

Effect of sodium fluoride mouth rinse on elastic properties of elastomeric chains

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Abstract

Objective: This study evaluated Sodium Fluoride mouth rinse effects on elastic properties of different elastomeric chains. **Study design:** In this in vitro experiment, two orthodontic chains were tested. In the first group, they were stored in artificial saliva for the entire duration, and in the second group they were immersed daily in ۰.۰۵% NaF mouth rinse for ۱ minute, artificial saliva-NaF mixture for ۳۰ minutes, and then in artificial saliva for the rest of the day. Specimens were tested at baseline, ۱ hour, ۲۴ hours, ۱, ۲ and ۳ weeks and then the displacement of specimens to obtain ۱۰۰g and ۳۰۰g, also the applied force after stretching them to ۱۰۰% of their original length were evaluated. **Results:** In contrast to force degradation, chains of both companies required more displacement to achieve both forces in the saliva- NaF mixture than saliva itself; however, the difference was only significant for the ۳۰۰g force ($P = ۰.۰۲۰$). American Orthodontics chains required more displacement than Dentaurum chains to obtain both forces, also they had more load relaxation ($P < ۰.۰۰۱$). **Conclusions:** Daily use of NaF mouth rinse does not affect force degradation and the displacement of both chains to achieve conventional orthodontic forces, but for higher force levels the displacement increase is statistically significant.

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