

26. Comparison of antimicrobial properties of silver nanoparticles and chlorhexidine in denture base resin- an in vitro study

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Candida-induced denture stomatitis is a common form of oral candidiasis that manifests as diffuse inflammation of the denture-bearing areas. Oral candidiasis appears to be caused by a multiplicity of predisposing factors. Chlorhexidine and silver nanoparticles are widely prescribed in dentistry due to its broad-spectrum antimicrobial activity, including *c. Albicans*. . The antifungal effect of chlorhexidine has been shown in many studies, and it has been demonstrated that exposure of *c. Albicans* to chlorhexidine suppresses the ability of candida to adhere to buccal epithelial cells. The use of silver nanoparticles is also important, as several pathogenic bacteria have developed resistance against various antibiotics. A sustained release delivery system for treatment of denture stomatitis using chlorhexidine incorporated into a tissue conditioner has been investigated, and it has been confirmed that there was a gradual release of the drug from the tissue conditioner and inhibition of candida growth in vitro. The purpose of this study is to compare the antifungal activity against *c. Albicans* when silver nanoparticles and chlorhexidine powder is incorporated in denture base resin.

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