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The aim of this research is to determine the effect of four denture cleansers (which are “citric acid + soda”, salt, “apple vinegar + soda”, and alum) on the three dimensions of color (which are hue, value, and chroma) of permanent silicone soft liner at different immersion periods.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Permanently soft polyvinyl siloxane relining material (Mucopren soft, Germany) was processed following the manufacturers instructions to produce circular specimens with a diameter of 30mm and a thickness of 1mm.\(^{3}\)

Four natural, locally available denture cleansers were used\(^{2}\):

1. Citric acid(4.57g)+soda(sodium bicarbonate)(2g)+water(100ml).
2. Salt(40g)+water(100ml).
3. Apple vinegar(acetic acid) (5ml)+soda(7g)+water(100ml).
4. Alum(5g)+water(100ml).

For each denture cleanser, ten specimens were prepared to be evaluated.

The specimens were immersed in distilled water for 7 days for conditioning. During the storage of specimens in water and subsequently during their immersion in the denture cleansers, the specimens were suspended in the solutions by a stainless steel dental wire passing through the center. This will hold the specimens in a vertical position and prevent the contact between the specimens during their immersion in the tested solutions, so each specimen was in contact only with the immersing solutions.\(^{10,2}\)

After the specimens were taken out, initial color measurements were taken.\(^{12}\)

A digital spectrophotometer (Easyshade, Vita, Germany) was used to measure the color properties of soft liner specimens including the value, chroma, and hue which displayed digitally on the device (Figure 1). Easyshade spectrophotometer contain a color analyzer with its own light source that has accompanying software for the downloading, evaluation, and transmission of the relevant color data recorded. It standardize the measurements of hue, value, and chroma.

![Figure(1):The Vita Easyshade digital spectrophotometer](image-url)
The color distribution of Easyshade was more ordered (in the value, chroma, and hue scale) than previously reported color distributions of other, traditional shade guides.\(^{(13)}\)

The Easyshade spectrophotometer was the most reliable instrument in both in vitro and in vivo circumstances.\(^{(14)}\)

The individual white color index of the instrument was used as a color control.\(^{(12,15)}\)

The specimens were immersed in denture cleanser solutions for 1, 3, 7, and 14 days.\(^{(16)}\)

Specimens placed in water served as controls. Color differences before and after each storage period in each solution were assessed.\(^{(16,12)}\)

Mean values for the effect of type of denture cleanser on three properties of the color tested at each immersion period were compared using ANOVA followed by Duncan multiple range test to determine the significant difference at \(P<0.05\) level.

**RESULTS**

The effect of the immersion period on the different color properties tested was different for each denture cleanser.

At the first day, the effects of different denture cleansers on the value of permanent soft liner were significant\((P=0.000)\)(Table 1); with the citric acid cleanser significantly decrease value, and the effects of other cleansers are shown on\(\text{Figure 2}\). The effects on chroma were also significant\((P=0.000)\)(Table 1); with the salt and alum cleansers significantly decrease chroma, while the citric acid and vinegar cleansers do not\(\text{Figure 3}\). The effects on hue were not significant when compared with the control group\(\text{Table 1, Figure 4}\).

### Table (1): ANOVA test of denture cleansers and control at the first day

|                      | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F   | Sig.  |
|----------------------|----------------|----|-------------|-----|-------|
| **Value**            |                |    |             |     |       |
| Between Groups       | 122.443        | 4  | 30.611      | 6.210| 0.000 |
| Within Groups        | 221.816        | 45 | 4.929       |     |       |
| Total                | 344.259        | 49 |             |     |       |
| Chroma               |                |    |             |     |       |
| Between Groups       | 7.757          | 4  | 1.939       | 9.273| 0.000 |
| Within Groups        | 9.411          | 45 | 0.209       |     |       |
| Total                | 17.168         | 49 |             |     |       |
| Hue                  |                |    |             |     |       |
| Between Groups       | 93.105         | 4  | 23.276      | 1.491| 0.221 |
| Within Groups        | 702.411        | 45 | 15.609      |     |       |
| Total                | 795.516        | 49 |             |     |       |

![Figure(2): Duncan Multiple Rang Test for value at the first day](image)
At the third day, the effects of denture cleansers on value were significant (P=0.008) (Table 2); with the citric acid, salt, and alum cleansers significantly decrease value; the results are more illustrated in(Figure 5). The effects on chroma were significant(P=0.002)(Table 2); with the citric acid, salt, and alum cleansers significantly decrease chroma while vinegar cleanser does not(Figure 6). The effects on hue were significant(P=0.002) (Table 2); with the citric acid and salt cleansers significantly decrease hue while the vinegar and alum cleansers do not(Figure7).

Table(2):ANOVA test of denture cleansers and control at the third day

|               | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F     | Sig.    |
|---------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|---------|
| **Value**     |                |    |             |       |         |
| Between Groups| 47.125         | 4  | 11.781      | 3.975 | 0.008   |
| Within Groups  | 133.373        | 45 | 2.964       |       |         |
| Total          | 180.498        | 49 |             |       |         |
| **Chroma**    |                |    |             |       |         |
| Between Groups | 8.659          | 4  | 2.165       | 5.141 | 0.002   |
| Within Groups  | 18.948         | 45 | 0.421       |       |         |
| Total          | 27.607         | 49 |             |       |         |
| **Hue**       |                |    |             |       |         |
| Between Groups | 650.988        | 4  | 162.747     | 5.095 | 0.002   |
| Within Groups  | 1437.397       | 45 | 31.942      |       |         |
| Total          | 2088.385       | 49 |             |       |         |
At the seventh day, the effects on value were significant (P=0.010) (Table 3); with the citric acid, salt, and alum cleansers significantly decrease value. The results are more specified in (Figure 8). The effects on chroma were significant (P=0.000) (Table 3); with the citric acid, salt, and alum cleansers significantly decrease chroma while the vinegar cleanser does not (Figure 9). The effects on hue were significant (P=0.041) (Table 3); with the citric acid cleanser decrease hue and the other results are shown on (Figure 10).
Table (3): ANOVA test of denture cleansers and control at the seventh day

|       | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F     | Sig.  |
|-------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|
| Value | Between Groups | 46.265 | 4 | 11.566 | 3.739 | 0.010 |
|       | Within Groups  | 139.214 | 45 | 3.094 |       |       |
|       | Total          | 185.479 | 49 |     |       |       |
|       | Between Groups | 10.897 | 4 | 2.724 | 6.425 | 0.000 |
| Chroma| Within Groups  | 19.080 | 45 | 0.424 |       |       |
|       | Total          | 29.977 | 49 |     |       |       |
| Hue   | Between Groups | 422.029 | 4 | 105.507 | 2.726 | 0.041 |
|       | Within Groups  | 1741.754 | 45 | 38.706 |       |       |
|       | Total          | 2163.783 | 49 |     |       |       |

Figure (8): Duncan Multiple Rang Test for value at the seventh day

Figure (9): Duncan Multiple Rang Test for Chroma at the seventh day
Effect of denture cleansers on color of soft liner

At the fourteenth day, the effects on value were significant ($P=0.000$) (Table 4); with the citric acid, salt, and alum cleansers significantly decrease value and the vinegar cleanser does not (Figure 11). The effects on chroma were significant ($P=0.000$) (Table 4); with the citric acid, salt, and alum cleansers significantly decrease chroma while the vinegar cleanser does not (Figure 12). The effect on hue were significant ($P=0.001$) (Table 4); with the citric acid and salt cleansers significantly decrease hue while the vinegar and alum cleansers do not (Figure 13).

Table 4: ANOVA test of denture cleansers and control at the fourteenth day

|       | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F      | Sig.  |
|-------|----------------|----|-------------|--------|-------|
| Value |                |     |             |        |       |
| Between Groups | 82.305 | 4  | 20.576 | 8.961 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups   | 103.330 | 45 | 2.296 |       |       |
| Total            | 185.635 | 49 |        |        |       |
| Chroma |                |     |             |        |       |
| Between Groups | 9.687 | 4  | 2.422 | 6.378 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups   | 17.087 | 45 | 0.380 |       |       |
| Total            | 26.774 | 49 |        |        |       |
| Hue |                |     |             |        |       |
| Between Groups | 773.761 | 4  | 193.440 | 5.406 | 0.001 |
| Within Groups   | 1610.342 | 45 | 35.785 |       |       |
| Total            | 2384.103 | 49 |        |        |       |

Figure (10): Duncan Multiple Range Test for Hue at the seventh day

Figure (11): Duncan Multiple Range Test for value at the fourteenth day
DISCUSSION

It has been reported that denture cleansers can cause loss of soluble components and plasticizers, or absorption of water or saliva by the soft lining materials.\(^{(17)}\)

The mechanism of color change cannot be known exactly, but it can be estimated.\(^{(18)}\)

The color change of the denture base polymer may be also caused by penetration of the colored substance through the process of sorption. Therefore, if the contacting solutions are pigmented, discoloration will be possible.\(^{(19)}\)

The color changes of soft denture liners are attributed to changes in the colorants used, a change in color of the elastomer, or both. Some colorants or elastomers may be affected by high humidity.\(^{(19)}\)

“Citric acid+ soda” produced a significant decrease in the value, chroma, and hue of the soft liner specimens and this decrease may be due to the chelating property of the sodium citrate that is produced from the reaction between the citric acid and soda (sodium bicarbonate). This can be illustrated as sodium citrate solution has pH value close to the neutral which makes it more effective in chelation (removal of the organic and inorganic components of the deposit). The chelating process will involve removal of colorant substances of material.\(^{(20,8)}\) These findings are in agreement with Al–Aubadi.\(^{(2)}\)

“Apple vinegar+ soda” (Acidic denture cleanser) was shown to affect insignificantly the value, chroma, and hue of the soft liner specimens. These findings are in agreement with Al-Abbas and Asmussen who found that the reduction of the pH of the storage water had only little effect on the color of acrylic resin materials.\(^{(10,21)}\)

Alum (potassium Aluminum sulphate) produced a significant decrease in the value and chroma of the soft liner specimens. This may be due to the fact that when the non-aqueous solution of the
aluminum salt dissolved in the water the eighth surfaces aluminum ion formed \(\text{[Al (H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{]}^{3+}\). It will then hydrolyze to form \((\text{H}_2\text{O})\) that gives acidity to the solution.

\[
2\text{KAl (SO}_4\text{)} + 12 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{[Al (H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{]}^{3+} + \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4
\]

The very high acidity of the solution \((\text{pH}=3.27)\) leads to an increase in water sorption. \(^{(2)}\)

**CONCLUSIONS**

The effects of different denture cleansers tested on different color properties of permanent soft liner tested were different. The effect of the immersion period on the different color properties tested was different for each denture cleanser. The citric acid solution cleanser decrease value, chroma, and hue. The salt solution cleanser decrease value, chroma, and hue. The citric acid and salt solution cleansers differ in their effect in relation to the amount of decrease in all color properties tested and the time required for such change. The apple vinegar solution cleanser does not affect significantly any of the color properties tested. The alum solution cleanser decrease value and chroma, but does not affect hue.

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