

THE DIFFERENCE OF 0,78% SAPONIN FROM MANGOSTEEN PERICARP EXTRACT AND 6% CITRIC ACID FOR CLEANLINESS OF CAVITY

ABSTRACT

Background: Cleanliness of cavity is considered important for a restoration. Smear layer formed after cavity preparation should be removed in order not to disrupt the bond adhesion between restorative materials and dental cavities. Saponins contained in mangosteen pericarp (*Garcinia mangostana* L.) have surfactant properties that can eliminate the smear layer assessed. 6% citric acid is a chelating agent which can eliminate the inorganic particles of the smear layer. Until now, the research on the differences of 0,78% saponin from mangosteen pericarp extract and 6% citric acid for cleanliness of cavity has never been done. **Purpose:** To see the differences between 0,78% saponin from mangosteen pericarp extract and 6% citric acid as cavity cleanser. **Method:** Eighteen human teeth with complete crown, no caries, and no fractures were randomized in 3 groups ($n \geq 6$), in this experiment use ($n=6$). The cavity was prepared using wheels bur for hand use instrument. After instrumentation, each cavity on the first group used 0,78% saponin from mangosteen pericarp extract as cavity cleanser, the second group used 6% citric acid as cavity cleanser, and the control group used aquadest. Then, the teeth were split to be observed on Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). **Result:** For Mann-Whitney test there were significant differences just between 078% saponin from mangosteen pericarp extract with 6% citric acid, and 6% citric acid with aquadest, but not for 0,78% saponin from mangosteen pericarp extract with aquadest. Median value of 6% citric acid showed 2,000 which is the smallest value compared to the value of the other groups. **Conclusion:** The cleanliness of cavity with 6% citric acid is better than that with 0,78% saponin from mangosteen pericarp extract.

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