

## Acidic environment effect on the push-out bond strength of mineral trioxide aggregate mixed with different liquids

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### Abstrak

Mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) as retrograde filling is always in contact to inflamed tissues in periradicular area. Objective: To investigate the effect of acidic environment on push-out bond strength of MTA mixed with sterile water, local anesthetic, and 5% CaCl<sub>2</sub> Methods: Thirty middle third of mandibular premolar roots were randomly assigned into 3 groups of 10 each. MTA mixed with sterile water (Group 1), local anesthetic (group 2), 5% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (group 3). Each group was then divided into group A: soaked in synthetic tissue fluid with pH 5, and group B: pH 7.4. Specimens were stored in an incubator with a temperature of 37°C for 72 hours, undertaken a push-out test, and observed under a stereo-microscope. Results: A two-way ANOVA showed that acidic environment reduced the push-out bond strength of MTA mixed with either sterile water, local anesthetic or 5% CaCl<sub>2</sub> ( $p < 0.05$ ). The predominantly failure was a mixture of adhesive and cohesive type. Conclusion: The acidic environment reduced the push-out bond strength of MTA mixed with either sterile water, local anesthetic or 5% CaCl<sub>2</sub>. MTA mixed with 5% CaCl<sub>2</sub> produced the greatest push-out bond strength, whereas MTA mixed with local anesthetic had the lowest push-out bond strength.