

**PERBEDAAN POTENSI OBAT KUMUR YANG MENGANDUNG IPMP,
STABILIZED CHLORINE DIOXIDE DAN KLOORHEKSIDIN GLUKONAT
TERHADAP EPS BIOFILM STREPTOCOCCUS MUTANS**

**(COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MOUTHWASHES WHICH CONTAINED IPMP,
STABILIZED CHLORINE DIOXIDE AND CHLORHEXIDINE GLUCONATE IN
EPS STREPTOCOCCUS MUTANS BIOFILM)**

ABSTRACT

Background. *Streptococcus mutans* is the main bacteria to form biofilm associated with dental caries lesion. *S. Mutans* utilizes dietary carbs to rapidly synthesize exopolysaccharides (EPS) using glucosyltransferase and fructosyltransferase. EPS influences in dental caries lesion by (1) provide nutrient to facilitate bacterial metabolism; (2) provide binding site; (3) as a protective barrier; (4) increase acid retention time. This experiment dealt with 3 different active ingredient of mouthwashes (IPMP, Stabilized Chlorine Dioxide and Chlorhexidine Gluconate). **Purpose.** The purpose of this study was to assess differences potential of 3 active ingredient of mouthwashes to EPS *S.mutans* biofilm and to determine which ingredient are most effective in reducing EPS. **Method.** This study was designed as an experimental laboratory study with post test only control group design using EPS biofilm of *Streptococcus mutans*. The EPS was fluorescently labeled using alexa fluor 647 dextran conjugate stain and analyze using Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy (Olympus Type Fluoview FV1000) and Fluoview ver 1.7a Images Analysis Software. **Result.** A significant difference related to *S. Mutans* EPS using 3 active ingredient of mouthwashes; IPMP showed statistically significant ($p < 0.005$) compared with other group. **Conclusion.** There is a difference potential of IPMP, stabilized chlorine dioxide and chlorhexidine gluconate related to EPS of *Streptococcus mutans* biofilm; IPMP has the most potential in reducing EPS of *Streptococcus mutans* biofilm compared to other group (stabilized chlorine dioxide and chlorhexidine gluconate).

Key words : *Streptococcus mutans*, mouthwashes, EPS