

Effect of Remineralization on Color Change of Bleached Tooth

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Abstract

The aim of this *in vitro* study was to investigate the effect of remineralization and time on the color and microhardness change of bleached teeth using 10 % carbamide peroxide (CP) and 40 % hydrogen peroxide (HP). Seventy-two 6x6x2 mm³ enamel slabs were prepared from human premolars. The specimens' color and Vickers' microhardness were recorded at baseline (T0). The specimens were divided into six groups: twelve specimens per group. Two groups were treated with 10 % CP with or without casein phosphopeptides and amorphous calcium phosphate (CPP-ACP) (10 % CP and 10 % CP/CPP-ACP, respectively), two groups were treated with 40 % HP with or without CPP-ACP (40 % HP and 40 % HP/CPP-ACP, respectively), one group received no bleaching (CON) and another group received only CPP-ACP treatment without bleaching, (CON/CPP-ACP). The CPP-ACP groups were treated with CPP-ACP twice daily for five minutes for seven days after completing their respective protocol. The color change and Vickers' microhardness were recorded at three time points after treatment; one day (T1), two weeks (T2), and one month (T3). After one month, the tooth color changed (ΔE) in all groups at every time point; however, significant ΔE was found only at T3 for the 10 % CP and the CON/CPP-ACP groups ($p < 0.05$). Microhardness tended to decrease from the baseline (T0) value at each time point. There were significant differences between time points in microhardness (ΔVHN) in the 40 % HP, CON, and CON/CPP-ACP groups. A relationship between ΔE and ΔVHN was found in the 10 % CP and 10 % CP/CPP-ACP groups. In summary, tooth whiteness decreased in the 10 % CP group from T1 to T3. CPP-ACP can prevent color relapse in the 10 % CP/CPP-ACP and CON/CPP-ACP groups. Microhardness improved in the 10 % CP/CPP-ACP group compared with the 10 % CP group at T3. Both tooth whiteness and microhardness were stable for at least one month when CPP-ACP was used as an intervention in the 10 % CP/CPP-ACP group.

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