

Effect of Irrigation Protocols on Smear Layer Removal in Primary Teeth Endodontic Therapy

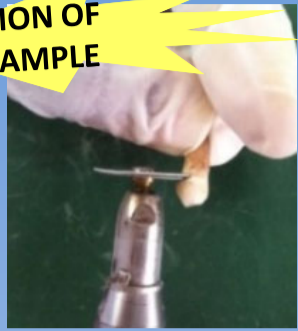
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Aim: Scanning electron microscopic (SEM) analysis of the effect of chelating agent and EndoActivator on smear layer removal from root canals of primary teeth

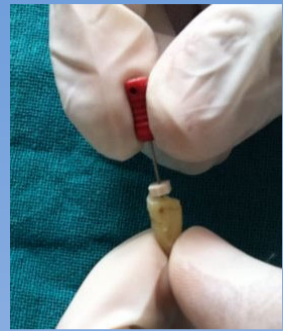
Material and Methods

PREPARATION OF TOOTH SAMPLE

Extracted human primary teeth were selected



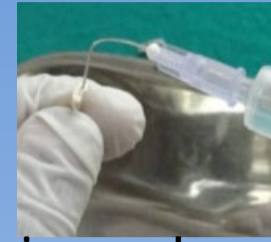
While decoronating



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Irrigation using syringe and endoactivator



While sectioning root



Sectioned root

Irrigants used

PREPARATION OF TOOTH SAMPLE BEFORE SEM

Group 1 - Sodium Hypochlorite + Citric acid + Normal saline using EndoActivator (n=5)

Group 2 - Sodium Hypochlorite + Normal saline + Citric acid (n=5)

Group 3 - Sodium Hypochlorite + Normal saline using EndoActivator (n=5)

Group 4 - Sodium Hypochlorite + Normal Saline (n=5)

Group 5 - Normal saline (control) (n=5)



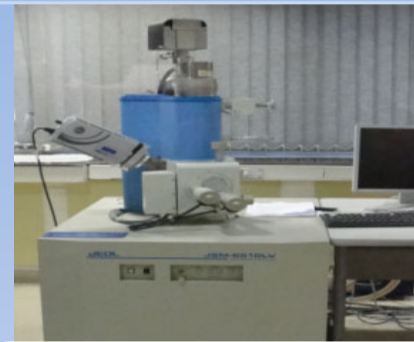
Specimen coded and mounted on metal stub



Sputter coating with gold



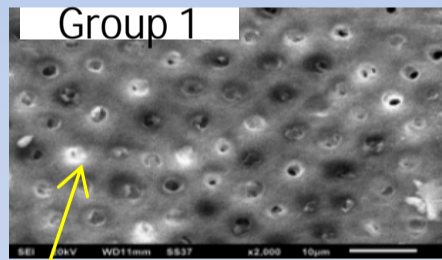
Specimen after gold coating



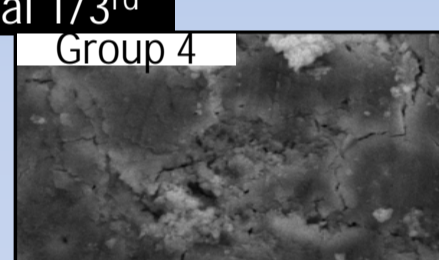
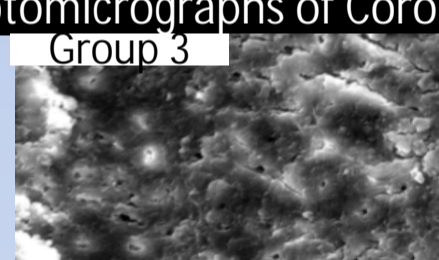
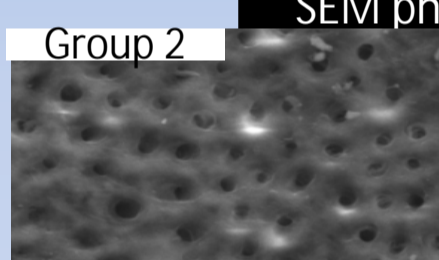
SEM analysis

Results

SEM photomicrographs of Coronal 1/3rd

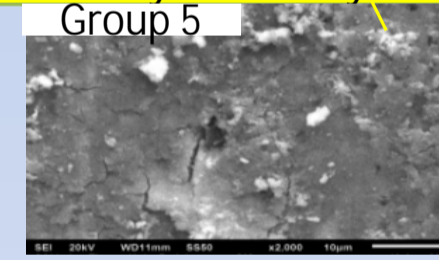
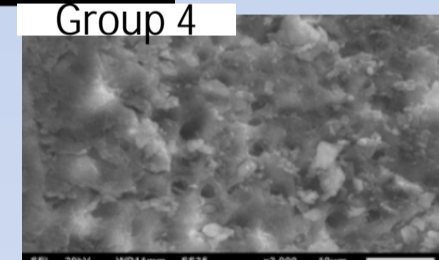
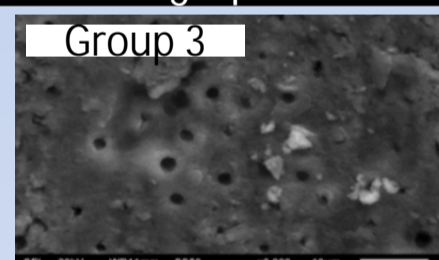
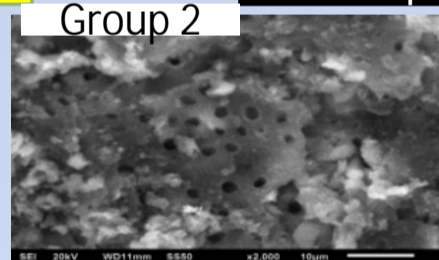
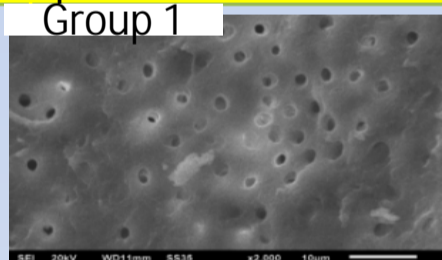


Open dentinal tubules

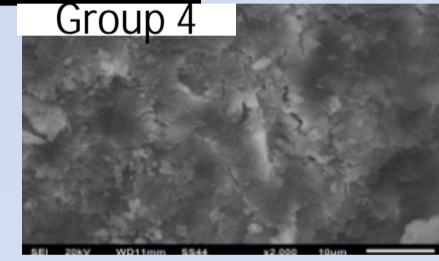
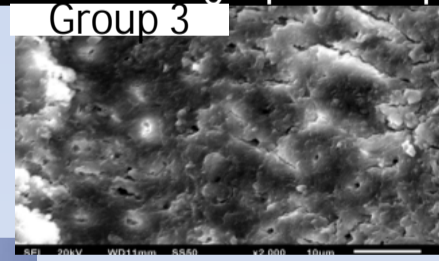
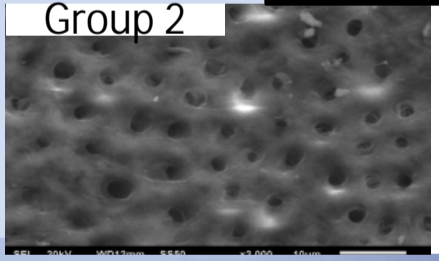
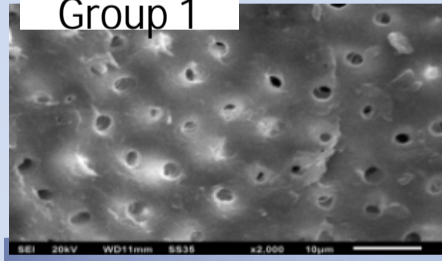


Heavy smear layer

SEM photomicrographs of middle 1/3rd



SEM photomicrographs of Apical 1/3rd



Scoring criteria

1= No smear layer, 2= Moderate smear layer, 3= Heavy smear layer

Ref : Torabinejad et al . JOE 2003;29:170-5

Comparison of efficacy of smear layer removal in ascending order

Group 1 > Group 2 > Group 3 > Group 4 > Group 5

Abbreviations:

SEM = Scanning electron microscopy

n= no. of teeth in each group



Conclusion : Effective removal of smear layer by both citric acid and EndoActivator shows promising use for the biomechanical preparation of primary teeth root canals.

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