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# **AN IN VITRO STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF NATURAL ALTERNATIVE SALIVA SUBSTITUTES ON ENAMEL WEAR**



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## **Preface**

A dry mouth is a distressing condition. At this time there are few commercially available saliva substitutes. The availability of these has been restricted because of the expense which could be beyond the financial reach of many patients in the western developed nations. In most developing nations it could be argued that artificial saliva substitutes would be beyond the reach of most people. This report contains information on the testing of some potential saliva substitutes and their effects on tooth wear in comparison to water. This experiment used the potential saliva substitutes tested in earlier work, where filance (stringablity) had been tested. It is hoped that identification of readily available vegetable products which can be easily prepared in homes in developing countries might offer saliva substitutes to many people where this is now unheard of.

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