological Research & technologies, Līga, Latvia) at  $37\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the frequency of 1 Hz. All specimens are placed perpendicular and parallel each other on the acrylic resin racks. The coffee solution is changed every 24 hours. The color difference ( $\Delta E$ ) will be measured with a spectrophotometry (UltraScan PRO, Hunter Associates Laboratory, Inc., Virginia, USA) and automatically calculated by comparing the difference of specimen color before and after immersion in the solution following the eq 1. The results will be record every 1 hour for 24 hours, and then every week for 3 months.



Figure 4 Spectrophotometer (UltraScan PRO USP 2086)

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### **The water sorption and water solubility measurement**

The water sorption specimens will be dried for 24 hours at  $37\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  in desiccator, removed to a similar desiccator at room temperature for 1 hour, and then weighted with a balancer with a precision of 0.2 mg. This cycle will be repeated until the weight loss of each specimen was not greater than 0.5 mg in any 24-hour period (M1). The specimens will be immersed in the solution at  $37\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 7 days. The specimens will be removed from the solution using tweezers, wiped with a clean, dry hand towel until devoid of visible moisture, waved in the air for 15 seconds, and weighted within 1 minute after removed from the solution (M2). After water sorption test, the specimens will be reconditioned in the dessicator for 24 hrs and followed

by additional 1 hour in a separate dessicator. The specimens were then removed and weighed. The dehydration cycle was repeated until a constant weight was attained, that was until the weight loss of each disc was not more than 0.5 mg in any of 24 hrs period. The discs were finally weighed and the reading was noted (M3). The water sorption and the water solubility equation are shown in eq 2 and eq3, respectively.



## CHAPTER IV

### RESULTS

The results of this experiment are separately explained into three parts: color stability, water sorption and water solubility. The color of the experimental specimens was recorded before immersed in the solution and shown in Table 7. The selected color of NEW, ANT and CPX groups were A3 following VITA shade guide, and that of MAJ was 3F, comparing to the A3 of the VITA shade guide. The L\* values of all specimen groups showed the significant difference; whereas, the a\* and b\* values showed no significant difference.

Table 7 The L\*, a\* and b\* values (Means (SD)) of the experiment groups before immersion

| Group | NEW                       | MAJ                       | ANT                       | CPX                       |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| L*    | 90.56 (1.37) <sup>a</sup> | 81.77 (0.33) <sup>b</sup> | 72.02 (1.26) <sup>c</sup> | 87.90 (0.77) <sup>d</sup> |
| a*    | 1.93 (0.23) <sup>a</sup>  | 1.88 (0.05) <sup>a</sup>  | 1.90 (0.17) <sup>a</sup>  | 2.00 (0.16) <sup>a</sup>  |
| b*    | 32.72 (0.26) <sup>a</sup> | 30.49 (0.79) <sup>a</sup> | 29.72 (0.79) <sup>a</sup> | 32.10 (0.46) <sup>a</sup> |

The different lower-case letters show the significant difference of L\*, a\* and b\* among the experimental groups in the same row ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ).

Regarding the repeated two-way analysis of variance (Table 8), the interception between the material and storage solution factors and their individual factors are significantly different in day 7 – 84, not for 1- day storage.

Considering the  $\Delta E$  values after immersion in water for 1-84 days (Table 9), no significant difference of  $\Delta E$  was observed in each period. The greatest  $\Delta E$  was observed in MAJ ( $1.61 \pm 0.11$ ), and the lowest value was observed in NEW ( $1.44 \pm 0.35$ ) and CPX ( $1.47 \pm 0.17$ ) at the period of 84 days. The  $\Delta L$  and  $\Delta a$  of all groups in water continuously became lesser, while the  $\Delta b$  became greater comparing the baseline data. (Table 10 – 12) Apart to the experimental groups stored in coffee solution, the

significant color changes ( $\Delta E$ ) among all materials were observed at 7-, 14-, 28-, 56 and 84-days immersion (Table 9). The ANT showed the lowest  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta L$ , while the MAJ showed the greatest  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta L$  in each observed period. Both  $\Delta a$  and  $\Delta b$  showed the lowest values in ANT, followed by CPX and NEW. MAJ showed the greatest (Table 9-12).

Table 8 Repeated two-way ANOVA of  $\Delta E^*$  at day7

| Source                    | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F       | Sig.   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|-------------|---------|--------|
| Corrected Model           | 1309.84 <sup>a</sup>    | 7  | 187.12      | 352.00  | < 0.01 |
| Intercept                 | 2022.67                 | 1  | 2022.66     | 3804.96 | < 0.01 |
| Material                  | 75.65                   | 3  | 25.22       | 47.43   | < 0.01 |
| Solution                  | 1152.16                 | 1  | 1152.16     | 2167.41 | < 0.01 |
| Material*Storage solution | 82.03                   | 3  | 27.35       | 51.44   | < 0.01 |
| Error                     | 38.27                   | 72 | 0.53        |         |        |
| Total                     | 3370.78                 | 80 |             |         |        |
| Corrected Total           | 1348.12                 | 79 |             |         |        |

Table 9 The  $\Delta E^*$  (mean (SD)) of the experimental groups after immersed in water and coffee at 1d, 7d, 28d, 56d and 84d

| Group | $\Delta E^*$ (Mean (SD)) |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |                     |                    |                    |                    |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|       | water <sup>A</sup>       |                   |                   |                   |                   | coffee <sup>B</sup> |                     |                    |                    |                    |
|       | 1d                       | 7d                | 28d               | 56d               | 84d               | 1d                  | 7d                  | 28d                | 56d                | 84d                |
| NEW   | 0.92 <sup>a</sup>        | 1.34 <sup>a</sup> | 1.22 <sup>a</sup> | 1.46 <sup>a</sup> | 1.44 <sup>a</sup> | 2.19 <sup>a</sup>   | 9.48 <sup>a</sup>   | 12.22 <sup>a</sup> | 15.60 <sup>a</sup> | 16.53 <sup>a</sup> |
|       | (0.17)                   | (0.26)            | (0.27)            | (0.33)            | (0.35)            | (0.31)              | (0.28)              | (1.22)             | (0.86)             | (0.64)             |
| MAJ   | 0.80 <sup>a</sup>        | 1.14 <sup>a</sup> | 1.20 <sup>a</sup> | 1.50 <sup>a</sup> | 1.61 <sup>a</sup> | 2.13 <sup>a</sup>   | 10.50 <sup>b</sup>  | 14.91 <sup>b</sup> | 17.44 <sup>b</sup> | 18.95 <sup>b</sup> |
|       | (0.12)                   | (0.16)            | (0.13)            | (0.07)            | (0.11)            | (0.18)              | (0.49)              | (0.60)             | (0.43)             | (0.52)             |
| ANT   | 0.83 <sup>a</sup>        | 1.30 <sup>a</sup> | 1.32 <sup>a</sup> | 1.52 <sup>a</sup> | 1.57 <sup>a</sup> | 2.10 <sup>a</sup>   | 5.45 <sup>c</sup>   | 9.45 <sup>c</sup>  | 10.54 <sup>c</sup> | 10.73 <sup>c</sup> |
|       | (0.10)                   | (0.17)            | (0.18)            | (0.10)            | (0.08)            | (0.33)              | (0.32)              | (0.40)             | (0.66)             | (0.93)             |
| CPX   | 0.98 <sup>a</sup>        | 1.16 <sup>a</sup> | 1.24 <sup>a</sup> | 1.31 <sup>a</sup> | 1.47 <sup>a</sup> | 2.56 <sup>a</sup>   | 9.86 <sup>a,b</sup> | 11.31 <sup>a</sup> | 13.15 <sup>d</sup> | 13.43 <sup>d</sup> |
|       | (0.14)                   | (0.17)            | (0.28)            | (0.36)            | (0.17)            | (0.12)              | (1.92)              | (1.78)             | (2.27)             | (2.12)             |

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The different lower-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta E^*$  among the experimental groups in the same column ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ).

Table 10 The  $\Delta L^*$  (mean (SD)) of the experimental groups after immersed in water and coffee at 1d, 7d, 28d, 56d and 84d.

| Group      | $\Delta L^*$ (Mean (SD))     |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                               |                               |                               |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|            | water <sup>A</sup>           |                              |                              |                              |                              | coffee <sup>B</sup>          |                              |                               |                               |                               |
|            | 1d                           | 7d                           | 28d                          | 56d                          | 84d                          | 1d                           | 7d                           | 28d                           | 56d                           | 84d                           |
| <b>NEW</b> | -0.64 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.22) | -0.88 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.43) | -0.86 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.34) | -1.02 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.38) | -1.05 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.39) | -2.13 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.30) | -7.71 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.25) | -11.55 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.58) | -14.79 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.59) | -15.85 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.74) |
| <b>MAJ</b> | -0.48 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.05) | -0.64 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.15) | -0.73 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | -0.88 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.11) | -0.94 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | -2.09 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.23) | -8.52 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.44) | -13.02 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.59) | -15.67 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.39) | -16.97 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.78) |
| <b>ANT</b> | -0.53 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.09) | -0.79 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | -0.87 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.15) | -0.97 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.09) | -1.02 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.08) | -2.05 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.35) | -5.26 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.33) | -8.47 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.43)  | -9.22 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.70)  | -9.56 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.76)  |
| <b>CPX</b> | -0.58 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.16) | -0.72 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.20) | -0.78 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.22) | -0.85 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.28) | -0.83 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | -1.16 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.77) | -7.95 <sup>a</sup><br>(1.92) | -9.77 <sup>d</sup><br>(1.78)  | -11.38 <sup>d</sup><br>(1.72) | -11.77 <sup>d</sup><br>(1.64) |

The different upper-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta L^*$  between immerse solution ( $\alpha < 0.05$ )

The different lower-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta L^*$  among the experimental groups in the same column ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ).

Table 11 The  $\Delta a^*$  (mean (SD)) of the experimental groups after immersed in water and coffee at 1d, 7d, 28d, 56d and 84d

| Group      | $\Delta a^*$ (Mean (SD))     |                              |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                               |                               |                               |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|            | water <sup>A</sup>           |                              |                              |                              |                              | coffee <sup>B</sup>         |                             |                               |                               |                               |
|            | 1d                           | 7d                           | 28d                          | 56d                          | 84d                          | 1d                          | 7d                          | 28d                           | 56d                           | 84d                           |
| <b>NEW</b> | -0.17 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.08) | -0.29 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.10) | -0.30 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.12) | -0.28 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.10) | -0.28 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.13) | 0.25 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | 0.32 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.10) | 0.54 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.10)   | 0.75 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.18)   | 1.06 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.15)   |
| <b>MAJ</b> | -0.28 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | -0.43 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.08) | -0.46 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.06) | -0.56 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.08) | -0.61 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.08) | 0.24 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.05) | 0.64 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.06) | 0.69 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.06)   | 0.88 <sup>a,b</sup><br>(0.28) | 1.63 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.15)   |
| <b>ANT</b> | -0.21 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.05) | -0.49 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.06) | -0.49 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | -0.57 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.05) | -0.63 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | 0.24 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | 0.34 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.04) | 0.41 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.05)   | 0.57 <sup>a,c</sup><br>(0.06) | 0.59 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.09)   |
| <b>CPX</b> | -0.37 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.16) | -0.61 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.20) | -0.55 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.22) | -0.70 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.17) | -0.64 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.17) | 0.27 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.17) | 0.36 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.18) | 0.49 <sup>a,c</sup><br>(0.16) | 0.62 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.21)   | 0.68 <sup>c,d</sup><br>(0.30) |

The different upper-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta a^*$  between immerse solution ( $\alpha < 0.05$ )

The different lower-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta a^*$  among the experimental groups in the same column ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ).

Table 12 The  $\Delta b^*$  (mean (SD)) of the experimental groups after immersed in water and coffee at 1d, 7d, 28d, 56d and 84d

| Group      | $\Delta b^*$ (Mean (SD))    |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|            | water <sup>A</sup>          |                             |                             |                             |                             | coffee <sup>B</sup>         |                             |                             |                             |                             |
|            | 1d                          | 7d                          | 28d                         | 56d                         | 84d                         | 1d                          | 7d                          | 28d                         | 56d                         | 84d                         |
| <b>NEW</b> | 0.47 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.24) | 0.85 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.39) | 0.78 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.30) | 0.93 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.34) | 0.96 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.30) | 0.59 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.09) | 5.05 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.40) | 5.28 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.71) | 6.64 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.87) | 7.72 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.76) |
| <b>MAJ</b> | 0.56 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | 0.83 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | 0.83 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.13) | 1.08 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | 1.09 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.07) | 0.40 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.05) | 6.09 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.53) | 7.24 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.45) | 7.57 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.72) | 8.22 <sup>b</sup><br>(0.65) |
| <b>ANT</b> | 0.54 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.10) | 0.90 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.19) | 0.86 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | 1.00 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.14) | 1.07 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.11) | 0.37 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.04) | 2.03 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.30) | 4.14 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.61) | 5.05 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.48) | 4.81 <sup>c</sup><br>(0.79) |
| <b>CPX</b> | 0.67 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.16) | 0.60 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.29) | 0.76 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.25) | 0.85 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.32) | 1.05 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.21) | 0.53 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.19) | 5.50 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.24) | 5.76 <sup>a</sup><br>(1.98) | 5.88 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.36) | 6.73 <sup>a</sup><br>(0.45) |

The different upper-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta b^*$  between immerse solution ( $\alpha < 0.05$ )

The different lower-case letters show the significant difference of  $\Delta b^*$  among the experimental groups in the same column ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ).

Regarding the water sorption of the acrylic resin (Table 13), there was no significant difference among all groups at day 1, except MAJ which showed significantly greater than CPX. Thereafter, MAJ demonstrated the greatest water uptake, followed by NEW, CPX and ANT, subsequently.

Table 13 The water sorption (mean (SD)) of the experimental groups after immersion 1-92d.

| Group      | Water sorption ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^3$ ) |                          |                          |                          |
|------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|            | 1d   | 8d                       | 36d                      | 92d                      |
| <b>NEW</b> | 9.41(2.13) <sup>a</sup>                      | 20.43(3.99) <sup>a</sup> | 27.34(3.65) <sup>a</sup> | 24.51(2.88) <sup>a</sup> |
| <b>MAJ</b> | 10.04(2.03) <sup>a,b</sup>                   | 25.14(2.66) <sup>b</sup> | 29.85(2.67) <sup>a</sup> | 29.22(3.65) <sup>b</sup> |
| <b>ANT</b> | 7.47(2.33) <sup>a</sup>                      | 11.00(2.22) <sup>c</sup> | 16.30(3.79) <sup>b</sup> | 15.40(2.32) <sup>c</sup> |
| <b>CPX</b> | 7.42(2.17) <sup>a,c</sup>                    | 18.22(5.09) <sup>a</sup> | 21.35(4.63) <sup>b</sup> | 21.05(5.35) <sup>a</sup> |

The water solubility of the groups trended to be different from the water sorption. In day 1, MAJ ( $0.66 \pm 0.23$ ) ANT ( $0.53 \pm 0.21$ ) and CPX ( $0.49 \pm 0.22$ ) showed greater water solubility comparing to NEW ( $0.25 \pm 0.12$ ); whereas, ANT ( $0.87 \pm 0.23$ )



showed comparatively lowest rather than the others. NEW, MAJ and CPX had no significant difference at day 8. At day 36 and 92, all groups showed significant difference in the same order (ANT < NEW < CPX < MAJ).

Table 14 The water solubility (mean (SD)) of the experimental groups after immersion 1-92d.

| Group      | Water solubility ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^3$ ) |                         |                         |                         |
|------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|            | 1d   | 8d                      | 36d                     | 92d                     |
| <b>NEW</b> | 0.25(0.12) <sup>a,d</sup>                      | 1.94(0.87) <sup>a</sup> | 2.52(0.42) <sup>a</sup> | 2.89(0.39) <sup>a</sup> |
| <b>MAJ</b> | 0.66(0.23) <sup>b,c,d</sup>                    | 2.45(0.52) <sup>a</sup> | 4.65(0.41) <sup>b</sup> | 5.62(0.40) <sup>b</sup> |
| <b>ANT</b> | 0.53(0.21) <sup>b,c,d</sup>                    | 0.87(0.23) <sup>b</sup> | 1.63(0.25) <sup>c</sup> | 1.53(0.32) <sup>c</sup> |
| <b>CPX</b> | 0.49(0.22) <sup>a,c,d</sup>                    | 2.77(0.80) <sup>a</sup> | 3.8(0.40) <sup>d</sup>  | 4.56(0.50) <sup>d</sup> |



## CHAPTER V

### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

According to the results of color stability of three acrylic resin teeth (linear PMMA, cross-linked PMMA and composite resin) and one heat-cured acrylic resin (heat-cured dentine color acrylic resin) immersed in coffee solution and water, the null hypothesis of color stability was partially rejected. The specimen surface roughness of all specimen groups were similar ( $0.11 \pm 0.01 \mu\text{m}$ ), observed with a contact profilometry (Talyscan150, Leicester, England). The baseline color of all specimens were observed before the experiment, and found that the hue ( $a^*$  and  $b^*$ ) of NEW, ANT and CPX with the same VITA shade (A3) including the MAJ which uses the different color system (3F, Major Dent system) were similar, but not for the value (brightness). The difference of  $L^*$  could be explained in the presence of additive fillers, the difference of resin composition and the fabrication process. That the presence of additive fillers would increase the surface roughness due to the distribution of exposed fillers on the specimen surface and that the difference of resin composition would induce the colour change due to the photochemical process were reported (18). The effect of fabrication and polishing system could be explained in the difference  $L^*$  between NEW with the heat-pressed method and MAJ with the lost wax method and free hand polishing (49).

The color stability of acrylic denture teeth is under influence of various factors including the beverage, acrylic resin composition, storage time as well as the interaction among the factors. Similar to the other previous studies (10, 29, 50) reported that the significant color change of the resin-based materials after immersed in the different color solutions were observed after 7 days storage. However, one study found the interaction between type of denture tooth (2 porcelain denture teeth, 2 reinforced acrylic resin denture teeth and 2 acrylic resin denture teeth) and storage solution (filtered coffee, tea, cola and distilled water) since 1 day storage (37). After immersing in the colour solutions, the water with some colloidal colorant

would adsorb on the acrylic resin surface as extrinsic staining and /or adsorb in the deeper layer of the acrylic resin teeth as intrinsic stain; however, the presence of the porcelain denture teeth which were much less water sorption than acrylic resin denture teeth and the various of storage solutions might be the reasons of the different result, comparing the present study.

Regarding the color stability of the specimens stored in distilled water, the results were similar to the previous studies (30, 37). All color parameters of the experimental groups showed no significant difference in each immersion period. However, all specimen groups consequently became less value, more greenish and more yellowish after the periods of immersion.

Considering the study groups immersed in coffee solution,  $\Delta E^*$  showed significant difference from day 7. MAJ showed the greatest  $\Delta E^*$ , and that of ANT showed the lowest  $\Delta E^*$  in each period. The  $\Delta E^*$  of NEW and CPX demonstrated similar at 7d and 28 d, and then the  $\Delta E^*$  became significant different at 56 d and 84 d. The explanation of this phenomenon would be under the influence of denture tooth composition and the fabrication method. NEW and MAJ consist of the linear PMMA with different fabrication methods. MAJ was fabricated by the lost wax technique in dental laboratory which the polymerization reaction was complete with much residual monomer, comparing NEW (51). Several studies reported the different result in the denture tooth with cross-linker. Some showed the reduction of color change (29, 37, 51), while only one showed the increase of color change (10). Our present study was supported by the result of ANT that decreased the color change. The higher molecular weight of ANT exhibited the lower hydrophilicity rather than NEW and MAJ. The higher degree of conversion and the fewer residual monomer from manufacturing process would also reduce the color change. Interestingly, the  $\Delta E^*$  of NEW and CPX showed no significant different in the period of 1 to 28 day. The manufacturer claimed that their product exhibited not only high mechanical properties by the additive fillers, but also color change resistance by presence of fluoride containing resin matrix. Moreover, a study (10) reported the similar  $\Delta E^*$

between the PMMA denture tooth and resin composite denture tooth after immersed in coffee for 7 days.

$\Delta L^*$  and  $\Delta a^*$  in coffee solution groups were significant different at day 1 storage, while  $\Delta b^*$  showed significant different at 7 days storage. Under the present of the low molecular mass pigments (Fig 5) in both the hand-brew coffee and the constant coffee turned all specimen groups to be darker, more redness and more yellowish (52). These low molecular structure colorants were isolated and identified to be furans compounds, pyrroles, pyridines, 1,4-quinones derivative in aliphatic structure, and present the color of yellow, deep orange and red. The low molecular weight with polarity of the colorants might adsorb to the surface of the denture teeth in the different level that depend on the composition of the denture tooth.  $\Delta a^*$  showed significant different since day 1 period, but not for  $\Delta b^*$  could explain by the polarity of the low molecular red and yellow. The red color molecular colorant with polarity could turn to be ionic from that would be easier to penetrate into the acrylic resin surface than the yellow color molecular colorant. That the turbidity of the color pigments which are extract from the coffee, especially constant coffee, is not only make the color of the specimen change, but also greater darkness ( $\Delta L^*$ ). The difference in composition of the acrylic resin denture teeth would allow the penetration of the coffee pigments through their surface in the different level as already mention above.

According the color solution used in this study, coffee was selected even many color solutions have been suggested including the beverages such as coffee, tea, red wine and the synthetic color solution such as cola and food-staining color (8). The coffee is the most popular selected in the comparable color stability experiments, and mimic the human beverage consumption behavior. This in vitro study could represent the actual coffee drinker behavior that drinks 3.2 120-ml glasses per day for 6.9 years comparing at 84 day storage (50). The human color difference perception threshold of 50% population is  $\Delta E^*$  3.3 (53) comparing to the 7-day storage in the present study. This present study ( $\Delta E^*$  = 10.73 – 18.95 at 84 day

storage) was supported by a comparable clinical study (54) that the 1.83 – 11.03 of  $\Delta E^*$  in complete prostheses wearer for 5 years was observed.

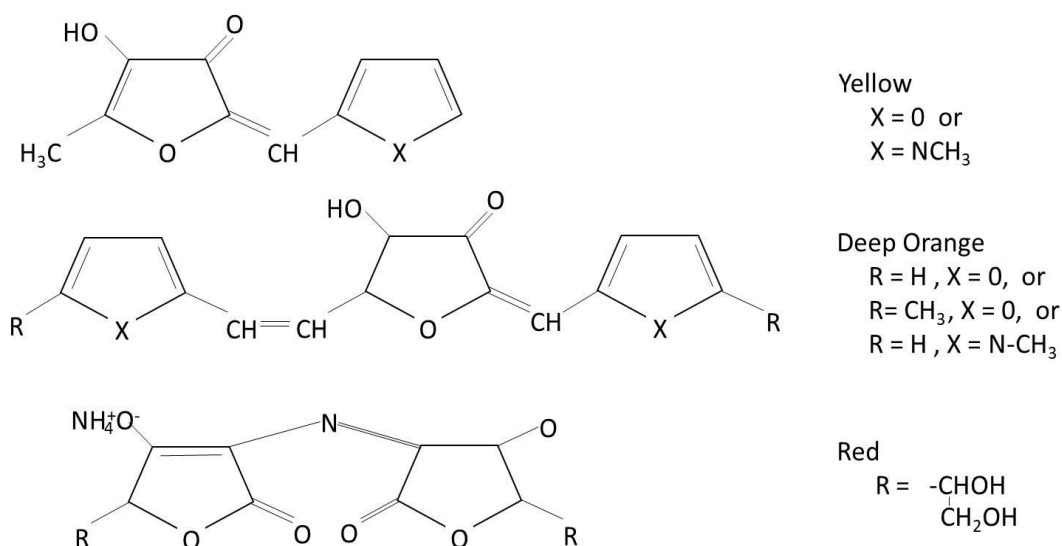


Figure 5 The low molecular mass pigments isolated from model systems  
 Modified from Clifford, M. N. and Wilson, K. C. Coffee Botany and Production of Beans and Beverage, Westport, Connecticut, USA: The AVI Publishing Company, Inc., 1985, 344.

Water sorption and water solubility of the denture teeth are also observed in this study. The null hypotheses of these physical properties were rejected. The linear PMMA groups (MAJ and NEW) demonstrate the greatest water sorption rather than CPX and ANT with cross-linker polymer. Several studies (11-13) reported that the different cross-linkers could present the different trend of water sorption. Some (11) reported the water sorption reduction when 1,6 HDMA and 1,4 BDMA were added in different amount, while higher water sorption were reported after TEGDMA, DEGDMA added in different amount (11-13). The water sorption result of PMMA with EGDMA were not still illucidated depend on each studies (11-13). However, ANT claimed to be a PMMA with cross-linker denture tooth by the manufacturer demonstrated the lowest water sorption in this study. The water sorptions of

composite resin denture tooth (CPX) showed similar to that of the linear PMMA (NEW), but significantly lower than lost wax technique linear PMMA (MAJ). Therefore, the fabrication method (41, 44, 48) and the remaining residual monomer (46, 55) would affect on the water sorption of acrylic resin denture tooth.

The water solubility of the acrylic resin denture tooth also depends on their composition as well as the fabrication method. At 1 day storage NEW and CPX showed significantly lower water solubility than MAJ and ANT. Thereafter, ANT showed the lowest water solubility through 92 days storage, followed by NEW CPX and MAJ. The presence of cross-linker in ANT could reduce the hydrolysis and degradation of denture tooth (11); whereas, the additive organic fillers in CPX increased water solubility. One study (14) that added the fiber glass in to the acrylic resin also reported the increase of water solubility comparing the control. The explanation of the water solubility of composite resin denture tooth was the type of fillers, the silane treatment. The organic fillers in CPX that its manufacturer claimed to be Bis-GMA and UDMA filler, as well as its resin would be degraded after the attack of water. The solubility of resin composite study (55) reported the leached out of the resin matrix and unbounded substances after periods of water storage. The remaining of higher residual monomer or the lower degree of conversion would be the reason of the greatest water solubility in MAJ (41).

This *in vitro* study focused on the material and color solution that affect on the color stability, water sorption and water solubility. Several factors, for example the storage temperature, pH of the daily food as well as the cleaning methods (26, 51, 56) also affect on the color stability. The correlation between the remaining residual monomer or degree of conversion after polymerization and the color stability, water sorption and water solubility would be considered. Moreover, no research has been reported on the comparative between *in vitro* and *in vivo* color stability and the correlation between the color change and water sorption or water solubility.

## Conclusion

Within the limitation of the present study, the color stability, the water sorption and the water solubility were under the influence of the acrylic resin tooth materials after stored in coffee solution.

1. The different compositions of acrylic resin teeth effect on color stability; Heat-cured acrylic resin has the greatest color change followed by linear PMMA, composite resin teeth and the least color change was cross-linked PMMA.
2. The different compositions of acrylic resin teeth effect on water sorption; Heat-cured acrylic resin has the greatest water sorption followed by linear PMMA, composite resin teeth and the least color change was cross-linked PMMA.
3. The different compositions of acrylic resin teeth effect on water solubility; Heat-cured acrylic resin has the greatest water solubility followed by composite resin teeth, linear PMMA and the least was cross-linked PMMA.

## APPENDIX

L\*,a\* and b\* before immersion

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|   | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|---|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| L | 7.668            | 3   | 76  | .000 |
| a | 14.132           | 3   | 76  | .000 |
| b | 2.456            | 3   | 76  | .069 |

Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|   |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|---|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| L | Welch | 1858.863               | 3   | 39.457 | .000 |
| a | Welch | 2.222                  | 3   | 36.776 | .102 |
| b | Welch | 1.907                  | 3   | 41.762 | .143 |

ANOVA

|   |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F        | Sig. |
|---|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|----------|------|
| L | Between Groups | 4065.133       | 3  | 1355.044    | 1658.374 | .000 |
|   | Within Groups  | 62.099         | 76 | .817        |          |      |
|   | Total          | 4127.232       | 79 |             |          |      |
| a | Between Groups | .102           | 3  | .034        | 1.306    | .279 |
|   | Within Groups  | 1.988          | 76 | .026        |          |      |
|   | Total          | 2.091          | 79 |             |          |      |
| b | Between Groups | 6.231          | 3  | 2.077       | 1.818    | .151 |
|   | Within Groups  | 86.800         | 76 | 1.142       |          |      |
|   | Total          | 93.031         | 79 |             |          |      |



## Multiple comparisons

| Dependent Variable |                    |                 |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig.    | 95% Confidence Interval |             |       |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
|                    |                    |                 |                    |                       |            |         | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |       |
| L*                 | Games-Howell       | Linear PMMA     | Filler PMMA        | 2.66050*              | .27298     | .000    | 1.9133                  | 3.4077      |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Cross-link PMMA    | 18.54100*             | .30639     | .000    | 17.6985                 | 19.3835     |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Heat cured dentine | 8.79700*              | .14740     | .000    | 8.4001                  | 9.1939      |       |
|                    |                    | Filler PMMA     | Linear PMMA        | -2.66050*             | .27298     | .000    | -3.4077                 | -1.9133     |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Cross-link PMMA    | 15.88050*             | .37642     | .000    | 14.8684                 | 16.8926     |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Heat cured dentine | 6.13650*              | .26371     | .000    | 5.4093                  | 6.8637      |       |
|                    |                    | Cross-link PMMA | Linear PMMA        | -18.54100*            | .30639     | .000    | -19.3835                | -17.6985    |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Filler PMMA        | -15.88050*            | .37642     | .000    | -16.8926                | -14.8684    |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Heat cured dentine | -9.74400*             | .29816     | .000    | -10.5694                | -8.9186     |       |
|                    | Heat cured dentine | Linear PMMA     | -8.79700*          | .14740                | .000       | -9.1939 | -8.4001                 |             |       |
|                    |                    | Filler PMMA     | -6.13650*          | .26371                | .000       | -6.8637 | -5.4093                 |             |       |
|                    |                    | Cross-link PMMA | 9.74400*           | .29816                | .000       | 8.9186  | 10.5694                 |             |       |
|                    | a*                 | Games-Howell    | Linear PMMA        | Filler PMMA           | -.06950    | .06950  | .751                    | -.2597      | .1207 |
|                    |                    |                 |                    | Cross-link PMMA       | -.01350    | .03457  | .979                    | -.1073      | .0803 |
|                    |                    |                 |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -.02900    | .03082  | .783                    | -.0565      | .1145 |
| Filler PMMA        |                    |                 | Linear PMMA        | .06950                | .06950     | .751    | -.1207                  | .2597       |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Cross-link PMMA    | .05600                | .06544     | .827    | -.1257                  | .2377       |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Heat cured dentine | .09850                | .06354     | .428    | -.0795                  | .2765       |       |
| Cross-link PMMA    |                    |                 | Linear PMMA        | .01350                | .03457     | .979    | -.0803                  | .1073       |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Filler PMMA        | -.05600               | .06544     | .827    | -.2377                  | .1257       |       |
|                    |                    |                 | Heat cured dentine | .04250                | .02006     | .172    | -.0123                  | .0973       |       |
| Heat cured dentine |                    | Linear PMMA     | -.02900            | .03082                | .783       | -.1145  | .0565                   |             |       |
|                    |                    | Filler PMMA     | -.09850            | .06354                | .428       | -.2765  | .0795                   |             |       |
|                    |                    | Cross-link PMMA | -.04250            | .02006                | .172       | -.0973  | .0123                   |             |       |

|    |                       |                |                       |         |        |           |         |        |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|
| b* | Games-<br>Howell      | Linear<br>PMMA | Filler PMMA           | .62050  | .36885 | .350      | -.3801  | 1.6211 |
|    |                       |                | Cross-link<br>PMMA    | .09300  | .28391 | .988      | -.6700  | .8560  |
|    |                       |                | Heat cured<br>dentine | .57950  | .29089 | .209      | -.2027  | 1.3617 |
|    | Filler PMMA           | Linear PMMA    | Linear PMMA           | -.62050 | .36885 | .350      | -1.6211 | .3801  |
|    |                       |                | Cross-link<br>PMMA    | -.52750 | .37922 | .514      | -1.5531 | .4981  |
|    |                       |                | Heat cured<br>dentine | -.04100 | .38447 | 1.00<br>0 | -1.0795 | .9975  |
|    | Cross-link<br>PMMA    | Linear PMMA    | Linear PMMA           | -.09300 | .28391 | .988      | -.8560  | .6700  |
|    |                       |                | Filler PMMA           | .52750  | .37922 | .514      | -.4981  | 1.5531 |
|    |                       |                | Heat cured<br>dentine | .48650  | .30393 | .390      | -.3301  | 1.3031 |
|    | Heat cured<br>dentine | Linear PMMA    | Linear PMMA           | -.57950 | .29089 | .209      | -1.3617 | .2027  |
|    |                       |                | Filler PMMA           | .04100  | .38447 | 1.00<br>0 | -.9975  | 1.0795 |
|    |                       |                | Cross-link<br>PMMA    | -.48650 | .30393 | .390      | -1.3031 | .3301  |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Color stability : coffee solution

$\Delta E^*$

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DE1d  | .708             | 3   | 36  | .553 |
| DE7d  | 10.361           | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DE28d | 7.110            | 3   | 36  | .001 |
| DE56d | 6.971            | 3   | 36  | .001 |
| DE84d | 6.424            | 3   | 36  | .001 |

ANOVA

|      |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F      | Sig. |
|------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|--------|------|
| DE1d | Between Groups | .807           | 3  | .269        | 2.936  | .056 |
|      | Within Groups  | 3.296          | 36 | .092        |        |      |
|      | Total          | 4.103          | 39 |             |        |      |
| DE7d | Between Groups | 157.364        | 3  | 52.455      | 51.099 | .000 |
|      | Within Groups  | 36.955         | 36 | 1.027       |        |      |
|      | Total          | 194.319        | 39 |             |        |      |

|       |                |         |    |         |        |      |
|-------|----------------|---------|----|---------|--------|------|
| DE28d | Between Groups | 155.158 | 3  | 51.719  | 51.235 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 36.340  | 36 | 1.009   |        |      |
|       | Total          | 191.498 | 39 |         |        |      |
| DE56d | Between Groups | 269.887 | 3  | 89.962  | 55.080 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 58.799  | 36 | 1.633   |        |      |
|       | Total          | 328.686 | 39 |         |        |      |
| DE84d | Between Groups | 385.792 | 3  | 128.597 | 85.161 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 54.362  | 36 | 1.510   |        |      |
|       | Total          | 440.154 | 39 |         |        |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DE1d  | Welch | 2.386                  | 3   | 19.166 | .101 |
| DE7d  | Welch | 367.861                | 3   | 18.919 | .000 |
| DE28d | Welch | 187.327                | 3   | 19.004 | .000 |
| DE56d | Welch | 237.737                | 3   | 18.576 | .000 |
| DE84d | Welch | 192.507                | 3   | 18.979 | .000 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |                    |            |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                    |                    |            |                    |                       |            |      | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| DE1d Games-Howell  | Linear PMMA        | FillerPMMA | FillerPMMA         | -.26600               | .14894     | .312 | -.6876                  | .1556       |
|                    |                    |            | Cross-linked PMMA  | .09200                | .14417     | .918 | -.3156                  | .4996       |
|                    |                    |            | Heat cured dentine | .06600                | .11444     | .937 | -.2649                  | .3969       |
|                    | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA | LinearPMMA         | .26600                | .14894     | .312 | -.1556                  | .6876       |
|                    |                    |            | Cross-linked PMMA  | .35800                | .15340     | .127 | -.0757                  | .7917       |
|                    |                    |            | Heat cured dentine | .33200                | .12586     | .083 | -.0354                  | .6994       |
|                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA | LinearPMMA         | -.09200               | .14417     | .918 | -.4996                  | .3156       |
|                    |                    |            | FillerPMMA         | -.35800               | .15340     | .127 | -.7917                  | .0757       |
|                    |                    |            | Heat cured dentine | -.02600               | .12018     | .996 | -.3752                  | .3232       |
|                    | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA | LinearPMMA         | -.06600               | .11444     | .937 | -.3969                  | .2649       |
|                    |                    |            | FillerPMMA         | -.33200               | .12586     | .083 | -.6994                  | .0354       |
|                    |                    |            | Cross-linked PMMA  | .02600                | .12018     | .996 | -.3232                  | .3752       |

|       |                       |                    |                    |           |        |         |         |         |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| DE7d  | Games-<br>Howell      | Linear             | FillerPMMA         | -38300    | .61371 | .922    | -2.2832 | 1.5172  |
|       |                       | PMMA               | Cross-linked PMMA  | 4.03200*  | .13434 | .000    | 3.6516  | 4.4124  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -1.02600* | .17766 | .000    | -1.5408 | -5.112  |
|       | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         | .38300             | .61371    | .922   | -1.5172 | 2.2832  |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 4.41500*           | .61567    | .000   | 2.5133  | 6.3167  |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -.64300            | .62655    | .739   | -2.5546 | 1.2686  |         |
|       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -4.03200*          | .13434    | .000   | -4.4124 | -3.6516 |         |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | -4.41500*          | .61567    | .000   | -6.3167 | -2.5133 |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -5.05800*          | .18431    | .000   | -5.5870 | -4.5290 |         |
|       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 1.02600*           | .17766    | .000   | .5112   | 1.5408  |         |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | .64300             | .62655    | .739   | -1.2686 | 2.5546  |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 5.05800*           | .18431    | .000   | 4.5290  | 5.5870  |         |
| DE28d | Games-<br>Howell      | Linear             | FillerPMMA         | .90700    | .59312 | .454    | -.8819  | 2.6959  |
|       |                       | PMMA               | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.76500*  | .22152 | .000    | 2.1313  | 3.3987  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -2.69900* | .26326 | .000    | -3.4432 | -1.9548 |
|       | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         | -.90700            | .59312    | .454   | -2.6959 | .8819   |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 1.85800*           | .57834    | .040   | .0852   | 3.6308  |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -3.60600*          | .59558    | .000   | -5.3980 | -1.8140 |         |
|       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -2.76500*          | .22152    | .000   | -3.3987 | -2.1313 |         |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | -1.85800*          | .57834    | .040   | -3.6308 | -.0852  |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -5.46400*          | .22802    | .000   | -6.1181 | -4.8099 |         |
|       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 2.69900*           | .26326    | .000   | 1.9548  | 3.4432  |         |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 3.60600*           | .59558    | .000   | 1.8140  | 5.3980  |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 5.46400*           | .22802    | .000   | 4.8099  | 6.1181  |         |
| DE56d | Games-<br>Howell      | Linear             | FillerPMMA         | 2.45600*  | .76820 | .035    | .1618   | 4.7502  |
|       |                       | PMMA               | Cross-linked PMMA  | 5.06300*  | .34447 | .000    | 4.0833  | 6.0427  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -1.84000* | .30558 | .000    | -2.7341 | -9.459  |
|       | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         | -2.45600*          | .76820    | .035   | -4.7502 | -.1618  |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.60700*           | .74829    | .024   | .3386   | 4.8754  |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -4.29600*          | .73120    | .001   | -6.5473 | -2.0447 |         |
|       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -5.06300*          | .34447    | .000   | -6.0427 | -4.0833 |         |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | -2.60700*          | .74829    | .024   | -4.8754 | -.3386  |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -6.90300*          | .25138    | .000   | -7.6247 | -6.1813 |         |
|       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 1.84000*           | .30558    | .000   | .9459   | 2.7341  |         |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 4.29600*           | .73120    | .001   | 2.0447  | 6.5473  |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 6.90300*           | .25138    | .000   | 6.1813  | 7.6247  |         |
| DE84d | Games-<br>Howell      | Linear             | FillerPMMA         | 3.10900*  | .69975 | .005    | .9912   | 5.2268  |
|       |                       | PMMA               | Cross-linked PMMA  | 5.80100*  | .35791 | .000    | 4.7767  | 6.8253  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -2.41200* | .26162 | .000    | -3.1543 | -1.6697 |
|       | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         | -3.10900*          | .69975    | .005   | -5.2268 | -.9912  |         |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.69200*           | .73183    | .014   | .5288   | 4.8552  |         |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -5.52100*          | .68987    | .000   | -7.6280 | -3.4140 |         |

|                       |                    |                       |        |      |         |         |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|------|---------|---------|
| Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -5.80100 <sup>*</sup> | .35791 | .000 | -6.8253 | -4.7767 |
|                       | FillerPMMA         | -2.69200 <sup>*</sup> | .73183 | .014 | -4.8552 | -.5288  |
|                       | Heat cured dentine | -8.21300 <sup>*</sup> | .33819 | .000 | -9.1946 | -7.2314 |
| Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 2.41200 <sup>*</sup>  | .26162 | .000 | 1.6697  | 3.1543  |
|                       | FillerPMMA         | 5.52100 <sup>*</sup>  | .68987 | .000 | 3.4140  | 7.6280  |
|                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 8.21300 <sup>*</sup>  | .33819 | .000 | 7.2314  | 9.1946  |

$\Delta L^*$

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DL1d  | 3.893            | 3   | 36  | .017 |
| DL7d  | 6.201            | 3   | 36  | .002 |
| DL28d | 2.527            | 3   | 36  | .073 |
| DL56d | 4.646            | 3   | 36  | .008 |
| DL84d | 3.083            | 3   | 36  | .039 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.



ANOVA

|       |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|---------|------|
| DL1d  | Between Groups | 6.558          | 3  | 2.186       | 10.116  | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 7.779          | 36 | .216        |         |      |
|       | Total          | 14.336         | 39 |             |         |      |
| DL7d  | Between Groups | 71.920         | 3  | 23.973      | 15.997  | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 53.952         | 36 | 1.499       |         |      |
|       | Total          | 125.872        | 39 |             |         |      |
| DL28d | Between Groups | 119.387        | 3  | 39.796      | 63.227  | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 22.659         | 36 | .629        |         |      |
|       | Total          | 142.045        | 39 |             |         |      |
| DL56d | Between Groups | 270.563        | 3  | 90.188      | 91.399  | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 35.523         | 36 | .987        |         |      |
|       | Total          | 306.086        | 39 |             |         |      |
| DL84d | Between Groups | 360.800        | 3  | 120.267     | 108.523 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 39.896         | 36 | 1.108       |         |      |
|       | Total          | 400.696        | 39 |             |         |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DL1d  | Welch | 4.446                  | 3   | 19.226 | .016 |
| DL7d  | Welch | 132.281                | 3   | 18.115 | .000 |
| DL28d | Welch | 136.069                | 3   | 19.309 | .000 |
| DL56d | Welch | 211.782                | 3   | 18.740 | .000 |
| DL84d | Welch | 177.668                | 3   | 19.604 | .000 |

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |              |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig.   | 95% Confidence Interval |             |         |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
|                    |              |                    |                       |            |        | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |         |
| DL1d               | Games-Howell | Linear PMMA        | FillerPMMA            | -.97200*   | .26256 | .014                    | -1.7550     | -.1890  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -.07600    | .14497 | .952                    | -.4865      | .3345   |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -.04100    | .12063 | .986                    | -.3839      | .3019   |
|                    |              | Filler PMMA        | LinearPMMA            | .97200*    | .26256 | .014                    | .1890       | 1.7550  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | .89600     | .26810 | .025                    | .1044       | 1.6876  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | .93100     | .25576 | .018                    | .1570       | 1.7050  |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA            | -.07600    | .14497 | .952                    | -.3345      | .4865   |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | -.89600    | .26810 | .025                    | -1.6876     | -.1044  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -.03500    | .13226 | .993                    | -.3438      | .4138   |
|                    |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA            | .04100     | .12063 | .986                    | -.3019      | .3839   |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | -.93100    | .25576 | .018                    | -1.7050     | -.1570  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -.03500    | .13226 | .993                    | -.4138      | .3438   |
| DL7d               | Games-Howell | Linear PMMA        | FillerPMMA            | .23700     | .75460 | .989                    | -1.9421     | 2.4161  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -2.67100   | .65484 | .011                    | -4.6954     | -.6466  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | .81200     | .66157 | .625                    | -1.2181     | 2.8421  |
|                    |              | Filler PMMA        | LinearPMMA            | -.23700    | .75460 | .989                    | -2.4161     | 1.9421  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -2.90800*  | .40223 | .000                    | -4.1330     | -1.6830 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | .57500     | .41309 | .529                    | -.6632      | 1.8132  |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA            | 2.67100*   | .65484 | .011                    | .6466       | 4.6954  |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | 2.90800*   | .40223 | .000                    | 1.6830      | 4.1330  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | 3.48300*   | .17333 | .000                    | 2.9889      | 3.9771  |
|                    |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA            | -.81200    | .66157 | .625                    | -2.8421     | 1.2181  |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | -.57500    | .41309 | .529                    | -1.8132     | .6632   |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -3.48300*  | .17333 | .000                    | -3.9771     | -2.9889 |
| DL28d              | Games-Howell | Linear PMMA        | FillerPMMA            | -1.78300*  | .44484 | .008                    | -3.0962     | -.4698  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -3.08200*  | .22765 | .000                    | -3.7303     | -2.4337 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | 1.46600*   | .26132 | .000                    | .7274       | 2.2046  |
|                    |              | Filler PMMA        | LinearPMMA            | 1.78300*   | .44484 | .008                    | .4698       | 3.0962  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -1.29900*  | .42834 | .048                    | -2.5878     | -.0102  |

|       |              |                    |                    |           |        |      |         |         |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|------|---------|---------|
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 3.24900*  | .44715 | .000 | 1.9320  | 4.5660  |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | 3.08200*  | .22765 | .000 | 2.4337  | 3.7303  |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | 1.29900*  | .42834 | .048 | .0102   | 2.5878  |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 4.54800*  | .23213 | .000 | 3.8859  | 5.2101  |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -1.46600* | .26132 | .000 | -2.2046 | -.7274  |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -3.24900* | .44715 | .000 | -4.5660 | -1.9320 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -4.54800* | .23213 | .000 | -5.2101 | -3.8859 |
| DL56d | Games-Howell | Linear PMMA        | FillerPMMA         | -3.40900* | .57443 | .000 | -5.1357 | -1.6823 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -5.57400* | .29033 | .000 | -6.3971 | -4.7509 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .88100    | .22281 | .006 | .2416   | 1.5204  |
|       |              | Filler PMMA        | LinearPMMA         | 3.40900*  | .57443 | .000 | 1.6823  | 5.1357  |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -2.16500* | .58741 | .014 | -3.9102 | -.4198  |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 4.29000*  | .55714 | .000 | 2.5828  | 5.9972  |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | 5.57400*  | .29033 | .000 | 4.7509  | 6.3971  |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | 2.16500*  | .58741 | .014 | .4198   | 3.9102  |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 6.45500*  | .25442 | .000 | 5.7155  | 7.1945  |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.88100   | .22281 | .006 | -1.5204 | -.2416  |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -4.29000* | .55714 | .000 | -5.9972 | -2.5828 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -6.45500* | .25442 | .000 | -7.1945 | -5.7155 |
| DL84d | Games-Howell | Linear PMMA        | FillerPMMA         | -4.08100  | .57036 | .000 | -5.7641 | -2.3979 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -6.29200  | .33535 | .000 | -7.2399 | -5.3441 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 1.11800   | .33963 | .019 | .1579   | 2.0781  |
|       |              | Filler PMMA        | LinearPMMA         | 4.08100   | .57036 | .000 | 2.3979  | 5.7641  |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -2.21100  | .57266 | .010 | -3.8979 | -.5241  |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 5.19900*  | .57517 | .000 | 3.5078  | 6.8902  |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | 6.29200   | .33535 | .000 | 5.3441  | 7.2399  |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | 2.21100   | .57266 | .010 | .5241   | 3.8979  |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | 7.41000*  | .34348 | .000 | 6.4392  | 8.3808  |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -1.11800  | .33963 | .019 | -2.0781 | -.1579  |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -5.19900* | .57517 | .000 | -6.8902 | -3.5078 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -7.41000* | .34348 | .000 | -8.3808 | -6.4392 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

$\Delta a^*$

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DA1d  | 5.586            | 3   | 36  | .003 |
| DA7d  | 4.639            | 3   | 36  | .008 |
| DA28d | 2.700            | 3   | 36  | .060 |
| DA56d | 6.562            | 3   | 36  | .001 |
| DA84d | 5.302            | 3   | 36  | .004 |

## ANOVA

|       |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F      | Sig. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|--------|------|
| DA1d  | Between Groups | .024           | 3  | .008        | .808   | .498 |
|       | Within Groups  | .359           | 36 | .010        |        |      |
|       | Total          | .383           | 39 |             |        |      |
| DA7d  | Between Groups | .669           | 3  | .223        | 19.094 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | .420           | 36 | .012        |        |      |
|       | Total          | 1.089          | 39 |             |        |      |
| DA28d | Between Groups | .403           | 3  | .134        | 12.824 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | .377           | 36 | .010        |        |      |
|       | Total          | .779           | 39 |             |        |      |
| DA56d | Between Groups | .569           | 3  | .190        | 4.633  | .008 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.473          | 36 | .041        |        |      |
|       | Total          | 2.042          | 39 |             |        |      |
| DA84d | Between Groups | 6.707          | 3  | 2.236       | 60.561 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.329          | 36 | .037        |        |      |
|       | Total          | 8.036          | 39 |             |        |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DA1d  | Welch | 2.397                  | 3   | 19.064 | .100 |
| DA7d  | Welch | 59.563                 | 3   | 18.450 | .000 |
| DA28d | Welch | 40.801                 | 3   | 18.828 | .000 |
| DA56d | Welch | 5.593                  | 3   | 17.005 | .007 |
| DA84d | Welch | 115.577                | 3   | 18.575 | .000 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |              |                    |                   | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig.   | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                    |              |                    |                   |                       |            |        | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| DA1d               | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA        | -.01900               | .05745     | .987   | -.1889                  | .1509       |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA | .01200                | .03146     | .981   | -.0770                  | .1010       |
|                    |              | Heat cured dentine | -.05300           | .02738                | .254       | -.1316 | .0256                   |             |
|                    | FillerPMMA   | LinearPMMA         | .01900            | .05745                | .987       | -.1509 | .1889                   |             |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | .03100            | .05688                | .946       | -.1380 | .2000                   |             |



|       |                  |            |                    |  |          |        |      |        |        |
|-------|------------------|------------|--------------------|--|----------|--------|------|--------|--------|
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.03400  | .05472 | .923 | -.2002 | .1322  |
|       | Cross-linked     | LinearPMMA |                    |  | -.01200  | .03146 | .981 | -.1010 | .0770  |
|       | PMMA             | FillerPMMA |                    |  | -.03100  | .05688 | .946 | -.2000 | .1380  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.06500  | .02616 | .101 | -.1398 | .0098  |
|       | Heat cured       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | .05300   | .02738 | .254 | -.0256 | .1316  |
|       | dentine          | FillerPMMA |                    |  | .03400   | .05472 | .923 | -.1322 | .2002  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .06500   | .02616 | .101 | -.0098 | .1398  |
| DA7d  | Games-<br>Howell | LinearPMMA | FillerPMMA         |  | -.04200  | .06464 | .914 | -.2288 | .1448  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | -.02200  | .03548 | .924 | -.1278 | .0838  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.31800* | .03771 | .000 | -.4277 | -.2083 |
|       | FillerPMMA       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | .04200   | .06464 | .914 | -.1448 | .2288  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .02000   | .05700 | .984 | -.1545 | .1945  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.27600* | .05841 | .003 | -.4521 | -.0999 |
|       | Cross-linked     | LinearPMMA |                    |  | .02200   | .03548 | .924 | -.0838 | .1278  |
|       | PMMA             | FillerPMMA |                    |  | -.02000  | .05700 | .984 | -.1945 | .1545  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.29600* | .02219 | .000 | -.3594 | -.2326 |
|       | Heat cured       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | .31800*  | .03771 | .000 | .2083  | .4277  |
|       | dentine          | FillerPMMA |                    |  | .27600*  | .05841 | .003 | .0999  | .4521  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .29600*  | .02219 | .000 | .2326  | .3594  |
| DA28d | Games-<br>Howell | LinearPMMA | FillerPMMA         |  | .05400   | .06004 | .805 | -.1188 | .2268  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .13300   | .03530 | .011 | .0291  | .2369  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.14200* | .03722 | .008 | -.2496 | -.0344 |
|       | FillerPMMA       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | -.05400  | .06004 | .805 | -.2268 | .1188  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .07900   | .05292 | .475 | -.0814 | .2394  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.19600* | .05423 | .017 | -.3581 | -.0339 |
|       | Cross-linked     | LinearPMMA |                    |  | -.13300  | .03530 | .011 | -.2369 | -.0291 |
|       | PMMA             | FillerPMMA |                    |  | -.07900  | .05292 | .475 | -.2394 | .0814  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.27500* | .02411 | .000 | -.3435 | -.2065 |
|       | Heat cured       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | .14200*  | .03722 | .008 | .0344  | .2496  |
|       | dentine          | FillerPMMA |                    |  | .19600*  | .05423 | .017 | .0339  | .3581  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .27500*  | .02411 | .000 | .2065  | .3435  |
| DA56d | Games-<br>Howell | LinearPMMA | FillerPMMA         |  | .13000   | .08870 | .478 | -.1211 | .3811  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .17800   | .06186 | .062 | -.0079 | .3639  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.12800  | .10731 | .640 | -.4362 | .1802  |
|       | FillerPMMA       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | -.13000  | .08870 | .478 | -.3811 | .1211  |
|       |                  |            | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .04800   | .06965 | .899 | -.1628 | .2588  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.25800  | .11198 | .137 | -.5771 | .0611  |
|       | Cross-linked     | LinearPMMA |                    |  | -.17800  | .06186 | .062 | -.3639 | .0079  |
|       | PMMA             | FillerPMMA |                    |  | -.04800  | .06965 | .899 | -.2588 | .1628  |
|       |                  |            | Heat cured dentine |  | -.30600* | .09219 | .033 | -.5886 | -.0234 |
|       | Heat cured       | LinearPMMA |                    |  | .12800   | .10731 | .640 | -.1802 | .4362  |
|       | dentine          | FillerPMMA |                    |  | .25800   | .11198 | .137 | -.0611 | .5771  |

|       |                  |                       |                    |                   |         |        |         |        |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|       |                  |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | .30600*           | .09219  | .033   | .0234   | .5886  |
| DA84d | Games-<br>Howell | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA         | .38500*           | .10819  | .015   | .0701   | .6999  |
|       |                  |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA | .47100* | .05812 | .000    | .3015  |
|       |                  |                       | Heat cured dentine | -.56700*          | .07052  | .000   | -.7664  | -.3676 |
|       |                  | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         | -.38500*          | .10819  | .015   | -.6999  | -.0701 |
|       |                  |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | .08600            | .09896  | .821   | -.2144  | .3864  |
|       |                  |                       | Heat cured dentine | -.95200*          | .10672  | .000   | -1.2641 | -.6399 |
|       |                  | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.47100*          | .05812  | .000   | -.6405  | -.3015 |
|       |                  |                       | FillerPMMA         | -.08600           | .09896  | .821   | -.3864  | .2144  |
|       |                  |                       | Heat cured dentine | -1.03800*         | .05533  | .000   | -1.1986 | -.8774 |
|       |                  | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | .56700*           | .07052  | .000   | .3676   | .7664  |
|       |                  |                       | FillerPMMA         | .95200*           | .10672  | .000   | .6399   | 1.2641 |
|       |                  |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 1.03800*          | .05533  | .000   | .8774   | 1.1986 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

$\Delta b^*$

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DB1d  | 6.622            | 3   | 36  | .001 |
| DB7d  | 29.464           | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DB28d | 11.047           | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DB56d | 10.570           | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DB84d | 12.114           | 3   | 36  | .000 |

ANOVA

|       |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|---------|------|
| DB1d  | Between Groups | .146           | 3  | .049        | 4.039   | .014 |
|       | Within Groups  | .434           | 36 | .012        |         |      |
|       | Total          | .580           | 39 |             |         |      |
| DB7d  | Between Groups | 955.798        | 3  | 318.599     | 229.298 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 50.020         | 36 | 1.389       |         |      |
|       | Total          | 1005.819       | 39 |             |         |      |
| DB28d | Between Groups | 1305.294       | 3  | 435.098     | 347.768 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 45.040         | 36 | 1.251       |         |      |
|       | Total          | 1350.335       | 39 |             |         |      |
| DB56d | Between Groups | 1487.810       | 3  | 495.937     | 281.152 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 63.502         | 36 | 1.764       |         |      |
|       | Total          | 1551.312       | 39 |             |         |      |
| DB84d | Between Groups | 1637.602       | 3  | 545.867     | 285.811 | .000 |
|       | Within Groups  | 68.756         | 36 | 1.910       |         |      |
|       | Total          | 1706.358       | 39 |             |         |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DB1d  | Welch | 2.117                  | 3   | 18.477 | .133 |
| DB7d  | Welch | 1034.679               | 3   | 18.806 | .000 |
| DB28d | Welch | 756.886                | 3   | 19.023 | .000 |
| DB56d | Welch | 525.200                | 3   | 18.728 | .000 |
| DB84d | Welch | 666.951                | 3   | 19.360 | .000 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable       |                       |                    |  | Mean<br>Difference<br>(I-J) | Std.<br>Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence<br>Interval |                |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|------|----------------------------|----------------|
|                          |                       |                    |  |                             |               |      | Lower<br>Bound             | Upper<br>Bound |
| DB1d<br>Games-<br>Howell | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA         |  | -.13500                     | .06692        | .233 | -.3326                     | .0626          |
|                          |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .01600                      | .02941        | .946 | -.0714                     | .1034          |
|                          |                       | Heat cured dentine |  | -.00600                     | .03106        | .997 | -.0963                     | .0843          |
|                          | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         |  | .13500                      | .06692        | .233 | -.0626                     | .3326          |
|                          |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .15100                      | .06212        | .136 | -.0405                     | .3425          |
|                          |                       | Heat cured dentine |  | .12900                      | .06292        | .233 | -.0633                     | .3213          |
|                          | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         |  | -.01600                     | .02941        | .946 | -.1034                     | .0714          |
|                          |                       | FillerPMMA         |  | -.15100                     | .06212        | .136 | -.3425                     | .0405          |
|                          |                       | Heat cured dentine |  | -.02200                     | .01858        | .645 | -.0750                     | .0310          |
|                          | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         |  | .00600                      | .03106        | .997 | -.0843                     | .0963          |
|                          |                       | FillerPMMA         |  | -.12900                     | .06292        | .233 | -.3213                     | .0633          |
|                          |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | .02200                      | .01858        | .645 | -.0310                     | .0750          |
| DB7d<br>Games-<br>Howell | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA         |  | .44900                      | .71989        | .922 | -1.7709                    | 2.6689         |
|                          |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | -7.08200 <sup>*</sup>       | .15933        | .000 | -7.5358                    | -6.6282        |
|                          |                       | Heat cured dentine |  | -11.14700 <sup>*</sup>      | .21140        | .000 | -11.7488                   | -10.5452       |
|                          | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         |  | -.44900                     | .71989        | .922 | -2.6689                    | 1.7709         |
|                          |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | -7.53100 <sup>*</sup>       | .71491        | .000 | -9.7470                    | -5.3150        |
|                          |                       | Heat cured dentine |  | -11.59600 <sup>*</sup>      | .72828        | .000 | -13.8234                   | -9.3686        |
|                          | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         |  | 7.08200 <sup>*</sup>        | .15933        | .000 | 6.6282                     | 7.5358         |
|                          |                       | FillerPMMA         |  | 7.53100 <sup>*</sup>        | .71491        | .000 | 5.3150                     | 9.7470         |
|                          |                       | Heat cured dentine |  | -4.06500 <sup>*</sup>       | .19376        | .000 | -4.6270                    | -3.5030        |
|                          | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         |  | 11.14700 <sup>*</sup>       | .21140        | .000 | 10.5452                    | 11.7488        |
|                          |                       | FillerPMMA         |  | 11.59600 <sup>*</sup>       | .72828        | .000 | 9.3686                     | 13.8234        |
|                          |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  |  | 4.06500 <sup>*</sup>        | .19376        | .000 | 3.5030                     | 4.6270         |

|       |                       |                    |                    |            |        |         |          |          |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|
| DB28d | Games-<br>Howell      | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .47600     | .66508 | .889    | -1.5170  | 2.4690   |
|       |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -9.41900*  | .29742 | .000    | -10.2614 | -8.5766  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -12.52000* | .26700 | .000    | -13.2881 | -11.7519 |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.47600    | .66508 | .889    | -2.4690  | 1.5170   |
|       |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -9.89500*  | .65510 | .000    | -11.8752 | -7.9148  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -12.99600* | .64186 | .000    | -14.9619 | -11.0301 |
|       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | 9.41900*           | .29742     | .000   | 8.5766  | 10.2614  |          |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 9.89500*           | .65510     | .000   | 7.9148  | 11.8752  |          |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -3.10100*          | .24107     | .000   | -3.7882 | -2.4138  |          |
|       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 12.52000*          | .26700     | .000   | 11.7519 | 13.2881  |          |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 12.99600*          | .64186     | .000   | 11.0301 | 14.9619  |          |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 3.10100*           | .24107     | .000   | 2.4138  | 3.7882   |          |
| DB56d | Games-<br>Howell      | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .24300     | .79433 | .990    | -2.1338  | 2.6198   |
|       |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -10.68400* | .31386 | .000    | -11.5961 | -9.7719  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -13.20400* | .35653 | .000    | -14.2151 | -12.1929 |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.24300    | .79433 | .990    | -2.6198  | 2.1338   |
|       |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -10.92700* | .76057 | .000    | -13.2650 | -8.5890  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -13.44700* | .77915 | .000    | -15.8042 | -11.0898 |
|       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | 10.68400*          | .31386     | .000   | 9.7719  | 11.5961  |          |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 10.92700*          | .76057     | .000   | 8.5890  | 13.2650  |          |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -2.52000*          | .27315     | .000   | -3.3032 | -1.7368  |          |
|       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 13.20400*          | .35653     | .000   | 12.1929 | 14.2151  |          |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 13.44700*          | .77915     | .000   | 11.0898 | 15.8042  |          |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.52000*           | .27315     | .000   | 1.7368  | 3.3032   |          |
| DB84d | Games-<br>Howell      | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .65100     | .81209 | .852    | -1.8032  | 3.1052   |
|       |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -10.53000* | .34634 | .000    | -11.5089 | -9.5511  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -13.93800* | .31776 | .000    | -14.8382 | -13.0378 |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.65100    | .81209 | .852    | -3.1052  | 1.8032   |
|       |                       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -11.18100* | .81424 | .000    | -13.6378 | -8.7242  |
|       |                       |                    | Heat cured dentine | -14.58900* | .80250 | .000    | -17.0323 | -12.1457 |
|       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | 10.53000*          | .34634     | .000   | 9.5511  | 11.5089  |          |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 11.18100*          | .81424     | .000   | 8.7242  | 13.6378  |          |
|       |                       | Heat cured dentine | -3.40800*          | .32322     | .000   | -4.3244 | -2.4916  |          |
|       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA         | 13.93800*          | .31776     | .000   | 13.0378 | 14.8382  |          |
|       |                       | FillerPMMA         | 14.58900*          | .80250     | .000   | 12.1457 | 17.0323  |          |
|       |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | 3.40800*           | .32322     | .000   | 2.4916  | 4.3244   |          |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

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$\Delta E^*$

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DE1d  | 1.932            | 3   | 36  | .142 |
| DE7d  | .816             | 3   | 36  | .494 |
| DE28d | .624             | 3   | 36  | .604 |
| DE56d | 6.159            | 3   | 36  | .002 |
| DE84d | 3.173            | 3   | 36  | .036 |

ANOVA

|       |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|------|
| DE1d  | Between Groups | .137           | 3  | .046        | 2.038 | .126 |
|       | Within Groups  | .805           | 36 | .022        |       |      |
|       | Total          | .942           | 39 |             |       |      |
| DE7d  | Between Groups | .314           | 3  | .105        | 2.855 | .051 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.319          | 36 | .037        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.633          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DE28d | Between Groups | .078           | 3  | .026        | .517  | .673 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.801          | 36 | .050        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.878          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DE56d | Between Groups | .151           | 3  | .050        | .751  | .529 |
|       | Within Groups  | 2.416          | 36 | .067        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 2.567          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DE84d | Between Groups | .106           | 3  | .035        | 1.196 | .325 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.068          | 36 | .030        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.174          | 39 |             |       |      |

Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DE1d  | Welch | 2.068                  | 3   | 19.457 | .138 |
| DE7d  | Welch | 2.467                  | 3   | 19.796 | .092 |
| DE28d | Welch | .969                   | 3   | 19.133 | .428 |
| DE56d | Welch | .400                   | 3   | 18.036 | .754 |
| DE84d | Welch | 1.039                  | 3   | 18.686 | .398 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |                   |                    |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error         | Sig.    | 95% Confidence Interval |             |        |       |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       |                    |         | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |        |       |
| DE1d               | Games-Howell      | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.05900               | .08119             | .885    | -.2894                  | .1714       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .06200                | .07048             | .815    | -.1444                  | .2684       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | Heat cured dentine | .09300                | .07309             | .594    | -.1185                  | .3045       |        |       |
|                    |                   | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .05900                | .08119             | .885    | -.1714                  | .2894       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .12100                | .06002             | .226    | -.0520                  | .2940       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | Heat cured dentine | .15200                | .06305             | .114    | -.0279                  | .3319       |        |       |
|                    |                   | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.06200               | .07048             | .815    | -.2684                  | .1444       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.12100               | .06002             | .226    | -.2940                  | .0520       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | Heat cured dentine | .03100                | .04849             | .918    | -.1064                  | .1684       |        |       |
|                    |                   | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.09300               | .07309             | .594    | -.3045                  | .1185       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.15200               | .06305             | .114    | -.3319                  | .0279       |        |       |
|                    |                   |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.03100               | .04849             | .918    | -.1684                  | .1064       |        |       |
|                    |                   | DE7d               | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA         | .20000  | .09540                  | .198        | -.0739 | .4739 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | .07200  | .09740                  | .880        | -.2065 | .3505 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       | Heat cured dentine | -.21100 | .09401                  | .156        | -.0599 | .4819 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA         | -.20000 | .09540                  | .198        | -.4739 | .0739 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.12800 | .07627                  | .363        | -.3437 | .0877 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       | Heat cured dentine | .01100  | .07190                  | .999        | -.1923 | .2143 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | LinearPMMA         | -.07200 | .09740                  | .880        | -.3505 | .2065 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       | FillerPMMA         | .12800  | .07627                  | .363        | -.0877 | .3437 |
|                    |                   |                    |                    |                       | Heat cured dentine | .13900  | .07453                  | .278        | -.0719 | .3499 |
| Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA        |                    |                    | -.21100               | .09401             | .156    | -.4819                  | .0599       |        |       |
|                    | FillerPMMA        |                    |                    | -.01100               | .07190             | .999    | -.2143                  | .1923       |        |       |
|                    | Cross-linked PMMA |                    |                    | -.13900               | .07453             | .278    | -.3499                  | .0719       |        |       |

|                       |                       |                       |                       |            |                       |           |        |           |        |       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-------|
| DE28d                 | Games-<br>Howell      | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA            | .03300     | .12320                | .993      | -.3157 | .3817     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | -.04700    | .09919                | .964      | -.3309 | .2369     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | Heat cured<br>dentine | .07300     | .09157                | .854      | -.1950 | .3410     |        |       |
|                       |                       | FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA            | -.03300    | .12320                | .993      | -.3817 | .3157     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | -.08000    | .10782                | .879      | -.3911 | .2311     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | Heat cured<br>dentine | .04000     | .10086                | .978      | -.2578 | .3378     |        |       |
|                       |                       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA            | .04700     | .09919                | .964      | -.2369 | .3309     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | FillerPMMA            | .08000     | .10782                | .879      | -.2311 | .3911     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | Heat cured<br>dentine | .12000     | .06951                | .342      | -.0782 | .3182     |        |       |
|                       |                       | Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA            | -.07300    | .09157                | .854      | -.3410 | .1950     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | FillerPMMA            | -.04000    | .10086                | .978      | -.3378 | .2578     |        |       |
|                       |                       |                       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | -.12000    | .06951                | .342      | -.3182 | .0782     |        |       |
|                       |                       | DE56d                 | Games-<br>Howell      | LinearPMMA | FillerPMMA            | .14600    | .15897 | .795      | -.3062 | .5982 |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |            | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | 0.00000   | .10211 | 1.00<br>0 | -.3074 | .3074 |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |            | Heat cured<br>dentine | .01400    | .09954 | .999      | -.2905 | .3185 |
| FillerPMMA            | LinearPMMA            |                       |                       | -.14600    | .15897                | .795      | -.5982 | .3062     |        |       |
|                       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  |                       |                       | -.14600    | .13015                | .685      | -.5429 | .2509     |        |       |
|                       | Heat cured<br>dentine |                       |                       | -.13200    | .12814                | .737      | -.5270 | .2630     |        |       |
| Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | LinearPMMA            |                       |                       | 0.00000    | .10211                | 1.00<br>0 | -.3074 | .3074     |        |       |
|                       | FillerPMMA            |                       |                       | .14600     | .13015                | .685      | -.2509 | .5429     |        |       |
|                       | Heat cured<br>dentine |                       |                       | .01400     | .03971                | .984      | -.0994 | .1274     |        |       |
| Heat cured<br>dentine | LinearPMMA            |                       |                       | -.01400    | .09954                | .999      | -.3185 | .2905     |        |       |
|                       | FillerPMMA            |                       |                       | .13200     | .12814                | .737      | -.2630 | .5270     |        |       |
|                       | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  |                       |                       | -.01400    | .03971                | .984      | -.1274 | .0994     |        |       |
| DE84d                 | Games-<br>Howell      |                       |                       | LinearPMMA | FillerPMMA            | -.09100   | .10036 | .802      | -.3793 | .1973 |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |            | Cross-linked<br>PMMA  | -.14100   | .08772 | .415      | -.4071 | .1251 |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |            | Heat cured<br>dentine | -.10100   | .09109 | .691      | -.3716 | .1696 |

|  |                    |                    |         |        |      |        |       |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|------|--------|-------|
|  | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .09100  | .10036 | .802 | -.1973 | .3793 |
|  |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.05000 | .05971 | .836 | -.2263 | .1263 |
|  |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.01000 | .06456 | .999 | -.1957 | .1757 |
|  | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | .14100  | .08772 | .415 | -.1251 | .4071 |
|  |                    | FillerPMMA         | .05000  | .05971 | .836 | -.1263 | .2263 |
|  |                    | Heat cured dentine | .04000  | .04231 | .781 | -.0809 | .1609 |
|  | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | .10100  | .09109 | .691 | -.1696 | .3716 |
|  |                    | FillerPMMA         | .01000  | .06456 | .999 | -.1757 | .1957 |
|  |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.04000 | .04231 | .781 | -.1609 | .0809 |

 $\Delta L^*$ 

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DL1d  | 8.767            | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DL7d  | 8.020            | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DL28d | 7.059            | 3   | 36  | .001 |
| DL56d | 4.650            | 3   | 36  | .008 |
| DL84d | 18.705           | 3   | 36  | .000 |

ANOVA

|       |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|------|
| DL1d  | Between Groups | .142           | 3  | .047        | 2.160 | .110 |
|       | Within Groups  | .789           | 36 | .022        |       |      |
|       | Total          | .931           | 39 |             |       |      |
| DL7d  | Between Groups | .791           | 3  | .264        | 3.999 | .510 |
|       | Within Groups  | 2.372          | 36 | .066        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 3.163          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DL28d | Between Groups | .130           | 3  | .043        | .862  | .470 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.811          | 36 | .050        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.942          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DL56d | Between Groups | .188           | 3  | .063        | 1.025 | .393 |
|       | Within Groups  | 2.201          | 36 | .061        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 2.389          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DL84d | Between Groups | .134           | 3  | .045        | .915  | .443 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.754          | 36 | .049        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.887          | 39 |             |       |      |



## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|             | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DL1d Welch  | 2.458                  | 3   | 18.038 | .096 |
| DL7d Welch  | 3.003                  | 3   | 19.308 | .056 |
| DL28d Welch | 1.547                  | 3   | 19.368 | .234 |
| DL56d Welch | 2.010                  | 3   | 18.570 | .148 |
| DL84d Welch | 1.885                  | 3   | 17.767 | .169 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |              |                    |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                    |              |                    |                    |                       |            |      | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| DL1d               | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.06700               | .08742     | .868 | -.3165                  | .1825       |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.11700               | .07655     | .452 | -.3446                  | .1106       |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.16000               | .07292     | .190 | -.3830                  | .0630       |
|                    |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.06700               | .08742     | .868 | -.1825                  | .3165       |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.05000               | .05870     | .829 | -.2203                  | .1203       |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.09300               | .05388     | .357 | -.2552                  | .0692       |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | .11700                | .07655     | .452 | -.1106                  | .3446       |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .05000                | .05870     | .829 | -.1203                  | .2203       |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.04300               | .03347     | .586 | -.1398                  | .0538       |
|                    |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | .16000                | .07292     | .190 | -.0630                  | .3830       |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .09300                | .05388     | .357 | -.0692                  | .2552       |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .04300                | .03347     | .586 | -.0538                  | .1398       |
| DL7d               | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.30000               | .14857     | .232 | -.7375                  | .1375       |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.22900               | .14164     | .409 | -.6562                  | .1982       |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.37600               | .14344     | .093 | -.8056                  | .0536       |
|                    |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .30000                | .14857     | .232 | -.1375                  | .7375       |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .07100                | .07605     | .788 | -.1465                  | .2885       |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine |                       |            |      |                         |             |

|       |              |                    |                    |         |        |       |        |       |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.07600 | .07935 | .775  | -.3015 | .1495 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | .22900  | .14164 | .409  | -.1982 | .6562 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.07100 | .07605 | .788  | -.2885 | .1465 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.14700 | .06545 | .149  | -.3322 | .0382 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | .37600  | .14344 | .093  | -.0536 | .8056 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .07600  | .07935 | .775  | -.1495 | .3015 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .14700  | .06545 | .149  | -.0382 | .3322 |
| DL28d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.08000 | .12628 | .920  | -.4430 | .2830 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .01200  | .11622 | 1.000 | -.3314 | .3554 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.12600 | .11519 | .700  | -.4678 | .2158 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.08000 | .12628 | .920  | -.2830 | .4430 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.09200 | .08281 | .688  | -.1450 | .3290 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.04600 | .08137 | .941  | -.2797 | .1877 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.01200 | .11622 | 1.000 | -.3554 | .3314 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.09200 | .08281 | .688  | -.3290 | .1450 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.13800 | .06465 | .180  | -.3208 | .0448 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.12600 | .11519 | .700  | -.2158 | .4678 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .04600  | .08137 | .941  | -.1877 | .2797 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .13800  | .06465 | .180  | -.0448 | .3208 |
| DL56d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.16300 | .14936 | .699  | -.5884 | .2624 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.03200 | .12339 | .994  | -.4084 | .3444 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.13700 | .12454 | .697  | -.5146 | .2406 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .16300  | .14936 | .699  | -.2624 | .5884 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .13100  | .09457 | .533  | -.1534 | .4154 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .02600  | .09606 | .993  | -.2604 | .3124 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | .03200  | .12339 | .994  | -.3444 | .4084 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.13100 | .09457 | .533  | -.4154 | .1534 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.10500 | .04630 | .144  | -.2361 | .0261 |

|       |                    |                    |                    |         |        |        |        |       |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|       |                    | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | .13700  | .12454 | .697   | -.2406 | .5146 |
|       |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.02600 | .09606 | .993   | -.3124 | .2604 |
|       |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .10500  | .04630 | .144   | -.0261 | .2361 |
| DL84d | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .07500  | .13111 | .938   | -.3172 | .4672 |
|       |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .16300  | .12456 | .579   | -.2220 | .5480 |
|       |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | .08800  | .13047 | .905   | -.3034 | .4794 |
|       |                    | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.07500 | .13111 | .938   | -.4672 | .3172 |
|       |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .08800  | .04960 | .330   | -.0587 | .2347 |
|       |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | .01300  | .06299 | .997   | -.1650 | .1910 |
|       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.16300 | .12456 | .579   | -.5480 | .2220 |
|       |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.08800 | .04960 | .330   | -.2347 | .0587 |
|       |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.07500 | .04790 | .431   | -.2163 | .0663 |
|       | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.08800            | .13047  | .905   | -.4794 | .3034  |       |
|       |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.01300            | .06299  | .997   | -.1910 | .1650  |       |
|       |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .07500             | .04790  | .431   | -.0663 | .2163  |       |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

$\Delta a^*$

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DA1d  | 4.271            | 3   | 36  | .011 |
| DA7d  | 3.770            | 3   | 36  | .019 |
| DA28d | 4.176            | 3   | 36  | .012 |
| DA56d | 9.409            | 3   | 36  | .000 |
| DA84d | 3.818            | 3   | 36  | .018 |

ANOVA

|      |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|------|
| DA1d | Between Groups | .052           | 3  | .017        | 2.604 | .067 |
|      | Within Groups  | .238           | 36 | .007        |       |      |
|      | Total          | .290           | 39 |             |       |      |
| DA7d | Between Groups | .071           | 3  | .024        | 2.659 | .063 |
|      | Within Groups  | .319           | 36 | .009        |       |      |
|      | Total          | .389           | 39 |             |       |      |

|       |                |      |    |      |       |      |
|-------|----------------|------|----|------|-------|------|
| DA28d | Between Groups | .107 | 3  | .036 | 2.289 | .095 |
|       | Within Groups  | .562 | 36 | .016 |       |      |
|       | Total          | .669 | 39 |      |       |      |
| DA56d | Between Groups | .083 | 3  | .028 | 2.513 | .074 |
|       | Within Groups  | .395 | 36 | .011 |       |      |
|       | Total          | .477 | 39 |      |       |      |
| DA84d | Between Groups | .020 | 3  | .007 | .582  | .631 |
|       | Within Groups  | .403 | 36 | .011 |       |      |
|       | Total          | .422 | 39 |      |       |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DA1d  | Welch | 3.081                  | 3   | 19.404 | .052 |
| DA7d  | Welch | 2.868                  | 3   | 19.452 | .063 |
| DA28d | Welch | 1.887                  | 3   | 19.116 | .166 |
| DA56d | Welch | 2.889                  | 3   | 19.060 | .062 |
| DA84d | Welch | .767                   | 3   | 19.537 | .526 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |              |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig.   | 95% Confidence Interval |             |       |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
|                    |              |                    |                       |            |        | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |       |
| DA1d               | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA            | -.07500    | .04258 | .337                    | -.0515      | .2015 |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | .01000     | .02339 | .973                    | -.0561      | .0761 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | .07800     | .02846 | .063                    | -.0034      | .1594 |
|                    |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA            | -.07500    | .04258 | .337                    | -.2015      | .0515 |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -.06500    | .04284 | .457                    | -.1919      | .0619 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | .00300     | .04581 | 1.000                   | -.1294      | .1354 |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA            | -.01000    | .02339 | .973                    | -.0761      | .0561 |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | .06500     | .04284 | .457                    | -.0619      | .1919 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | .06800     | .02885 | .126                    | -.0143      | .1503 |
|                    |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA            | -.07800    | .02846 | .063                    | -.1594      | .0034 |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | -.00300    | .04581 | 1.000                   | -.1354      | .1294 |

|       |              |                    |                    |         |        |      |        |       |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|------|--------|-------|
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.06800 | .02885 | .126 | -.1503 | .0143 |
| DA7d  | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .10300  | .05141 | .235 | -.0475 | .2535 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .07200  | .02930 | .103 | -.0112 | .1552 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .01400  | .03304 | .974 | -.0794 | .1074 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.10300 | .05141 | .235 | -.2535 | .0475 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.03100 | .04947 | .921 | -.1783 | .1163 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.08900 | .05177 | .352 | -.2402 | .0622 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.07200 | .02930 | .103 | -.1552 | .0112 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .03100  | .04947 | .921 | -.1163 | .1783 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.05800 | .02994 | .250 | -.1432 | .0272 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.01400 | .03304 | .974 | -.1074 | .0794 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .08900  | .05177 | .352 | -.0622 | .2402 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .05800  | .02994 | .250 | -.0272 | .1432 |
| DA28d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .14300  | .07306 | .252 | -.0707 | .3567 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .08300  | .04028 | .208 | -.0322 | .1982 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .05200  | .03842 | .546 | -.0591 | .1631 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.14300 | .07306 | .252 | -.3567 | .0707 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.06000 | .06905 | .821 | -.2672 | .1472 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.09100 | .06798 | .560 | -.2969 | .1149 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.08300 | .04028 | .208 | -.1982 | .0322 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .06000  | .06905 | .821 | -.1472 | .2672 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.03100 | .03011 | .735 | -.1163 | .0543 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.05200 | .03842 | .546 | -.1631 | .0591 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .09100  | .06798 | .560 | -.1149 | .2969 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .03100  | .03011 | .735 | -.0543 | .1163 |
| DA56d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .12800  | .06101 | .210 | -.0537 | .3097 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .07300  | .02682 | .066 | -.0040 | .1500 |

|       |              |                    |                    |         |        |      |        |       |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|------|--------|-------|
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .06200  | .03075 | .219 | -.0249 | .1489 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.12800 | .06101 | .210 | -.3097 | .0537 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.05500 | .05864 | .786 | -.2337 | .1237 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.06600 | .06054 | .702 | -.2471 | .1151 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.07300 | .02682 | .066 | -.1500 | .0040 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .05500  | .05864 | .786 | -.1237 | .2337 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.01100 | .02574 | .973 | -.0846 | .0626 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.06200 | .03075 | .219 | -.1489 | .0249 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .06600  | .06054 | .702 | -.1151 | .2471 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .01100  | .02574 | .973 | -.0626 | .0846 |
| DA84d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .05900  | .05860 | .748 | -.1137 | .2317 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .04700  | .03236 | .485 | -.0446 | .1386 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .03200  | .03432 | .788 | -.0650 | .1290 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.05900 | .05860 | .748 | -.2317 | .1137 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.01200 | .05740 | .997 | -.1828 | .1588 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.02700 | .05853 | .966 | -.1996 | .1456 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.04700 | .03236 | .485 | -.1386 | .0446 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .01200  | .05740 | .997 | -.1588 | .1828 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.01500 | .03224 | .966 | -.1063 | .0763 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.03200 | .03432 | .788 | -.1290 | .0650 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .02700  | .05853 | .966 | -.1456 | .1996 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .01500  | .03224 | .966 | -.0763 | .1063 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

$\Delta b^*$ 

Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|       | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| DB1d  | 1.850            | 3   | 36  | .156 |
| DB7d  | 3.110            | 3   | 36  | .038 |
| DB28d | 1.876            | 3   | 36  | .151 |
| DB56d | 5.670            | 3   | 36  | .003 |
| DB84d | 5.624            | 3   | 36  | .003 |

ANOVA

|       |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|------|
| DB1d  | Between Groups | .182           | 3  | .061        | 2.507 | .074 |
|       | Within Groups  | .873           | 36 | .024        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.055          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DB7d  | Between Groups | .460           | 3  | .153        | 1.749 | .174 |
|       | Within Groups  | 3.156          | 36 | .088        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 3.616          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DB28d | Between Groups | .064           | 3  | .021        | .447  | .721 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.731          | 36 | .048        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.796          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DB56d | Between Groups | .188           | 3  | .063        | 1.023 | .394 |
|       | Within Groups  | 2.208          | 36 | .061        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 2.397          | 39 |             |       |      |
| DB84d | Between Groups | .107           | 3  | .036        | .917  | .442 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1.398          | 36 | .039        |       |      |
|       | Total          | 1.505          | 39 |             |       |      |

Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|       |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| DB1d  | Welch | 2.623                  | 3   | 18.701 | .081 |
| DB7d  | Welch | 2.158                  | 3   | 18.156 | .128 |
| DB28d | Welch | .473                   | 3   | 19.173 | .705 |
| DB56d | Welch | .941                   | 3   | 17.879 | .442 |
| DB84d | Welch | .592                   | 3   | 17.996 | .628 |

Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |                    |                    |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error         | Sig.    | 95% Confidence Interval |             |        |       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
|                    |                    |                    |                    |                       |                    |         | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |        |       |
| DB1d               | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .16620                | .08479             | .241    | -.0748                  | .4072       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .00200                | .07143             | 1.000   | -.2115                  | .2155       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | .04900                | .07969             | .926    | -.1799                  | .2779       |        |       |
|                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.16620               | .08479             | .241    | -.4072                  | .0748       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.16420               | .05787             | .060    | -.3341                  | .0057       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.11720               | .06779             | .339    | -.3094                  | .0750       |        |       |
|                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.00200               | .07143             | 1.000   | -.2155                  | .2115       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | .16420                | .05787             | .060    | -.0057                  | .3341       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | .04700                | .05009             | .785    | -.0980                  | .1920       |        |       |
|                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.04900               | .07969             | .926    | -.2779                  | .1799       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | .11720                | .06779             | .339    | -.0750                  | .3094       |        |       |
|                    |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.04700               | .05009             | .785    | -.1920                  | .0980       |        |       |
|                    |                    | DB7d               | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA         | -.24600 | .15227                  | .397        | -.6800 | .1880 |
|                    |                    |                    |                    |                       | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.01500 | .15839                  | 1.000       | -.4643 | .4343 |
|                    |                    |                    |                    |                       | Heat cured dentine | .01600  | .12944                  | .999        | -.3730 | .4050 |
| FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         |                    |                    | .24600                | .15227             | .397    | -.1880                  | .6800       |        |       |
|                    | Cross-linked PMMA  |                    |                    | .23100                | .13531             | .349    | -.1518                  | .6138       |        |       |
|                    | Heat cured dentine |                    |                    | .26200                | .09990             | .087    | -.0321                  | .5561       |        |       |
| Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         |                    |                    | .01500                | .15839             | 1.000   | -.4343                  | .4643       |        |       |
|                    | FillerPMMA         |                    |                    | -.23100               | .13531             | .349    | -.6138                  | .1518       |        |       |
|                    | Heat cured dentine |                    |                    | .03100                | .10900             | .992    | -.2923                  | .3543       |        |       |
| Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         |                    |                    | -.01600               | .12944             | .999    | -.4050                  | .3730       |        |       |
|                    | FillerPMMA         |                    |                    | -.26200               | .09990             | .087    | -.5561                  | .0321       |        |       |
|                    | Cross-linked PMMA  |                    |                    | -.03100               | .10900             | .992    | -.3543                  | .2923       |        |       |
| DB28d              | Games-Howell       |                    |                    | LinearPMMA            | FillerPMMA         | -.01300 | .12469                  | 1.000       | -.3663 | .3403 |



|       |              |                    |                    |         |        |       |        |       |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .08600  | .10527 | .845  | -.2235 | .3955 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .05400  | .10350 | .952  | -.2525 | .3605 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .01300  | .12469 | 1.000 | -.3403 | .3663 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .09900  | .09234 | .711  | -.1691 | .3671 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .06700  | .09031 | .878  | -.1972 | .3312 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.08600 | .10527 | .845  | -.3955 | .2235 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.09900 | .09234 | .711  | -.3671 | .1691 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.03200 | .06075 | .951  | -.2039 | .1399 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.05400 | .10350 | .952  | -.3605 | .2525 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.06700 | .09031 | .878  | -.3312 | .1972 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .03200  | .06075 | .951  | -.1399 | .2039 |
| DB56d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.08600 | .14889 | .938  | -.5070 | .3350 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .07800  | .11655 | .907  | -.2700 | .4260 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .08200  | .11180 | .881  | -.2602 | .4242 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .08600  | .14889 | .938  | -.3350 | .5070 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .16400  | .10972 | .470  | -.1620 | .4900 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .16800  | .10466 | .418  | -.1515 | .4875 |
|       |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.07800 | .11655 | .907  | -.4260 | .2700 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.16400 | .10972 | .470  | -.4900 | .1620 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .00400  | .04868 | 1.000 | -.1364 | .1444 |
|       |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.08200 | .11180 | .881  | -.4242 | .2602 |
|       |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.16800 | .10466 | .418  | -.4875 | .1515 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | -.00400 | .04868 | 1.000 | -.1444 | .1364 |
| DB84d | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | .08900  | .11540 | .866  | -.2412 | .4192 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .12700  | .10350 | .622  | -.1793 | .4333 |
|       |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .12600  | .09772 | .589  | -.1727 | .4247 |
|       |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -.08900 | .11540 | .866  | -.4192 | .2412 |
|       |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .03800  | .07737 | .960  | -.1848 | .2608 |

|  |                    |                    |         |        |       |        |       |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|  |                    | Heat cured dentine | .03700  | .06944 | .949  | -.1715 | .2455 |
|  | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.12700 | .10350 | .622  | -.4333 | .1793 |
|  |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.03800 | .07737 | .960  | -.2608 | .1848 |
|  |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.00100 | .04710 | 1.000 | -.1378 | .1358 |
|  | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | -.12600 | .09772 | .589  | -.4247 | .1727 |
|  |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.03700 | .06944 | .949  | -.2455 | .1715 |
|  |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .00100  | .04710 | 1.000 | -.1358 | .1378 |

## Water sorption

## Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|                  | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|------------------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| watersorptionD1  | .616             | 3   | 36  | .609 |
| watersorptionD7  | 4.549            | 3   | 36  | .008 |
| watersorptionD28 | 1.204            | 3   | 36  | .322 |
| watersorptionD56 | 2.788            | 3   | 36  | .055 |

## ANOVA

|                  |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F      | Sig. |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|--------|------|
| watersorptionD1  | Between Groups | 53.895         | 3  | 17.965      | 4.308  | .011 |
|                  | Within Groups  | 150.116        | 36 | 4.170       |        |      |
|                  | Total          | 204.011        | 39 |             |        |      |
| watersorptionD7  | Between Groups | 1039.435       | 3  | 346.478     | 24.978 | .000 |
|                  | Within Groups  | 499.361        | 36 | 13.871      |        |      |
|                  | Total          | 1538.796       | 39 |             |        |      |
| watersorptionD28 | Between Groups | 1114.374       | 3  | 371.458     | 26.404 | .000 |
|                  | Within Groups  | 506.458        | 36 | 14.068      |        |      |
|                  | Total          | 1620.832       | 39 |             |        |      |
| watersorptionD56 | Between Groups | 1017.656       | 3  | 339.219     | 24.387 | .000 |
|                  | Within Groups  | 500.743        | 36 | 13.910      |        |      |
|                  | Total          | 1518.399       | 39 |             |        |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|                  |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|------------------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| watersorptionD1  | Welch | 4.239                  | 3   | 19.902 | .018 |
| watersorptionD7  | Welch | 48.738                 | 3   | 19.227 | .000 |
| watersorptionD28 | Welch | 29.923                 | 3   | 19.616 | .000 |
| watersorptionD56 | Welch | 38.659                 | 3   | 19.376 | .000 |

Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |              |                    | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig.    | 95% Confidence Interval |             |         |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
|                    |              |                    |                       |            |         | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |         |
| watersorption D1   | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA            | 1.98400    | .86605  | .139                    | -.4739      | 4.4419  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | 1.94500    | .97926  | .230                    | -.8235      | 4.7135  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -.62800    | .92956  | .905                    | -3.2558     | 1.9998  |
|                    |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA            | -1.98400   | .86605  | .139                    | -4.4419     | .4739   |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | -.03900    | .89658  | 1.000                   | -2.5898     | 2.5118  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -2.61200   | .84203  | .029                    | -4.9978     | -.2262  |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA            | -1.94500   | .97926  | .230                    | -4.7135     | .8235   |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | .03900     | .89658  | 1.000                   | -2.5118     | 2.5898  |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -2.57300   | .95808  | .066                    | -5.2836     | .1376   |
|                    |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA            | .62800     | .92956  | .905                    | -1.9998     | 3.2558  |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | 2.61200    | .84203  | .029                    | .2262       | 4.9978  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | 2.57300    | .95808  | .066                    | -.1376      | 5.2836  |
| watersorption D7   | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA            | 2.20200    | 2.04376 | .707                    | -3.6065     | 8.0105  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | 9.42600    | 1.44321 | .000                    | 5.2347      | 13.6173 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -4.71200   | 1.57111 | .037                    | -9.1886     | -.2354  |
|                    |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA            | -2.20200   | 2.04376 | .707                    | -8.0105     | 3.6065  |
|                    |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA     | 7.22400    | 1.75501 | .006                    | 2.0331      | 12.4149 |
|                    |              |                    | Heat cured dentine    | -6.91400   | 1.86161 | .010                    | -12.3022    | -1.5258 |
|                    |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA            | -9.42600   | 1.44321 | .000                    | -13.6173    | -5.2347 |
|                    |              |                    | FillerPMMA            | -7.22400   | 1.75501 | .006                    | -12.4149    | -2.0331 |

|                   |                    |                    |                    |            |                    |           |          |          |         |         |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
|                   |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | -14.13800* | 1.17110            | .000      | -17.4735 | -10.8025 |         |         |
|                   |                    | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | 4.71200*   | 1.57111            | .037      | .2354    | 9.1886   |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | 6.91400*   | 1.86161            | .010      | 1.5258   | 12.3022  |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 14.13800*  | 1.17110            | .000      | 10.8025  | 17.4735  |         |         |
| watersorption D28 | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | 5.99300*   | 1.86482            | .024      | .6941    | 11.2919  |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 11.04300*  | 1.66352            | .000      | 6.3407   | 15.7453  |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | -2.51200   | 1.42961            | .328      | -6.5887  | 1.5647   |         |         |
|                   |                    | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | -5.99300*  | 1.86482            | .024      | -11.2919 | -.6941   |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 5.05000    | 1.89302            | .069      | -.3208   | 10.4208  |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | -8.50500*  | 1.69116            | .001      | -13.4038 | -3.6062  |         |         |
|                   |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -11.04300* | 1.66352            | .000      | -15.7453 | -6.3407  |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | -5.05000   | 1.89302            | .069      | -10.4208 | .3208    |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Heat cured dentine | -13.55500* | 1.46621            | .000      | -17.7450 | -9.3650  |         |         |
|                   |                    | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | 2.51200    | 1.42961            | .328      | -1.5647  | 6.5887   |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | FillerPMMA         | 8.50500*   | 1.69116            | .001      | 3.6062   | 13.4038  |         |         |
|                   |                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 13.55500*  | 1.46621            | .000      | 9.3650   | 17.7450  |         |         |
|                   |                    | watersorption D56  | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA | FillerPMMA         | 3.45800   | 1.92266  | .315     | -2.1390 | 9.0550  |
|                   |                    |                    |                    |            | Cross-linked PMMA  | 9.11200*  | 1.17134  | .000     | 5.7864  | 12.4376 |
|                   |                    |                    |                    |            | Heat cured dentine | -4.71300* | 1.47056  | .024     | -8.8906 | -.5354  |
| FillerPMMA        | LinearPMMA         |                    |                    | -3.45800   | 1.92266            | .315      | -9.0550  | 2.1390   |         |         |
|                   | Cross-linked PMMA  |                    |                    | 5.65400*   | 1.84425            | .042      | .1965    | 11.1115  |         |         |
|                   | Heat cured dentine |                    |                    | -8.17100*  | 2.04738            | .005      | -14.0337 | -2.3083  |         |         |
| Cross-linked      | LinearPMMA         |                    |                    | -9.11200*  | 1.17134            | .000      | -12.4376 | -5.7864  |         |         |

|  |                    |                    |            |         |      |          |         |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------|---------|------|----------|---------|
|  | PMMA               | FillerPMMA         | -5.65400*  | 1.84425 | .042 | -11.1115 | -1.1965 |
|  |                    | Heat cured dentine | -13.82500* | 1.36645 | .000 | -17.7553 | -9.8947 |
|  | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | 4.71300*   | 1.47056 | .024 | .5354    | 8.8906  |
|  |                    | FillerPMMA         | 8.17100*   | 2.04738 | .005 | 2.3083   | 14.0337 |
|  |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 13.82500*  | 1.36645 | .000 | 9.8947   | 17.7553 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

#### Water solubility

##### Test of Homogeneity of Variances

|                    | Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| watersolubilityD1  | 2.535            | 3   | 36  | .072 |
| watersolubilityD7  | 3.556            | 3   | 36  | .024 |
| watersolubilityD28 | 1.325            | 3   | 36  | .281 |
| watersolubilityD56 | 1.035            | 3   | 36  | .389 |

##### ANOVA

|                    |                | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F       | Sig. |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|---------|------|
| watersolubilityD1  | Between Groups | .868           | 3  | .289        | 6.189   | .002 |
|                    | Within Groups  | 1.683          | 36 | .047        |         |      |
|                    | Total          | 2.552          | 39 |             |         |      |
| watersolubilityD7  | Between Groups | 20.680         | 3  | 6.893       | 15.091  | .000 |
|                    | Within Groups  | 16.445         | 36 | .457        |         |      |
|                    | Total          | 37.125         | 39 |             |         |      |
| watersolubilityD28 | Between Groups | 53.783         | 3  | 17.928      | 125.439 | .000 |
|                    | Within Groups  | 5.145          | 36 | .143        |         |      |
|                    | Total          | 58.928         | 39 |             |         |      |
| watersolubilityD56 | Between Groups | 46.619         | 3  | 15.540      | 94.886  | .000 |
|                    | Within Groups  | 5.896          | 36 | .164        |         |      |
|                    | Total          | 52.515         | 39 |             |         |      |

## Robust Tests of Equality of Means

|                    |       | Statistic <sup>a</sup> | df1 | df2    | Sig. |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| watersolubilityD1  | Welch | 8.246                  | 3   | 19.191 | .001 |
| watersolubilityD7  | Welch | 33.045                 | 3   | 18.054 | .000 |
| watersolubilityD28 | Welch | 149.373                | 3   | 19.444 | .000 |
| watersolubilityD56 | Welch | 97.224                 | 3   | 19.783 | .000 |

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

## Multiple Comparisons

| Dependent Variable |                    |                   | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig.   | 95% Confidence Interval |             |        |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|
|                    |                    |                   |                       |            |        | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |        |
| watersolubility D1 | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA        | FillerPMMA            | -.21800    | .08135 | .074                    | -.4532      | .0172  |
|                    |                    |                   | Cross-linked PMMA     | -.28000*   | .07859 | .013                    | -.5065      | -.0535 |
|                    |                    |                   | Heat cured dentine    | -.40700*   | .09658 | .005                    | -.6909      | -.1231 |
|                    |                    | FillerPMMA        | LinearPMMA            | .21800     | .08135 | .074                    | -.0172      | .4532  |
|                    |                    |                   | Cross-linked PMMA     | -.06200    | .09684 | .918                    | -.3358      | .2118  |
|                    |                    |                   | Heat cured dentine    | -.18900    | .11193 | .359                    | -.5068      | .1288  |
|                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA | LinearPMMA            | .28000*    | .07859 | .013                    | .0535       | .5065  |
|                    |                    |                   | FillerPMMA            | .06200     | .09684 | .918                    | -.2118      | .3358  |
|                    |                    |                   | Heat cured dentine    | -.12700    | .10994 | .662                    | -.4398      | .1858  |
|                    | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA        | .40700*               | .09658     | .005   | .1231                   | .6909       |        |
|                    |                    | FillerPMMA        | .18900                | .11193     | .359   | -.1288                  | .5068       |        |
|                    |                    | Cross-linked PMMA | .12700                | .10994     | .662   | -.1858                  | .4398       |        |
| watersolubility D7 | Games-Howell       | LinearPMMA        | FillerPMMA            | -.83400    | .38472 | .170                    | -1.921      | .2534  |
|                    |                    |                   | Cross-linked PMMA     | 1.06200*   | .28947 | .017                    | .1884       | 1.9356 |
|                    |                    |                   | Heat cured dentine    | -.51500    | .32091 | .406                    | -1.442      | .4124  |
|                    |                    | FillerPMMA        | LinearPMMA            | .83400     | .38472 | .170                    | -.2534      | 1.9214 |
|                    |                    |                   | Cross-linked PMMA     | 1.89600*   | .28237 | .000                    | 1.0451      | 2.7469 |

|                     |              |                    |                    |           |        |      |        |        |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|------|--------|--------|
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | .31900    | .31453 | .744 | -.5882 | 1.2262 |
|                     |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -1.06200* | .28947 | .017 | -1.935 | -.1884 |
|                     |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -1.89600* | .28237 | .000 | -2.746 | -1.045 |
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -1.57700* | .18632 | .000 | -2.119 | -1.034 |
|                     |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | .51500    | .32091 | .406 | -.4124 | 1.4424 |
|                     |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -.31900   | .31453 | .744 | -1.226 | .5882  |
|                     |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 1.57700*  | .18632 | .000 | 1.0344 | 2.1196 |
| watersolubility D28 | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -1.28600* | .18390 | .000 | -1.805 | -.7662 |
|                     |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | .88200*   | .15451 | .000 | .4359  | 1.3281 |
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -2.13500* | .18568 | .000 | -2.659 | -1.610 |
|                     |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | 1.28600*  | .18390 | .000 | .7662  | 1.8058 |
|                     |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.16800*  | .15064 | .000 | 1.7342 | 2.6018 |
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.84900*  | .18247 | .001 | -1.364 | -.3333 |
|                     |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -.88200*  | .15451 | .000 | -1.328 | -.4359 |
|                     |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -2.16800* | .15064 | .000 | -2.601 | -1.734 |
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -3.01700* | .15280 | .000 | -3.457 | -2.576 |
|                     |              | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | 2.13500*  | .18568 | .000 | 1.6102 | 2.6598 |
|                     |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | .84900*   | .18247 | .001 | .3333  | 1.3647 |
|                     |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 3.01700*  | .15280 | .000 | 2.5763 | 3.4577 |
| watersolubility D56 | Games-Howell | LinearPMMA         | FillerPMMA         | -.72500*  | .17589 | .003 | -1.222 | -.2278 |
|                     |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 1.28900*  | .15798 | .000 | .8408  | 1.7372 |
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -1.66700* | .19886 | .000 | -2.232 | -1.101 |
|                     |              | FillerPMMA         | LinearPMMA         | .72500*   | .17589 | .003 | .2278  | 1.2222 |
|                     |              |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.01400*  | .16113 | .000 | 1.5563 | 2.4717 |
|                     |              |                    | Heat cured dentine | -.94200*  | .20137 | .001 | -1.513 | -.3704 |
|                     |              | Cross-linked PMMA  | LinearPMMA         | -1.28900* | .15798 | .000 | -1.737 | -.8408 |
|                     |              |                    | FillerPMMA         | -2.01400* | .16113 | .000 | -2.471 | -1.556 |

|  |                    |                    |                       |        |      |        |        |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|
|  |                    | Heat cured dentine | -2.95600 <sup>*</sup> | .18594 | .000 | -3.490 | -2.421 |
|  | Heat cured dentine | LinearPMMA         | 1.66700 <sup>*</sup>  | .19886 | .000 | 1.1017 | 2.2323 |
|  |                    | FillerPMMA         | .94200 <sup>*</sup>   | .20137 | .001 | .3704  | 1.5136 |
|  |                    | Cross-linked PMMA  | 2.95600 <sup>*</sup>  | .18594 | .000 | 2.4213 | 3.4907 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.





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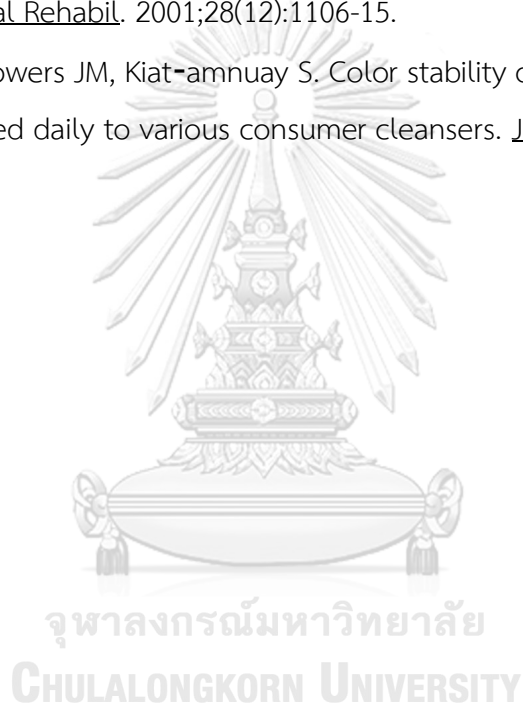
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