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## RESUMO

**Objetivo:** Este estudo teve como objetivo avaliar, in vivo, a propriedades da cor em cada etapa realizada no tratamento com facetas de cerâmica e correlacioná-la com a espessura do laminado e tipo de dente tratado. **Material e Métodos:** Dez pacientes submetidos a tratamento estético com laminados ceramicos em dentes antero superiores foram incluídos como participantes. A análise de cor com o espectrofotômetro foi realizada no início do estudo, após a preparação do dente, imediatamente após a cimentação (final 1) e após 12 meses de acompanhamento. Os dados de  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ ,  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta E00$  e  $\Delta SGU$  foram obtidos. A espessura do laminado cerâmico também foi medida com a utilização de especímetro analógico. Cada paciente foi considerado como um bloco estatístico e os resultados médios de cada dente (incisivos centrais, incisivos laterais e caninos superiores) foram apresentados. Utilizou-se ANOVA e teste de Tukey para comparar os resultados para cada dente; Teste de Pearson para correlacionar espessura e mudança de cor (ambas as análises considerando  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ ,  $\Delta E$  e  $\Delta E00$ ); e teste de Friedman e Kruskal-Wallis para avaliar os resultados do  $\Delta SGU$  ( $\alpha = 5\%$ ). **Resultados:** Não houve diferenças na espessura da cerâmica considerando os dentes tratados. Em relação a  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ , o tratamento com laminados produziu alterações apenas em  $\Delta b^*$ , considerando as medidas finais em relação à linha de base ( $p < 0,05$ ). Considerando  $\Delta E$ , apenas os caninos apresentaram alterações perceptíveis ( $p < 0,05$ ). Em relação a  $\Delta E00$ , não foram encontradas diferenças ( $p > 0,05$ ). Houve correlação significativa ( $p < 0,05$ ) entre espessura da cerâmica e  $\Delta L^*$  ( $r = -0,372$ ),  $\Delta a^*$  ( $r = 0,49$ ) e  $\Delta b^*$  ( $r = 0,37$ ). A variação de  $\Delta SGU$  foi significativa ao se comparar as análises pós-cimentado com após o preparo ( $p < 0,05$ ). **Conclusão:** O tratamento com laminados de cerâmicos resultou em mudança de cor principalmente em função do eixo  $b^*$ , produzindo diferenças objetivas em relação à análise  $\Delta E$ , principalmente no caso de caninos. Existe uma correlação em relação à espessura da cerâmica e mudança de cor após o preparo.

**Palavras-Chave:** Cor, laminados cerâmicos, avaliação da tonalidade.



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## ABSTRACT

### Objective analysis of color in treatment with ceramic laminates: in vivo study

**Objective:** This study aimed to assess, in vivo, the color proprieties in each stage performed in the treatment with ceramic laminate and to correlate it with the thickness of the laminate and to the tooth treated. **Material and methods:** Ten patients who underwent to esthetic treatment were included as participants. Color analysis with VITA Spectrophotometer were performed at baseline, after tooth preparation, immediately after cementation (final 1) and after 12 months of follow-up (final 2). Data of  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ ,  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta E00$  and  $\Delta SGU$  were obtained. Thickness of the veneer was also recorded. Each patient was considered as a statistical block and the mean results for each tooth (upper central incisors, lateral incisors and canines) were presented. ANOVA and Tukey's test were used to compare the results for each tooth; Pearson's test to correlate thickness and color change (both analysis considering  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ ,  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta E00$ ); and Friedman and Kruskal-Wallis test to evaluate the  $\Delta SGU$  results ( $\alpha = 5\%$ ). **Results:** There were no differences in the ceramic thickness considering the teeth treated. In relation to  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ , the treatment with laminates produced changes only in  $\Delta b^*$ , considering the final measurements in relation to baseline ( $p < 0.05$ ). Considering  $\Delta E$ , just the canines showed perceptible changes ( $p < 0.05$ ). In relation to  $\Delta E00$ , no differences were found ( $p > 0.05$ ). There was significant correlation ( $p < 0.05$ ) between ceramic thickness and  $\Delta L^*$  ( $r = -0.372$ ),  $\Delta a^*$  ( $r = 0.49$ ) and  $\Delta b^*$  ( $r = 0.37$ ). The  $\Delta SGU$  variation were significant when compared the final measurements with the preparation. **Conclusions:** The treatment with ceramic laminate resulted in color change mainly depending on the  $b^*$  axis, producing objective differences, concerning  $\Delta E$  analysis, mainly in case of canines. There is a correlation in relation to ceramic thickness and color change after preparation.

**Keywords:** Color, Ceramic veneers, shade evaluation.

## SUMMARY

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# **1 - Introduction**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Aesthetics can be defined as the science of human sensory faculties that deals with capturing beauty and is a concept that is based on philosophy, history, the arts and common sense, the psychosocial response of satisfaction with the appearance of anterior teeth when a patient smiles may be influenced by the color. (Yilmaz, Gonuldas et al. 2014, Briemann and Pelli 2018). Aesthetics is based on subjective criteria, since it is a sensation or judgment that obeys individual preferences, guided by cultural, geographical and temporal. Tooth color is considered of great value to the esthetic and appearance of the smile (Paravina, Ghinea et al. 2015) and, frequently, this is the main expected outcome for patients who undergo an esthetic treatment with ceramic laminate (Hallmann, Ulmer et al. 2019). Color is the property of a substance to reflect or absorb some of the visible white light and perceptual ability of the human eye (Witzel and Gegenfurtner 2018). Clinical studies evaluation how the ceramic veneers change the final tooth color of the smile are lacking.

Besides to improve tooth color, laminate veneers are indicated to increase tooth size, close diastemas, and to correct form and discoloration. (Calamia and Calamia 2007, de Azevedo Cubas, Camacho et al. 2011, Shono and Al Nahedh 2012) Clinically, the treatment with ceramic laminate presents several advantages, mainly in relation to optical properties and mechanical resistance, which make them a treatment with higher durability and longevity (Kelly, Nishimura et al. 1996). In relation to the color, ceramic laminate are considered more stable than the composite resin ones, once the composite material has a lower degree of aesthetics due to the lack of translucency of the material and color stability in time. Clinical trials relate emergence of porous surface and marginal discoloration in composite veneers overtime. (Meijering, Creugers et al. 1998, Gresnigt, Kalk et al. 2012) Nowadays, ceramic laminate may be performed in a conservative way, once newer generations of all-ceramic systems and adhesive cements allow dentists to use a minimally invasive approach and make thinner restorations, saving tooth structure and providing superior esthetic results (Czigola, Abram et al. 2019).

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The final color of the ceramic laminate depends on the interaction between three main colors: ceramic material, dental substrate and the selected cementing agent; which associated with the thickness of the veneer and its translucency, will establish the chromatic result of the restoration.(Shono and Al Nahedh 2012) Studies point to translucency as one of the main factors in aesthetic aesthetics and a critical consideration in material selection. (Kelly, Nishimura et al. 1996, Vichi, Louca et al. 2011, Bagis and Turgut. 2013) Heat pressed ceramics, as lithium disilicate, have a great variety of colors and translucency levels.(Soim, Strimbu et al. 2018) The color of ceramic restorations varies according to many factors such as the thickness of porcelain (O'Brien, Kay et al. 1991) and of dentin; (Jacobs, Goodacre et al. 1987, Shokry, Shen et al. 2006) trademark (Hammad and Stein 1990, Ozturk, Uludag et al. 2008) and condensation techniques, (O'Brien, Kay et al. 1991) surface smoothness, (Brewer, Garlapo et al. 1990) degree of firings (Hammad and Stein 1991), and number of firings (Jorgenson and Goodkind 1979, Barghi and Lorenzana 1982).

To understand how the optical change of the tooth with a ceramic laminate occurs, the purpose of this longitudinal in vivo evaluation was to assess the color alteration between each stage of the treatment with laminates (initial, after tooth preparation, and after cementation), correlating the obtained data with the ceramic thickness. The hypotheses were that the kind of tooth prepared (central incisors, lateral incisors and canines) and the thickness of the ceramic would not influence on the color change of the teeth treated with ceramic laminate.

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## **2 - Objective**



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## **2 OBJECTIVE**

This study aimed to assess, in vivo, the color alteration in each stage performed in the treatment with ceramic laminate and to correlate it with the thickness of the laminate.



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## **3 - Material e Methods**

## **3 MATERIAL AND METHODS**

### **3.1 Experimental Design**

This 12-month longitudinal clinical evaluation was approved by the local Ethical Committee (CAAE 20311519.8.0000.5220). Written informed consent was obtained from the 10 participants included in the study. All participants were patients who undergo do the clinic seeking for esthetic treatment. Following the conditions and indications to the esthetic treatment with ceramic veneers, they were invited to participate to the study. The primary outcome was to evaluate color alteration in function of veneer thickness and kind of tooth treated. Therefore, blindness was not possible as well as the standardization of the products / materials used. The general conditions, as presence of active caries and periodontal disease, were prioritized for the indication of this kind of treatment as usually should be. Patients with severe-color alteration were excluded. No pregnant or breast-feeding woman, or smokers, took part of the study. The study included participants of either gender (70% men), aged 25 to 54 years, and with any tooth shade. Color analysis was performed using a spectrophotometer (VITA Easyshade, VITA Zahnfabrik, Bad Säckingrn, Germany) to assess  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ ,  $\Delta E$  from  $\Delta E_{00}$  from  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  values; and  $\Delta SGU$ , from scored following the VITA color shade. Each participant was considered as a statistical block, being evaluated the mean or median values obtained for each tooth (central incisor, lateral incisor or canine), in each analysis.

### **3.2. Treatment**

All stages of treatment were performed by the same operator and, in this stance, the conditions of work was always the same (planning with impression for wax-up and mock-up, preparation with new diamond burs, impression with polyvinyl siloxane material, provisionalization with bisacrylic resin Protemp - 3M ESPE, cementation under isolation. The sequence of treatment was follow: 1) Initial clinical evaluation with obtaining of photographs and dental casts for planning; 2) Mock-up appointment for approval of the final outcome of the treatment; 3) Tooth preparation, impression and provisional restorations; 4) Cementation and 5) Appointments for follow-up. All ceramic laminate were made by pressable lithium disilicate HTBL4 (30%); HTBL3

(30%); HTBL2 (10%); HTA1 (10%); MOBL4 (20%) (E-Max, Ivoclar Vivadent AG, Schaan / Liechtenstein), obtained from the same technician. The color of ceramic and cements were not standardized and it was chosen in according to the patient. A summary of the main materials used is in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Materials used in the treatments.

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Specifications and use in participants (%)</b>
Initial Impression	Polivyinyl siloxane	Virtual - Ivoclar Vivadent (100%)
Tooth Preparation	Diamond burs	1014, 2135, 2135F - KG Sorensen (100%)
	Abrasive disks	Pop-On - 3M ESPE (100%)
Impression after preparation	Retraction cords	Ultrapack 000 - Ultradent (100%)
	Polivyinyl siloxane	Virtual - Ivoclar (100%)
Provisional restorations	Bysacrylic Resin	Protemp - 3M ESPE (100%)
Ceramic	Lithium dissilicate	E-MAX Press - Ivoclar Vivadent *HTBL4 (30%); HTBL3 (30%); HTBL2 (10%); HTA1 (10%); MOBL4 (20%)
Cementation	Fluoridric Acid	Porcelain Etch - FGM
	Silane	Monobond N - Ivoclar Vivadent
	Phosphoric acid	Ultra-etch - Ultradent (100%)
	Adhesive	Single Bond II - 3M ESPE
	Conventional resin	Variolink Veneer Light - Ivoclar Vivadent (70%)
	photoactivated cement	Variolink Veneer Neutral - Ivoclar Vivadent (10%) NX3 Opaque White - Kerr (10%) AllCem E-bleach - FGM (10%)

No previous bleaching procedure and the tooth preparation was performed in according with the previously determined by the mock-up. The thickness of the

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preparation was always controlled by the silicone matrix guide obtained from the wax-up. All the preparations were positioned 0.5 mm under the gingival margin following the anatomy of the teeth. The proximal and occlusal regions were involved when necessary. After placement of the retraction cords in the prepared tooth, maxillary arch impressions were made with polyvinyl siloxane (Virtual - Ivoclar Vivadent) with the double-mix technique and Type IV gypsum (GC Fujirock EP, GC America) were obtained to be scanned and follow the production of the pressable ceramic veneers. The provisionalization was performed with bisacrylic resin (Protemp - 3M ESPE).

Before the cementation, each veneer was analyzed in relation to the presence of stains or cracks and the thickness of each one was noted. The cementation was performed as regularly recommended, (Peumans, Van Meerbeek et al. 2000, Duran Ojeda, Henriquez Gutierrez et al. 2017) under rubber dam isolation using the conventional light-activated resin cements (Variolink Veneer Light - Ivoclar Vivadent (70%) Variolink Veneer Neutral - Ivoclar Vivadent (10%) NX3 Opaque White - Kerr (10%) AllCem E-bleach - FGM (10%). The light polymerization was performed using a polywave led (Valo - Ultradent).

### **3.3 Color analysis**

Color analysis were performed at initial (baseline), at the preparation appointment (preparation), immediately after cementation (final 1) and at 12 months (mean of 7 months) follow-up (final 2), using a clinical spectrophotometer (VITA Easyshade, VITA Zahnfabrik, Bad Säckingrn, Germany). For each patient, a individualized guide made with polyvinyl siloxane material (Virtual, Ivoclar Vivadent AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein) was obtained from the wax-up. In this guide, in each tooth - central and lateral incisors and canine - a 6-mm diameter window were positioned on middle of the buccal surface to standardize the position for the color evaluation. The color measurements were recorded in the CIE L\*a\*b\* system, which defines color on 3 coordinates: L\* lightness, ranging from 0 (black) to 100 (white); and a\* and b\*, chromatic characteristics ranging from red (+a\*) to green (-a\*) and yellow (+b\*) to blue (-b\*) (Şoim et al., 2018; Marchionatti et al., 2017). The color was measured 4 times, and the mean of L\*, a\*, and b\* values were calculated. The variation of each coordinate between the first and subsequent measurements was calculated as follows:  $[\Delta L^* = L^*_{\text{prep/final1/final2}} - L^*_{\text{initial}}]$ ;  $[\Delta a^* = a^*_{\text{prep/final1/final2}} - a^*_{\text{initial}}]$ , and  $[\Delta b^* = b^*_{\text{prep/final1/final2}} - b^*_{\text{initial}}]$ .

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The CIELab color change ( $\Delta E$ ) was calculated according to the following formula:  $\Delta E = [(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2]^{1/2}$ .

Color differences were also calculated using the CIEDE2000 formula as follows:  $\Delta E_{00} = [(\Delta L'/K_L S_L)^2 + (\Delta C'/K_C S_C)^2 + (\Delta J'/K_H S_H)^2 + R_T(\Delta C'/K_C S_C)(\Delta H'/K_H S_H)]^{1/2}$ , where  $\Delta L'$ ,  $\Delta C'$ , and  $\Delta H'$  are the differences in lightness, chroma, and hue, respectively, between the baseline and the subsequent color readings;  $R_T$  is the rotation function corresponding to chroma and hue difference interaction in the blue region;  $S_L$ ,  $S_C$  and  $S_H$  are weighting terms for adjustment of the total color difference for variation in perceived magnitude with variation in the location of the color coordinate difference between 2 color measurements; and  $K_L$ ,  $K_C$  and  $K_H$  are correction terms for the experimental conditions. (Ghinea, Perez et al. 2010)

The Vita EasyShade also provide the qualitative analysis in according to the VITA Classical or VITA 3-D Master shade guide. The results for the VITA Classical guide were scored from 1 (B1) to 16 (C4) in decreasing order of value: B1, A1, B2, D2, A2, C1, C2, D4, A3, D3, B3, A3.5, B4, C3, A4, and C4. The smaller the numeric value, the lighter the tooth. From this, the  $\Delta$ SGU (variation in shade unit guide) was calculated from each measurement (preparation, final 1 or final 2) in relation do baseline ( $\Delta$ SGU = Prep/final1/final2 - baseline). This was performed for each tooth individually.

### **3.4 Statistical Analysis**

The data related to the color analysis,  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$ ,  $\Delta b^*$ ,  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta E_{00}$ , and the thickness of the laminate veneers were verified with the Shapiro-Wilk test to check normal distribution and possible outliers. After that, the ANOVA and Tukey tests were applied to compare the results obtained for each kind of tooth (central incisors, lateral incisors and canines). Pearson's correlation was used to evaluate the relation between ceramic veneers thickness and the color variables.

The data related to the  $\Delta$ SGU were evaluated with non-parametric tests. Friedman test were used to evaluate the color variation in different moments, for each tooth. The comparisons between color measurements and different tooth was

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done with Kruskal-Wallis and Dunn tests. The level of significance for all analysis was set at 5%.

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# 4 - Results

## 4 RESULTS

Table 2 presents the thickness of ceramic laminates in according to each kind or tooth treated. The results showed a similar variation in thickness without statistical difference when compared the central incisors, lateral incisors and canines.

**Table 2.** Thickness of ceramic veneers in according to the teeth prepared.

Teeth	Final laminate thickness (mm)					
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Min	Max	
Central incisors (CI)	0.9	0.2	1.0	0.5	1.1	a
Lateral incisors (LI)	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.8	1.1	a
Canines (C)	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.25	a
All teeth (CI, LI, C)	0.9	0.2	0.9	0.5	1.25	

\*Different letters indicate statistical differences between the measurements analyzed.

Table 3 shows the results for  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$  and  $\Delta b^*$  comparing the different measurement for each tooth, as well as the result for all teeth. In general, tooth preparation result in an increase of the color axes ( $a^*$  and  $b^*$ ), which reduce in the analisys that compare the final measurements with baseline. In any situation, central incisors, lateral incisors, canines or considering all teeth, there was significant difference just for  $\Delta b^*$  for the variation considering the final measurements (Final and Final 2) in relation to baseline ( $p < 0.05$ ). Analyzing the results, it can be seen that, in this situations, there was a reducing in  $\Delta b^*$  values.

**Table 3.** Mean (+/- SD) of CIE L\*a\*b\* values comparing the different measurements.

		$\Delta L^*$	$\Delta a^*$	$\Delta b^*$
<i>Baseline vs.</i>				
Central incisors (CI)	Tooth preparation	3.4 (4.8) a	0.3 (2.0) a	6.5 (5.5) a
	Final – After cementation (immediate)	1.4 (4.3) a	-0.9 (1.4) a	-5.0 (5.2) b
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	0.3 (4.0) a	-1.0 (1.4) a	-5.6 (4.8) b
<i>Baseline vs.</i>				
Lateral incisors (LI)	Tooth preparation	1.5 (3.1) a	-0.2 (1.0) a	8.3 (6.0) a
	Final – After cementation (immediate)	-0.8 (4.0) a	-0.6 (1.5) a	-5.6 (5.4) b
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	-1.7 (4.1) a	-0.4 (1.5) a	-5.1 (3.7) b
<i>Baseline vs.</i>				
Canines (C)	Tooth preparation	-4.6 (7.5) a	0.2 (0.8) a	5.1 (5.2) a
	Final – After cementation (immediate)	-0.8 (3.4) a	0.3 (1.3) a	-4.1 (3.2) b
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	-2.8 (2.0) a	0.4 (1.4) a	-6.2 (5.5) b
<i>Baseline vs.</i>				
All teeth (CI, LI, C)	Tooth preparation	-0.50 (6.7) a	0.13 (1.4) a	6.62 (5.6) a



Final – After cementation (immediate)	-0.07 (4.0) a	-0.41 (1.4) a	-5.41 (5.3) b
Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	-1.11 (3.9) a	-0.34 (1.5) a	-5.61 (4.6) b

\*Different letters indicate statistical differences between the measurements analyzed.

Considering  $\Delta E$  e  $\Delta E_{00}$  analysis, Table 4 shows statistically significant differences just for  $\Delta E$  in case of canine, once the evaluations considering the final measurements and baseline were statistically different from baseline x tooth preparation ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Table 4.** Mean +/- SD of  $\Delta E$  e  $\Delta E_{00}$  values comparing the different measurements.

		$\Delta E$	$\Delta E_{00}$
<i>Baseline vs.</i>			
Central incisors (CI)	Tooth preparation	9.4 (5.8) a	6.0 (3.6) a
	Final – After cementation (immediate)	7.5 (4.0) a	5.2 (2.2) a
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	7.4 (3.8) a	5.0 (2.0) a
<i>Baseline vs.</i>			
Lateral incisors (LI)	Tooth preparation	9.1 (5.8) a	5.1 (3.3) a
	Final – After cementation (immediate)	7.6 (4.5) a	5.2 (2.7) a
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	6.9 (2.9) a	5.7 (2.8) a
<i>Baseline vs.</i>			
Canines (C)	Tooth preparation	10.1 (5.1) a	6.6 (3.6) a
	Final – After cementation (immediate)	5.7 (2.6) b	4.8 (3.2) a
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	6.4 (2.0) b	5.9 (3.4) a
<i>Baseline vs.</i>			
All teeth (CI, LI,	Tooth preparation	9.54 (5.4) a	6.0 (3.4) a

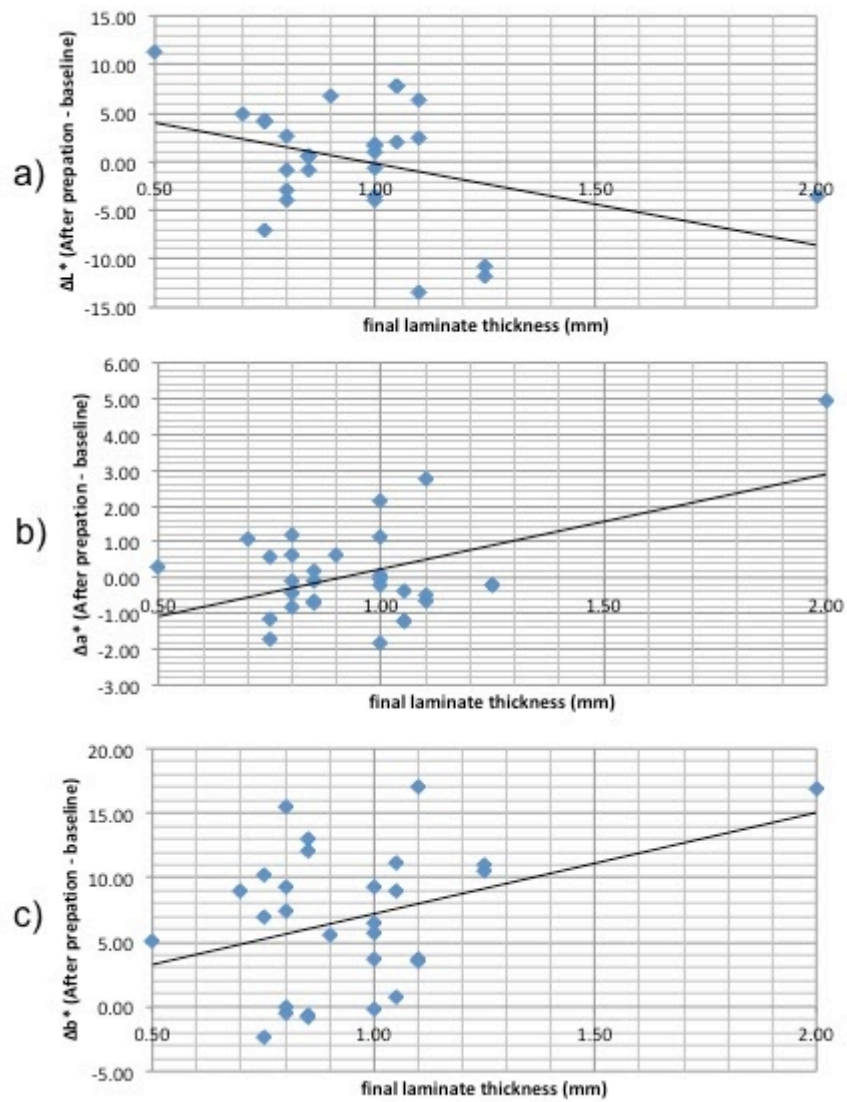
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C)	Final – After cementation (immediate)	6.96 (3.8) a	5.1 (2.6) a
	Final 2 – After cementation (1 year)	7.95 (4.8) a	5.8 (3.0) a

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\*Different letters indicate statistical differences between the measurements analyzed.

The Pearson's correlation was statistically significant just for  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$  and  $\Delta b^*$  obtained from the measurements after tooth preparation and baseline, in relation to ceramic thickness. According with Figure 3, it can be seen that  $\Delta L^*$  decrease in while the thickness of ceramic increase ( $r=-0.372$  ;  $p=0.04$ ). For  $\Delta a^*$  and  $\Delta b^*$  a positive correlation is verified, the values increase as the thickness increase ( $\Delta a^*$ :  $r=0.49$  ;  $p=0.05$  /  $\Delta b^*$ :  $r=0.37$  ;  $p=0.04$ ). In relation to the other analysis -  $\Delta E$  e  $\Delta E_{00}$ , and the other measurements (final conditions in relation to baseline), no significant correlations were found ( $p>0.05$ ) (data no shown).



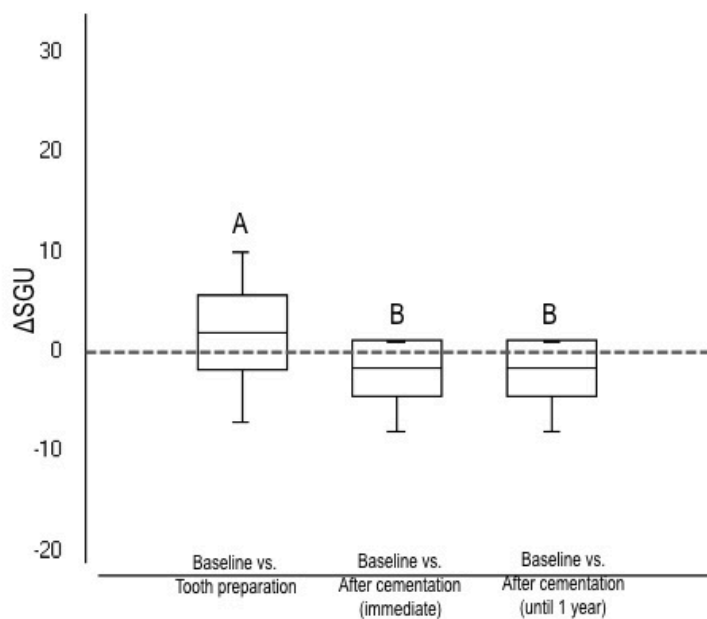
**Figure 3.** Pearson's correlation for the analysis considering after tooth preparation and baseline: a)  $\Delta L^*$ ; b)  $\Delta a^*$  and c)  $\Delta b^*$

For the analysis considering the VITA scores, the comparison for each measurement for each tooth is in Table 5. It can be seen that, for all comparisons, the final conditions (B1) result in color score statistically similar to the baseline (B1/A1) ( $p < 0.05$ ) for all teeth. The preparation result in color change statistically similar to baseline ( $p < 0.05$ ), but statistically different from the final conditions. There were no differences between the teeth ( $p > 0.05$ ).

**Table 5.** Median (minimum; maximum) of color values by scores (Vita).

	Time			
	Baseline	After Preparation	Final 1	Final 2
Central incisors (CI)	2 (1; 15) ABa	2 (1; 16) Aa	1 (1; 2) Ba	1 (1; 2) Ba
Lateral incisors (LI)	1 (1; 15) Aa	2.5 (1; 12) Aa	1 (1; 2) Aa	1 (1; 2) Aa
Canines (C)	1.5 (1; 15) ABa	7.5 (1; 16) Aa	1 (1; 2) Ba	1 (1; 2) Ba
All teeth (CI, LI, C)	2 (1; 15) B	3 (1; 16) A	1 (1; 2) B	1 (1; 2) B

Considering  $\Delta$ SGU, in Figure 4 shows that the variation took into consideration the final analysis and baseline resulted in a small value with statistically significant difference in relation to the variation between preparation and baseline ( $p < 0.05$ ).



**Figure 4.**  $\Delta$ SGU box plot show median, first and third quartiles, and minimum and maximum values considering all teeth. Different letter indicate statistical difference between measurements.



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# 5 - Discussion

## 5 DISCUSSION

The present results support the rejection of the null hypothesis once it could be seen that the thickness and the tooth prepared had influence on the color change results. In general, this was expected once different tooth - central incisors, lateral incisors and canines - have differences in relation to the optical appearance (Falcone, Kelly et al. 2016). In relation to the thickness of the ceramic veneer, it has to take into account that the material itself has optical properties - color and translucency - which can modify the dental substrate. It was not the aim of the study, but important aspects to discuss the results were quietly standardized, as thickness and color of ceramic, kind and color of cement). To the best of author's knowledge, there are not available studies which perform the color variation in of the treatment with ceramic laminates in function of tooth prepared and/or ceramic thickness, which justify this study.

Regarding the color coordinate results, it can be seen that tooth preparation did not alter the variations in  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ . Interesting,  $\Delta b^*$  showed variation with the treatment with ceramic laminates (considering the final measurements and baseline). After treatment, a significant reducing in  $\Delta b^*$  values were observed, presenting a change from positive to negative values, which indicate a dislocation in the direction

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to blue color, making less yellow (Rosenstiel and Johnston 1988, Hallmann, Ulmer et al. 2019). Positive  $\Delta a$  values indicate a reddish color (Rosenstiel and Johnston 1988). In general, in all situations, the value for this coordinate was low positive or negative, without significance when compared. In front of this, it can be inferred that this axis of the hue dimension of the color tooth was not altered with the treatment with ceramic laminates. The  $\Delta L^*$  showed significant differences in certain groups when the measures were compared. The  $L^*$  coordinate are related to the white pigment in color, evidencing the luminosity. The comparisons showed slight variations in this coordinate, showing that the color alteration obtained was not related to the white color. In this study, this may be due to the fact that the initial condition of the tooth treated was around B1-A1 (scores 1-2 / See Table 5) and the final result was B1.

The clinical aspects of the treatment (Figure 1); which clearly shows the "lighter effect" of the ceramic veneers. In front of this, changes in  $L^*$  was expected and just the  $b^*$  axis showed alteration. As translucency permits the passage of light and also disperses light, it could be described as a state between complete opacity and transparency, the light being diffused rather than reflected or absorbed (Awad, Stawarczyk et al. 2015). As translucency has increased with thinner ceramics, the color match in porcelain laminate veneers has become more complicated (Turgut and Bagis 2013). Heffernan et al., concluded that the range of translucency in ceramics at clinically relevant thicknesses resulted from different crystalline compositions. As translucency intends the passage and the dispersion of light, it can be described as a state between complete opacity and transparency, the light being diffused rather than reflected or absorbed (Awad, Stawarczyk et al. 2015). As thinnest a ceramic laminate, more translucent it will be, affecting its color match ability (Turgut and Bagis 2013). In the present results, the thickness of the laminate was approximately 1 mm and most of the cemented substrates were enamel. In front of this, it can be assumed that the  $L^*$  and  $a^*$  values of the initial conditions of the teeth were sustained by the translucent veneers, which modified the hue characteristics of the substrate, changing the  $b^*$  axis.

Even most of the teeth preparation been restricted to enamel, considering the Pearson's correlation and the Figure 3, it can be assumed that as thickest the

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ceramic laminate thickest the enamel wear performed. This is clear, once the correlations were significant when considered the analysis between tooth preparation and baseline, showing that with more preparation, lesser luminosity and higher tendency for dislocation to the red ( $a^*$ ) and yellow ( $b^*$ ). The removing or reducing on enamel thickness, which is translucent, evidence the dentine, a chromed, saturated tissue (Falcone, Kelly et al. 2016). This important once, depending on the clinical situation, a less translucent (MT or LT) ceramic should be uses. In this study, just 20% of the teeth were not treated with high-translucent ceramic. Faced with the obtained results, it can be stated that, when largest color variation is not necessary, the conservative preparations and the thinnest ceramic are applicable, once considering the correlations after the treatment, no differences were found. The  $\Delta E$  is the CIE  $L^*a^*b^*$  color formula (Paravina, Ghinea et al. 2015) used for most studies to evaluate color of tooth (Joiner and Luo 2017) and dental materials (Kamishima, Ikeda et al. 2005, Lim, Yu et al. 2010). The CIEDE2000 adjusted formula was developed to improve CIELab correction between the computed and perceived color (Gomez-Polo, Portillo Munoz et al. 2016). Both formulas were applied in this study to achieve comparability with previous results. Some studies report values in relation to these formulas correlating them with which are clinically perceptible. In according to the literature, variation higher than 3 are considered clinically perceptible (Johnston and Kao 1989, Gomez-Polo, Portillo Munoz et al. 2016). Color difference has been used extensively in dental research and applications, including the quantification of color change caused by processing dental materials (Ghinea, Perez et al. 2010).

The variations observed, as for  $\Delta E$  e  $\Delta E_{00}$  were always clinically perceptible. Considering all teeth, no differences were found in relation to the measurements (final X baseline / preparation X baseline). However, the canine itself showed a lower and significant variation when comparing the final condition in relation to preparation. Morphologically, the canines are considered tooth with more saturation due to its higher amount of dentine located at the buccal face (Falcone, Kelly et al. 2016). So, the canine preparation reduces the enamel thickness exposing the high saturated dentin. After laminate cementation, with bleached colors 90% and whither resin cements (90%) the color alteration in relation baseline is diminished, explained the statistical difference found for  $\Delta E$  in these teeth. Considered the thickness of ceramic



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used in this investigation, it can be concluded that a men of 0.9 mm thickness is adequate to recover a color of canines. It is important to bear in mind the  $\Delta E$  formula is modular and it does not take into account if the variation is positive or negative, being important the analysis of the  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$  and  $\Delta b^*$  coordinates apart. Regarding  $\Delta E_{00}$ , no differences are found.

The evaluation considering the shade unit guides ( $\Delta SGU$ ) taking the VITA score accounts presented data of relevant issue, once the shade color guide if an important instrument of communication between clinician and patients; and between clinicians and technicians. The results showed that the preparation leads to the classification with more darkened scores, as pointed to the numeric results. Besides, the comparison between analysis clearly shows that the treatment achieve the whitening effect of the prepared tooth, once the scores at the final results (in relation to the baseline) were lesser and statistically significant when compared to the analysis between preparation and baseline. This is important once, visually, the proper patient is able to identify a difference, for example of a B1 and A1 conditions. For sure, if the results took into account the common bleached scale (Ivoclar Vivadent) used by clinicians and technicians, the differences would be extrapolated. It is reasonable once 90% of the teeth was treated with bleach colors of ceramic (BL4, BL3, BL2), which in a thinner veneer is translucent but present high value, beeing able to modify the final sensation of the esthetic treatment by the patients themselves.

Despite to not be the primary intention of the study, the results showed that the treatment with ceramic veneers presented color stability until 12-months follow-up. This is already stated in the literature and may be related to several factors, as the employment of veneers of high translucency and thinness (Turgut and Bagis 2013, Barizon, Bergeron et al. 2014), and color stability of the resin cement used (Lee and Choi 2018)

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# 6 - Conclusion

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## 6 CONCLUSION

The results of this study intends to conclude:

1. The treatment with ceramic laminates achieve perceptible color changes for all teeth when considering the variation in unit shade guide based in the VITA scores ( $\Delta$ SGU), and for the canines, when considered the  $\Delta E$  analysis.
2. There is a correlation between the thickness of the ceramic laminate and the color alteration after tooth preparation, considering the  $\Delta L^*$ ,  $\Delta a^*$  and  $\Delta b^*$ .
3. The final color alteration produced by the treatment with thinner and translucent ceramic laminates is mainly related to the changes in  $b^*$  axis.
4. There was no significant color change after 12 months.

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