Choice of restorative materials by dentists in Class III dental caries in primary maxillary lateral incisors in 3-6-year-old children: A retrospective study

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ABSTRACT

Early childhood caries has an intricate etiology and it requires a helpless tooth surface, fermentable starches, and cariogenic microorganisms throughout some undefined time frame to start the carious cycle. Tooth-hued materials gained popularity in recent years for reestablishing primary and youthful blended dentitions. Hence, the main aim of this study was to investigate the choice of restorative materials in Class III dental caries in primary maxillary lateral incisors in 3–6-year-old children. Data collected from the records of the children 3-6 years of age for the choice of restorative materials of primary maxillary lateral incisors between September 2020 and February 2021 were included in the study. Retrospective study data were collected through the software DIAS and data analysis was carried out using Chi-square tests. Variation in the percentage of children who underwent restoration utilizing strip crowns was the highest within 3-4 years (38.26%) when compared to light composite restorations (LCR) (14.9%), whereas the least preferred restoration was glass-ionomer cement (5.37%) which was noted statistically significant. Considering the age group of 5-6 years preferred form of restoration was LCR (19.80%) when compared to strip crown (17.79%), whereas 4.70% of the treatment cases were utilized for glass-ionomer cement restorations. Strip crowns are a more predominantly used choice of restorative material in Class III dental caries in primary maxillary lateral incisors in between 3- and 6-year-old children.

Key words: Choice, dental caries, etiology, prevalence, restorative materials

INTRODUCTION

Tooth-hued materials gained popularity in recent years for reestablishing primary and youthful blended dentitions.

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Notwithstanding amalgam and tempered steel crowns, improved ordinary glass-ionomer concretes and composite saps, gum-modified glass ionomer concretes, and polyacrylic corrosive modified composites (compomers) have become available.^[1]

Adhesive remedial materials have permitted more conservative depression arrangements, prompting minimized designs.^[2] Until this point in time, in pediatric dental literature, no consistent guidelines have been put

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The commonness of dental caries in youngsters has extraordinarily diminished in the course of recent years in created nations. Be that as it may, countless kids are as yet influenced through caries from an exceptionally youthful age.^[4] In created nations, the infection is supposed to be connected to kids from lower financial foundations where more elevated levels of sickness are found in kids from more unfortunate, less accomplished, single parent, or late settler families.^[5]

A definitive objective of reestablishing rotted essential incisors and canines is to permit the patient to hold these teeth. This permits characteristic shedding with no pulpal difficulties.^[6] In the past, the answer for reclamation of such teeth has been extraction or on the other hand rebuilding of Class III, IV, and V holes with plastic materials such as composites, compomers, or Glass ionomer cement (GICs).^[7]

The presentation of composite strip crowns in the 1970s empowered the pediatric dental specialist to give strong and stylishly satisfactory rebuilding of various essential incisors.^[8] This methodology is viewed as the highest quality level rebuilding of maxillary incisors with broad or multisurface carious injuries.^[9]

It is anyway imperative to specify that this is a method touchy strategy and requires great patient collaboration and ideal confinement. As a considerable lot of the patients with early childhood caries are under an agreeable age, at that point it is not generally conceivable to do gum composite strip crown rebuilding efforts except if under General Anesthesia (GA).^[10] Reclamation of interproximal caries in the mandibular essential incisors is a much more prominent test than for the maxillary teeth; there are no preformed crowns for these teeth and with the mash chamber so moderately near the lacquer layer planning of these teeth without iatrogenically causing pulpal openness is troublesome.^[11]

It is suggested that interproximal caries in these teeth ought to be dealt with minimalistically by disking the interproximal surfaces to open the contact between the teeth.^[12] In terribly carious teeth caries ought to be captured with the guide of GICs if conceivable; in any case, extraction ought to be the choice. Another option is to utilize the maxillary horizontal incisor strip crowns.^[13] In some European nations, composites or GICs are the material of decision in essential teeth in view of the dubious parts of dental mixture and its supposed antagonistic well-being impacts.^[14] Thus, despite the fact that the blend has been utilized for longer than a century and has appeared to perform well in negligible cavities. Our research and knowledge have resulted in high-quality publications from our team.^[15-29] Hence, the main aim of this study was to investigate the choice of restorative materials in Class III dental caries in primary maxillary lateral incisors in 3–6-year-old children.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The retrospective study was conducted in a Private Dental College, in Chennai, India. Ethical approval was obtained from the Institutional Review Board of the College (IHEC/SDC/PEDO/21/169).

Data collected from the records of the children 3–6 years of age for the choice of restorative materials of primary maxillary lateral incisors between September 2020 and February 2021 were included in the study. Children with Class III caries in primary maxillary incisors were included in the study. The tooth with Class III caries with pulp involvement was excluded from the study. One hundred and sixty-six teeth met the inclusion criteria and were included in the study. Data were collected under the following parameters age, gender, and choice of restorative materials.

Statistical analysis

Data were collected and compiled from the records of the children 3 to 6 years of age groups and were analyzed using the SPSS sofware (IBM Corp. Released 2016. IBM SPSS Statistics for Windows, Version 24.0. Armonk, NY: IBM Corp.). Data analysis was carried out using the Chi-square test. *P* value was set as <0.05.

RESULTS

Demographic characteristics are represented in Figure 1. It depicts the age-based distribution within the age group of 3–6 years. There was a 4% higher number of 5–6-year-old subjects in comparison with the participants in the age group 3–4 years.

Gender-based demographic distribution is depicted in Figure 2. It represents double the proportion of males (64.88%) compared to females (35.12%) in the population under consideration.

Variation in the percentage of children who underwent restoration utilizing strip crowns was the highest in the age group of 3–4 years (38.26%) when compared to light composite restorations (LCR) (14.9%), whereas the least preferred restoration was glass-ionomer cement (5.37%) which was noted statistically significant. On considering the age group of 5–6 years preferred form of restoration was LCR (19.80%) when compared to strip crown (17.79%), whereas 4.70% of the treatment cases were utilized for glass-ionomer cement restorations [Figure 3]. P = 0. Hence, it is statistically significant.

Gender-based description of the preferred restorative management was noted to be strip crowns among males (33.89%) and females (21.81%). Similarly, variation was noted among the genders, where double the proportion of males (20.47%) and females (13.37%) were given LCR. P = 0.07. Hence, statistically not significant [Figure 4].

DISCUSSION

Various studies have compared the choice of restorative materials with parameters such as age and gender. In the present study, results showed that the choice of restorative materials used in Class III dental caries was strip crowns. In 3–4-year-old children, the predominance of strip crowns was associated with 38.26%, respectively. In 5–6-year-old children, the predominance of LCR is associated with



Figure 1: Frequency distribution of age group of 3–6 years old. The X-axis represents the age group of 3–6 years old and the Y-axis represents the frequency distribution



Figure 3: Association between the age of children and percentage of children who underwent restorations. The X-axis represents the age of the children and the Y-axis represents the percentage of children who underwent restorations. GIC: Glass-ionomer cement, LCR: Light composite restorations

19.80%, respectively.^[30] The similar findings of the study were similar to the study published by this article, in which 3–4-year-old children are more evident.^[31]

On the contrary, studies have shown that the LCR is more prevalently used choice of restorative materials in Class III dental caries and a few examinations have reported that the pervasiveness of these restorative materials has increased during the previous few decades.^[32] However, another cross-sectional study was conducted among 500 children of the age group of 3–10 years and concluded a statistically significant difference in the pattern of distribution of choice of restorative materials in Class III dental caries between age and also between the genders.^[33]

A similar study was conducted over preschool children in Gambia with a sample size of 300 where the results show no



Figure 2: Frequency distribution of gender. The X-axis represents the gender and the Y-axis represents the frequency distribution



Figure 4: Association between gender of children and percentage of children who underwent restorations. The X-axis represents the gender of children and the Y-axis represents the percentage of children who underwent restorations. GIC: Glass-ionomer cement, LCR: Light composite restorations

statistically significant difference in the choice of restorative materials in Class III dental caries.^[34] The related trends with the choice of restorative materials were more prevalent in the 5–6 years age group with an increase in age.

Data have shown that there is a choice of restorative materials and more risk in acquiring the choice of restorative materials in Class III dental caries so proper preventive measures must be practiced to reduce the risk of getting dental caries.

Limitations

The study was limited to the South Indian population and is unicentric and limited to small sample size. The association of choice of restorative material to the pathological condition should be investigated in further studies to broaden the knowledge on the selection of restorative materials in Class III dental caries.

CONCLUSION

Within the limitations of the study, it was determined that the strip crowns are a more predominantly used choice of restorative material in Class III dental caries in primary maxillary lateral incisors in between 3- and 6-year-old children and there is a statistically significant difference in the choice of restorative material.

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