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RESUMO

O objetivo deste trabalho foi realizar uma revisão sistemática e meta-análise a fim de comparar o desempenho clínico de restaurações diretas em resina composta (RC) convencional ou bulk-fill com RC autoadesivas em dentes permanentes, independentemente do tipo de cavidade e estratégia adesiva utilizada. O desempenho clínico foi avaliado de acordo com os critérios da FDI (World Dental Federation) e do USPHS (United States Public Health Service). Após a aplicação das chaves de busca nas bases de dados (Medline/PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, Embase, LILACS, The Cochrane Library, Base, Google scholar e OpenGray), 971 artigos foram identificados e 13 foram incluídos para análise. Um total de 486 participantes com idade entre 6 e 79 anos receberam 1159 restaurações, sendo 658 realizadas com RC convencional ou bulk-fill e 501 com RC autoadesiva. O período de acompanhamento variou de imediatamente após a restauração (baseline) até 60 meses. De maneira geral, os estudos revelaram que não houve diferença significativa para os desfechos de manchamento marginal, estabilidade de cor, fratura/retenção, adaptação marginal, desgaste, sensibilidade pós-operatória e recorrência de cárie, erosão e abrasão. Os estudos revelaram baixo risco de viés para a maioria dos domínios, no entanto, a certeza de evidência foi considerada baixa na maioria dos critérios avaliados. Considerando as limitações do estudo, pode-se concluir que a RC autoadesiva apresenta desempenho clínico satisfatório e comparável às RC convencionais ou bulk-fill. No entanto, a baixa certeza de evidência sugere que mais estudos clínicos são necessários para consolidar os achados desta revisão.

Palavras-chave: resina composta, restauração dentária permanente, revisão sistemática.

ABSTRACT

This study aimed to conduct a systematic review and meta-analysis to compare the clinical performance of direct restorations using conventional or bulk-fill resin composites (RC) with self-adhesive RCs in permanent teeth, regardless of cavity type or adhesive strategy employed. Clinical performance was assessed based on the FDI (World Dental Federation) or the USPHS criteria (United States Public Health Service). After applying the search strategy across databases (Medline/PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, Embase, LILACS, The Cochrane Library, Base, Google Scholar, and OpenGray), 971 articles were identified, and 13 were included for analysis. A total of 486 participants aged 6 to 79 years received 1,159 restorations, of which 658 were performed with conventional or bulk-fill RCs and 501 with self-adhesive RCs. The follow-up period ranged from immediately after restoration (baseline) to 60 months. Overall, the studies revealed no significant differences in the outcomes: marginal staining, color stability, fracture/retention, marginal adaptation, wear, postoperative sensitivity, recurrence of caries, erosion, or abrasion. The studies demonstrated a low risk of bias for most domains; however, the certainty of evidence was considered low for most of the evaluated criteria. Considering the limitations of this study, it can be concluded that self-adhesive RCs exhibit adequate clinical performance comparable to that of conventional or bulk-fill RCs. Nonetheless, the low certainty of evidence suggests that further clinical studies are needed to consolidate the findings of this review.

Keywords: resin composite, dental restoration, systematic review

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DESEMPENHO CLÍNICO DE RESTAURAÇÕES DIRETAS COM RESINA COMPOSTA AUTOADESIVA: UMA REVISÃO SISTEMÁTICA E META-ANÁLISE¹

CLINICAL PERFORMANCE OF SELF-ADHESIVE RESIN COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS¹

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1 INTRODUÇÃO

A resina composta (RC) é o material de escolha para restaurações diretas em dentes anteriores e posteriores. Para tornar viável sua versatilidade de aplicação clínica, a RC deve cumprir diferentes requisitos físicos, mecânicos e biológicos [1,2]. No entanto, a restauração direta com RC apresenta-se como uma técnica restauradora sensível, envolvendo diferentes etapas, na qual o nível de habilidade do operador influencia no sucesso e longevidade do procedimento [3]. Além disso, adequado condicionamento ácido e controle da umidade dentinária, eliminação completa de solventes, correta aplicação do sistema adesivo e formação de uma camada híbrida estável e homogênea são desafios clínicos durante a execução de procedimentos adesivos [1,4-6], ao mesmo tempo que representam fatores cruciais para o estabelecimento de uma adesão adequada da RC aos substratos dentários [7].

Visando otimizar o tempo clínico, reduzir a sensibilidade da técnica e complexidade das etapas, RC autoadesivas vêm sendo introduzidas no mercado. Com a premissa de simplificação do procedimento restaurador, as RC autoadesivas não necessitam da aplicação prévia de um sistema adesivo sobre os substratos dentários [8]. Isto foi possível devido à incorporação de monômeros ácidos na composição das RC autoadesivas que promovem o autocondicionamento do substrato, dentre eles, o dimetacrilato de glicerol fosfato (GPDM), que apresenta acidez suave ($\text{pH} = 1,9$), metacrilatos carboxílicos (4-MET) e fosfato etil metacrilatos (BMEP) [6]. Além dos monômeros ácidos, a adição de monômeros de caráter hidrofílico, como o metacrilato de hidroxietila (HEMA), auxilia na infiltração da resina melhorando a umectabilidade da superfície para a adesão ao substrato dentinário. Dessa forma, os mecanismos envolvidos na adesão das RC autoadesivas aos substratos dentários são químicos, em que os monômeros ácidos se ligam à hidroxiapatita da estrutura

dentária, e também micromecânica, onde a RC se une às fibrilas colágenas e à *smear layer* da dentina [9]. De acordo com a literatura, a primeira RC autoadesiva comercializada foi a Verte Flow (Kerr), a qual combinava éster de ácido fosfórico etacrilato e dimetacrilato de glicerofosfato (GPDM) como monômeros funcionais [10].

As RC podem ser encontradas em diferentes viscosidades. Quanto maior a quantidade de partículas de carga do material (volume), maior será a sua viscosidade, melhorando as propriedades físico-mecânicas e maior resistência ao desgaste das RC. Entretanto, RC menos viscosas (fluidas) são de grande valia para melhorar a adaptação às paredes da cavidade e para o preenchimento de pequenas cavidades [11], sendo uma das formas de apresentação das RC autoadesivas [9]. A respeito da técnica de inserção, as RC do tipo bulk-fill diferem das RC convencionais por possuir maior profundidade de polimerização, devido à sua maior translucidez, o que permite a sua inserção em incremento único de até 4-5 mm de espessura [12]. Atualmente, RC autoadesivas do tipo bulk-fill também são comercializadas [13,14].

Entretanto, o desempenho das RC autoadesivas, independentemente da forma de apresentação, ainda é permeado de questionamentos e apresenta limitações que devem ser relevadas. Um estudo [15] evidenciou que as RC autoadesivas não apresentaram desempenho adequado em relação à resistência de união, microinfiltração e resistência ao cisalhamento. Além disso, foi demonstrado por uma revisão sistemática [16] que RC fluidas convencionais aplicadas no modo “condiciona e lava” obtiveram adaptação marginal superior às RC fluidas autoadesivas. Também foi observado que restaurações com RC autoadesiva do tipo bulk-fill apresentaram resultados estéticos inferiores às RC bulk-fill convencionais em relação ao brilho de superfície, cor, translucidez e coloração marginal [13,14]. Ademais, observou-se que restaurações com RC autoadesivas promoveram discretas alterações no complexo dentinopulpar, indicando reversibilidade do processo inflamatório frente às agressões do procedimento restaurador adesivo [17]. No que diz respeito à sensibilidade pós-operatória, pacientes que receberam restaurações com RC autoadesivas relataram dor leve principalmente no período de 15 dias após o procedimento, diminuindo com o passar do tempo [6]. No entanto, estudos clínicos demonstraram que o desempenho de RC fluidas autoadesivas é semelhante ao

das RC fluidas convencionais, [9,16,18], sendo indicada como um material alternativo para a restauração direta de dentes permanentes [13,14,16].

De maneira geral, as RC atuais possuem propriedades mecânicas e biológicas adequadas para uso clínico. No entanto, situações clínicas envolvendo alto estresse mastigatório podem levar à fratura da restauração, bem como o seu desgaste [1]. Portanto, qualquer material restaurador definitivo deve possuir propriedades suficientes para manter-se funcional na cavidade bucal por um longo período de tempo. Embora os estudos laboratoriais forneçam informações valiosas sobre as características físicas e mecânicas dos materiais restauradores, os ensaios clínicos são o desenho de estudo preferível para avaliar de fato a longevidade dos materiais frente a condições clínicas reais [19], sendo indispensável para a validação clínica de todo e qualquer novo produto.

Com base na falta de consenso da literatura, faz-se necessário identificar o desempenho das RC autoadesivas a fim de auxiliar o cirurgião-dentista na escolha de um material restaurador com propriedades estéticas, funcionais e biológicas adequadas para uso clínico seguro e eficaz. O objetivo desta revisão sistemática e meta-análise foi comparar o desempenho clínico de restaurações diretas em RC convencional ou bulk-fill com RC autoadesivas em dentes permanentes, independentemente do tipo de cavidade e estratégia adesiva utilizada.

2 MATERIAIS E MÉTODOS

2.1 Protocolo e registro

Esta revisão sistemática foi conduzida de acordo com as diretrizes do Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) [20] e seguiu as recomendações do *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions*. O protocolo foi devidamente registrado no International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO) sob o número de registro CRD42024502834.

2.2 Critérios de elegibilidade

Uma pergunta PICOS de pesquisa foi formulada com base na população (P), intervenção (I), controle/comparação (C), resultados/desfechos (O) e

desenho/tipo de estudo (S). Sendo assim, definiu-se a pergunta PICOS como “Restaurações diretas em resina composta autoadesiva apresentam desempenho clínico superior em comparação às restaurações diretas em resina composta convencional ou bulk-fill?”. A população (P) considerada foram pacientes que necessitavam de restaurações diretas em resina composta em dentes permanentes, independentemente da localização da cavidade. A intervenção (I) avaliada foram restaurações diretas em resina composta autoadesiva, enquanto a comparação (C) considerada foram restaurações diretas em resina composta convencional ou bulk-fill, independentemente da estratégia adesiva utilizada. O desfecho (O) principal avaliado foi o desempenho clínico de acordo com os critérios da FDI (World Dental Federation) e do USPHS (United States Public Health Service). Os tipos de estudo considerados foram ensaios clínicos randomizados (ECR).

Ensaios clínicos não randomizados, estudos observacionais, relatos de caso, estudos piloto, estudos labororiais e envolvendo animais e resumos de congresso ou consensos foram excluídos, assim como estudos que avaliaram restaurações em dentes decíduos, cimentos resinosos autoadesivos e o uso de resinas compostas para o selamento de cicatrículas e fissuras e colagem de bráquetes ortodônticos.

2.3 Bases de dados e estratégia de busca

Uma pesquisa bibliográfica foi realizada nas bases de dados PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, Embase, The Cochrane Library e LILACS, assim como na literatura cinza nas bases Google Scholar, Base e OpenGray. Dois revisores independentes (JFB e AFVE) conduziram as buscas de artigos sem restrições de idioma ou ano de publicação.

As estratégias de busca foram criadas utilizando palavras-chave relevantes para a pergunta de pesquisa. A estratégia de busca final foi exportada e as duplicatas foram removidas utilizando um gerenciador de referências Rayyan QCR.

A tabela 1 descreve a estratégia de busca aplicada em cada base de dados e o respectivo número total de estudos recuperados antes da remoção de duplicatas.

Tabela 1. Estratégia de busca realizada em cada base de dados.

Base de dados	Estratégia de busca*	Resultados
PubMed	#1 ("composite resins"[MeSH Terms] OR resin composite restoration OR composite resin restoration OR direct resin composite restoration OR direct composite resin restoration OR restoration OR dental caries OR tooth decay OR dental decay OR caries OR carious) #2 ("self adhesive" OR "self bond*" OR self-adhesive restorative material OR self-adhesive flowable composite OR self-adhering flowable composite OR self-adhering flowable resin composite OR self-bonding resin composite OR self-bonding composite OR self-adhesive bulk-fill composite OR self-adhesive bulkfill composite) #3 (secondary caries OR postoperative sensitivity OR retention OR marginal discoloration OR marginal staining OR marginal adaptation OR anatomic form OR anatomical form OR anatomic contour OR surface texture OR surface luster OR surface lustre OR surface staining OR color match OR fracture) #4 ("clinical trial" OR "randomized clinical trial" OR randomized split-mouth design controlled study OR "randomized controlled trial" OR "controlled clinical trial" OR "RCT" OR "clinical study") #1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4	479
Web of Science	#1 TS= (composite resin OR resin composite restoration OR composite resin restoration OR direct resin composite restoration OR direct composite resin restoration OR restoration OR dental caries OR tooth decay OR dental decay OR caries OR carious) #2 TS= (self-adhesive OR self-adhesive restorative material OR self-adhesive flowable composite OR self-adhering flowable composite OR self-adhering flowable resin composite OR self-bonding resin composite OR self-bonding composite OR self-adhesive bulk-fill composite OR self-adhesive bulkfill composite) #3 TS= (secondary caries OR postoperative sensitivity OR retention OR marginal discoloration OR marginal staining OR marginal adaptation OR anatomic form OR anatomical form OR anatomic contour OR surface texture OR surface luster OR surface lustre OR surface staining OR color match OR fracture) #4 TS=(clinical trial OR randomized clinical trial OR randomized split-mouth design controlled study OR randomized controlled trial OR controlled clinical trial OR RCT OR clinical study) #1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4	129
The Cochrane Library	ID Search Hits #1 MeSH descriptor: [Composite Resins] explode all trees 2553 #2 (composite resin restoration):ti,ab,kw 1846 #3 (direct composite resin restoration):ti,ab,kw 236 #4 (restoration):ti,ab,kw 10921 #5 (dental caries):ti,ab,kw 7853 #6 (tooth decay):ti,ab,kw 635 #7 (dental decay):ti,ab,kw 617 #8 (caries):ti,ab,kw 9607 #9 (carious):ti,ab,kw 2599 #10 #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 20008 #11 (self-adhesive restorative material):ti,ab,kw 26 #12 (self-adhesive flowable composite):ti,ab,kw 16 #13 (self-adhering flowable composite):ti,ab,kw 24 #14 (self-adhering flowable resin composite):ti,ab,kw 19 #15 (self-adhesive bulkfill composite):ti,ab,kw 12 #16 #11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14 OR #15 69 #17 (secondary caries):ti,ab,kw 2735 #18 (postoperative sensitivity):ti,ab,kw 3803 #19 (retention):ti,ab,kw 28318 #20 (marginal discoloration):ti,ab,kw 608 #21 (marginal staining):ti,ab,kw 276 #22 (marginal adaptation):ti,ab,kw 1189 #23 (anatomic form):ti,ab,kw 535 #24 (anatomical form):ti,ab,kw 809 #25 (anatomic contour):ti,ab,kw 49 #26 (surface texture):ti,ab,kw 413 #27 (surface luster):ti,ab,kw 61 #28 (surface staining):ti,ab,kw 1749 #29 (color match):ti,ab,kw 505 #30 (fracture):ti,ab,kw 24422	30

	#31 #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 61318 #32 #10 AND #16 AND #31 30	
SCOPUS	#1 (TITLE-ABS-KEY (composite resin OR resin composite restoration OR composite resin restoration OR direct resin composite restoration OR direct composite resin restoration OR restoration OR dental caries OR tooth decay OR dental decay OR caries OR carious)) #2 (TITLE-ABS-KEY "self-adhesive" OR "self-adhesive restorative material" OR "self-adhesive flowable composite" OR "self-adhering flowable composite" OR "self-adhering flowable resin composite" OR "self-bonding resin composite" OR "self-bonding composite" OR "self-adhesive bulk-fill composite") #3 (TITLE-ABS-KEY ("secondary caries" OR "postoperative sensitivity" OR retention OR "marginal discoloration" OR "marginal staining" OR "marginal adaptation" OR "anatomic form" OR "anatomical form" OR "anatomic contour" OR "surface texture" OR "surface luster" OR "surface lustre" OR "surface staining" OR "color match" OR fracture)) #4 (TITLE-ABS-KEY ("clinical trial" OR "randomized clinical trial" OR "randomized split-mouth design controlled study" OR "randomized controlled trial" OR "controlled clinical trial" OR "RCT" OR "clinical study")) #1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4	20
LILACS (BVS)	("composite resins" OR "resin composite restoration" OR "composite resin restoration" OR "direct resin composite restoration" OR "direct composite resin restoration" OR "restoration" OR "dental caries" OR "tooth decay" OR "dental decay" OR "carries" OR "carious") AND ("self adhesive" OR "self bonding" OR "self-adhesive restorative material" OR "self-adhesive flowable composite" OR "self-adhering flowable composite" OR "self-adhering flowable resin composite" OR "self-bonding resin composite" OR "self-bonding composite" OR "self-adhesive bulk-fill composite" OR "self-adhesive bulkfill composite") AND ("secondary caries" OR "postoperative sensitivity" OR "retention" OR "marginal discoloration" OR "marginal staining" OR "marginal adaptation" OR "anatomic form" OR "anatomical form" OR "anatomic contour" OR "surface texture" OR "surface luster" OR "surface lustre" OR "surface staining" OR "color match" OR "fracture") AND ("clinical trial" OR "randomized clinical trial" OR "randomized split-mouth design controlled study" OR "randomized controlled trial" OR "controlled clinical trial" OR "RCT" OR "clinical study")	4
EMBASE	#1 'resin'/exp OR 'resin' OR 'resin composite restoration' OR 'composite resin restoration' OR 'direct resin composite restoration' OR 'direct composite resin restoration' OR 'restoration' OR 'dental caries' OR 'tooth decay' OR 'dental decay' OR 'carries' OR 'carious' #2 'self adhesive' OR 'self bonding' OR 'self-adhesive restorative material' OR 'self-adhesive flowable composite' OR 'self-adhering flowable composite' OR 'self-adhering flowable resin composite' OR 'self-bonding resin composite' OR 'self-bonding composite' OR 'self-adhesive bulk-fill composite' OR 'self-adhesive bulkfill composite' #3 'secondary caries' OR 'postoperative sensitivity' OR 'retention' OR 'marginal discoloration' OR 'marginal staining' OR 'marginal adaptation' OR 'anatomic form' OR 'anatomical form' OR 'anatomic contour' OR 'surface texture' OR 'surface luster' OR 'surface lustre' OR 'surface staining' OR 'color match' OR 'fracture' #4 'clinical trial' OR 'randomized clinical trial' OR 'randomized split-mouth design controlled study' OR 'randomized controlled trial' OR 'controlled clinical trial' OR 'rct' OR 'clinical study' #1 AND #2 AND #3 - 382	382
Google Scholar	"resin" AND "self adhesive" AND "clinical trial" filetype:pdf	100
Open Gray	"resin" AND "self adhesive"	49
Base	resin composite AND self adhesive AND clinical trial	143

*Todas as buscas foram realizadas em 17 de janeiro de 2024 e atualizadas em 14 de outubro de 2024.

2.4 Processo de seleção dos artigos

As referências encontradas após a estratégia de busca nas diferentes bases de dados foram selecionadas com a ajuda do gerenciador de referências Rayyan QCRI. Após a remoção de duplicatas, dois revisores independentes (JFB e AFVE) realizaram a leitura do título e resumo de cada estudo com o intuito de selecionar, de acordo com os critérios de inclusão e exclusão, os estudos a

serem lidos na íntegra. A leitura completa dos estudos selecionados foi realizada para determinar sua elegibilidade para inclusão nas análises qualitativas e quantitativas. Nos casos de diferenças nas escolhas entre os revisores que realizaram a revisão primária (JFB e AFVE), um terceiro revisor (JFZ) foi consultado e um consenso entre os três foi alcançado por meio de discussão. As razões para exclusão dos estudos lidos na íntegra foram coletadas.

2.5 Processo de coleta de dados

A extração de dados dos estudos incluídos foi realizada por três autores (JFB, AFVE e GLM) utilizando uma planilha do software Excel elaborada especialmente para esta revisão. Possíveis diferenças na coleta de dados entre os autores foram solucionadas em consenso. Os dados coletados incluíram autor/ano, país, periódico, tipo de estudo, tipo de resina composta autoadesiva e convencional ou bulkfill, número de pacientes e cavidades avaliadas, tipo de cavidade, períodos de acompanhamento, forma de isolamento do campo operatório, tempo de fotoativação e irradiância da unidade fotoativadora, critério utilizado para avaliação do desempenho, conclusão do estudo, decisão de inclusão na meta-análise e outras observações julgadas pertinentes e necessárias. A avaliação do desempenho clínico consistiu na análise de falhas em relação aos desfechos: manchamento marginal, estabilidade de cor, fratura/retenção, adaptação marginal, desgaste, sensibilidade pós-operatória e recorrência de cárie, erosão e abrasão.

2.6 Meta-análise

Os dados extraídos dos estudos elegíveis eram dicotômicos. A medida de efeito e para apresentação sumarizada dos resultados foi a diferença de risco (Risk Difference), sendo obtidos também os respectivos intervalos de confiança de 95%. Os modelos de efeitos aleatórios e método de Mantel-Haenszel foram utilizados. A heterogeneidade foi avaliada usando o teste T de Cochran e as estatísticas I^2 . Análises de subgrupos foram realizadas considerando os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento. Análises de sensibilidade também foram conduzidas para investigar as razões para alta heterogeneidade sempre que detectadas. Os dados foram analisados utilizando o software Revman 5

(Review Manager versão 5.4.1, The Cochrane Collaboration, Copenhagen, Dinamarca).

2.7 Análise do risco de viés e da certeza da evidência

Dois revisores independentes (JFB e AFVE) avaliaram o risco de viés. A ferramenta de colaboração Revised Cochrane risk-of-bias tool for randomized trials (RoB 2) foi utilizada para a avaliação dos estudos. Os cinco domínios avaliados foram: viés decorrente do processo de randomização, desvios das intervenções pretendidas, viés devido à falta de dados de resultados, viés na mensuração do desfecho e viés no relato dos desfechos.

O nível de certeza da evidência foi avaliado utilizando o método GRADE (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation) por meio da ferramenta online GradePRO (<https://gdt.gradepro.org/>). A abordagem GRADE para ECRs é iniciada considerando a evidência como alta e aborda cinco possíveis razões para rebaixamento da certeza da evidência: risco de viés, inconsistência, evidência indireta, imprecisão e viés de publicação [21]. Cada um desses critérios foi avaliado como tendo “nenhuma limitação”, “limitações sérias” ou “limitações muito sérias” para categorizar a certeza da evidência para cada desfecho em alta, moderada, baixa ou muito baixa.

Risco de viés incerto ou alto e estimativas de efeito imprecisas e/ou alta heterogeneidade reduziram a certeza da evidência nos critérios de risco de viés e inconsistência, respectivamente. Além disso, a sobreposição dos intervalos de confiança na linha de efeito nulo e o número de participantes <300 levaram ao rebaixamento da certeza de evidência no critério de imprecisão [22].

3 RESULTADOS

3.1 Identificação e seleção dos estudos

As buscas nas bases de dados resultaram um total de 971 artigos. O número de artigos nas bases de dados individuais foi: Medline/PubMed (n = 479), Web of Science (n = 50), Scopus (n = 26), Embase (n = 382), LILACS (n = 4), The Cochrane Library (n = 30), Base (n = 143), Google scholar (n = 100), OpenGray (n = 49). Após a remoção das duplicatas, um total de 865 artigos

foram considerados para a avaliação do título e resumos. Destes, 16 artigos foram considerados para leitura na íntegra (Figura 1).

Após a leitura completa, três estudos foram excluídos das análises. O primeiro estudo [23] foi excluído por não apresentar todos os dados no artigo, visto que os mesmos foram expressos em forma de gráficos de linha, impossibilitando a extração e análise de dados. O segundo estudo [24] foi excluído pois as resinas compostas autoadesivas foram utilizadas em associação a um sistema adesivo. O terceiro estudo [25] foi excluído pois não relata o número total de restaurações em cada follow-up dificultando a extração de dados (Tabela 2).

A figura 1 ilustra as fases de identificação, seleção e inclusão dos estudos, enquanto a tabela 2 detalha as razões pelas quais três (3) estudos foram excluídos da revisão sistemática.

Figura 1. Fluxograma ilustrando as fases de identificação, avaliação e inclusão dos estudos.

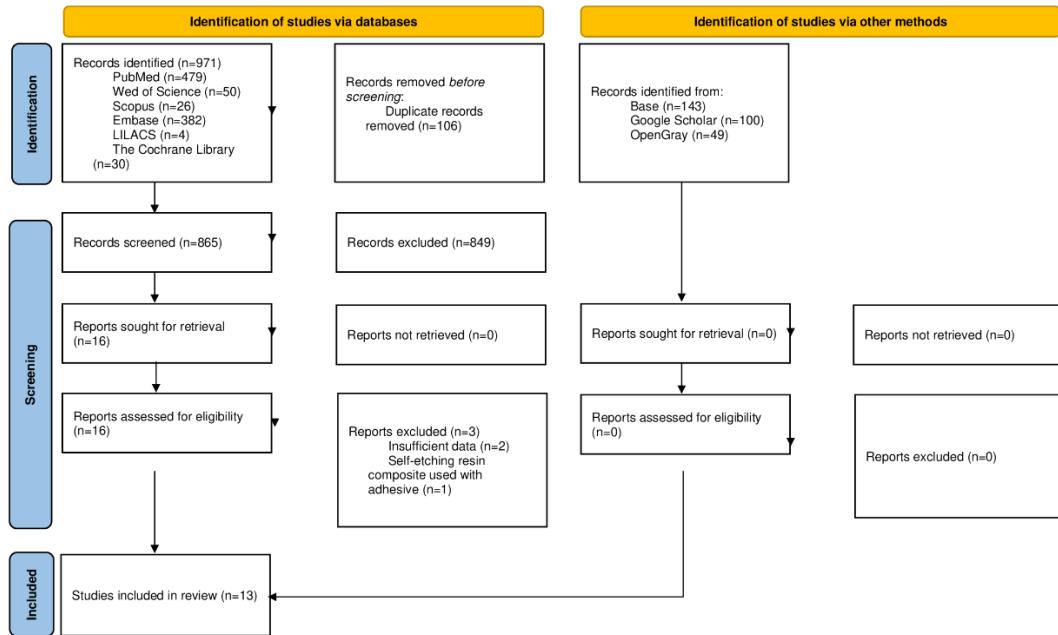


Tabela 2. Lista de estudos excluídos (e razões para exclusão) após leitura completa.

#	Estudo	Título da publicação	Razão para exclusão
1	Kalola et al, 2022	Comparative clinical evaluation of a self-adhering flowable composite with conventional flowable composite in Class I cavity: An in vivo study	Dados insuficientes: estudo apresentou os dados em formato de gráfico, impossibilitando a extração dos mesmos.
2	Peskersoy et al, 2022	The effect of flowable composite resins on periodontal health, cytokine levels, and immunoglobulins	Delineamento do estudo: avaliou as restaurações com resina autoadesiva utilizando sistema adesivo.
3	Maj et al, 2020	A comparative clinical study of the self-adhering flowable composite resin Vertise Flow and the traditional flowable composite resin Premise Flowable	Dados insuficientes: não relata o número total de restaurações em cada follow-up, impossibilitando a extração de dados.

3.2 Característica dos estudos incluídos

Treze (13) estudos [15-30] foram incluídos para as análises qualitativas e quantitativas, sendo todos do tipo ECR (ensaios clínicos randomizados). A tabela 3 sumariza as características dos estudos incluídos após leitura completa.

O estudo mais antigo foi publicado em 2015 e os mais recentes em 2024. Em relação ao país de origem dos autores, onze (11) estudos foram conduzidos por pesquisadores dos continentes asiático ou africano, e dois (2) do continente europeu. Três (3) estudos apresentaram autores de mais de um país.

No total, 1159 cavidades foram avaliadas, sendo 658 restauradas com RC convencional ou bulk-fill e 501 com RC autoadesiva em 486 participantes com idade entre 6 e 79 anos. O período de acompanhamento variou de imediatamente após a restauração (baseline) até 60 meses (5 anos). Seis (6) estudos avaliaram restaurações de classe I [9,18,26-29], três (3) de classe II [13,14,30], dois (2) de classe I e II [31,32] e dois (2) estudos avaliaram restaurações de cavidades de classe V [19,33]. A maioria dos ECR (7) realizou o procedimento restaurador exclusivamente sob isolamento absoluto do campo operatório, enquanto três (3) deles realizaram sob isolamento relativo [18,19,27]. Outros três (3) estudos realizaram o isolamento relativo na impossibilidade de isolamento absoluto [13,14,28].

A RC autoadesiva mais avaliada foi a Vertise™ Flow (Kerr) em 4 estudos, seguida das resinas Surefil One™ (Dentsply Sirona) e Fusio™ Liquid Dentin (Pentron), cada uma sendo avaliada por 3 estudos. A resina Constic (DMG) foi avaliada em apenas um estudo. Dois estudos não forneceram a marca comercial

da RC autoadesiva avaliada, pois eram resinas experimentais. As RC utilizadas como grupo controle foram RC convencionais em 8 estudos ou RC bulk-fill em 5 estudos. Com relação à viscosidade das mesmas, 7 eram de alta viscosidade e 6 de baixa viscosidade (fluídas).

Em relação ao tempo de fotoativação das RC e irradiação emitida pela unidade fotoativadora, apenas sete (7) estudos apresentaram ambas as informações. O tempo variou de 20 a 40 segundos, enquanto a irradiação variou de 800 a 1250 mW/cm². Um estudo não forneceu nenhuma informação sobre tempo e irradiação utilizadas [33]. Todos os ECR seguiram as orientações do fabricante para a aplicação dos materiais restauradores, a fim de evitar discrepâncias em relação à técnica restauradora e padronizar o procedimento clínico.

Para avaliação do desempenho clínico das restaurações, seis (6) utilizaram o critério FDI e sete (7) o critério USPHS.

Tabela 3. Características dos estudos incluídos após leitura completa (n=13).

ID do estudo	Autor e ano	País	Periódico	Resina composta autoadesiva	Resina composta convencional ou bulk-fill	Número de pacientes e cavidades	Tipo das cavidades	Follow-up	Isolamento do campo operatório	Tempo de fotoativação ; irradiação do aparelho	Critério de avaliação
<i>Estudos clínicos</i>											
ID1	Albelasy et al, 2024	Egito e EUA	Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry	Surefil One™ (Dentsply Sirona)	Tetric® PowerFill (Ivoclar Vivadent)	32 pac. 64 cav.	Classe I e II	7 dias; 6 meses; 12 meses; 24 meses	Abs.	20 – 30 seg.	FDI
ID2	AlHumaid et al, 2018	Arábia Saudita e Egito	The Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice	Fusio™ (Pentron)	Tetric® Flow (Ivoclar Vivadent)	20 pac. 40 cav.	Classe V	Baseline; 1 semana; 6 meses; 12 meses; 18 meses	Abs.	Não cita	USPHS
ID3	Çelik et al, 2015	Turquia	The Journal of Adhesive Dentistry	Fusio™ Liquid Dentin (Pentron)	G-ænial (GC)	19 pac. 80 cav.	Classe V	Baseline; 6 meses	Rel.	1000 mW/cm²	FDI
ID4	Cieplik et al, 2022 (1)	Alemanha	Clinical Oral Investigations	Experimental	Filtek™ One Bulk Fill (3M)	30 pac. 60 cav.	Classe II	Baseline; 6 meses; 12 meses	Abs. ou rel.	40 seg; 1250 mW/cm²	FDI
ID5	Cieplik et al, 2022 (2)	Alemanha	Journal of Dentistry	Experimental	Filtek™ One Bulk Fill (3M)	30 pac. 60 cav.	Classe II	24 meses; 36 meses	Abs. ou rel.	40 seg; 1250 mW/cm²	FDI
ID6	Ellithy et al., 2024	Egito	Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry	Surefil One™ (Dentsply Sirona)	Filtek™ One Bulk Fill (3M)	32 pac. 64 cav.	Classe II	Baseline; 6 meses; 12 meses	Abs.	40 seg.; 1250 mW/cm²	FDI
ID7	Ibrahim et al, 2023	Índia e Egito	Brazilian Dental Science	Fusio™ Liquid Dentin (Pentron)	Filtek™ Bulk Fill Posterior (3M)	20 pac. 40 cav.	Classe I	Baseline; 6 meses; 12 meses; 18 meses	Abs.	850-1200 mW/cm²	USPHS

ID do estudo	Autor e ano	País	Periódico	Resina composta autoadesiva	Resina composta convencional ou bulk-fill	Número de pacientes e cavidades	Tipo das cavidades	Follow-up	Isolamento do campo operatório	Tempo de fotoativação ; irradiação do aparelho	Critério de avaliação
ID8	Maghaireh et al, 2023	Jordânia	Journal of Dentistry	Surefil One™ (Dentsply Sirona)	Filtek™ Bulk-Fill Posterior Restorative (3M)	83 pac. 166 cav.	Classe I e II	24 horas; 7 dias; 30 dias	Abs.	20 seg.; 1200 mW/cm²	USPHS
ID9	Oz et al, 2020	Turquia	Acta Stomatologica Croatica	Vertise™ Flow (Kerr)	Luxa Flow (DMG)	25 pac. 65 cav.	Classe I	7 dias; 12 meses; 24 meses; 36 meses; 48 meses; 60 meses	Rel.	1200 mW/cm²	FDI
ID10	Oz et al, 2021	Turquia	The Journal of Adhesive Dentistry	Constic (DMG)	Tetric® N-Flow (Ivoclar Vivadent)	28 pac. 114 cav.	Classe I	Baseline; 6 meses; 12 meses; 24 meses	Rel.	20 seg.; 1200 mW/cm²	USPHS
ID11	Sabbagh et al, 2017	Líbano	International Journal of Dentistry	Vertise™ Flow (Kerr)	Premise™ Flowable (Kerr)	34 pac. 68 cav.	Classe I	7 dias; 6 meses; 12 meses; 24 meses	Abs. ou rel.	20 seg.; 800 mW/cm²	USPHS
ID12	Shaaalan et al, 2018	Egito	Journal of Conservative Dentistry	Vertise™ Flow (Kerr)	Filtek™ Z350 XT Flowable (3M)	18 pac. 36 cav.	Classe I	7 dias; 6 meses	Abs.	20 seg.	USPHS
ID13	Shaaalan et al, 2021	Egito	Contemporary Clinical Dentistry	Vertise™ Flow (Kerr)	Filtek™ Z350XT Flowable (3M)	18 pac. 36 cav.	Classe I	7 dias; 24 meses	Abs.	20 seg.	USPHS

Abreviações: pac – pacientes; cav – cavidades; abs – absoluto; rel – relativo; FDI – World Dental Federation; USPHS – United States Public Health Service.

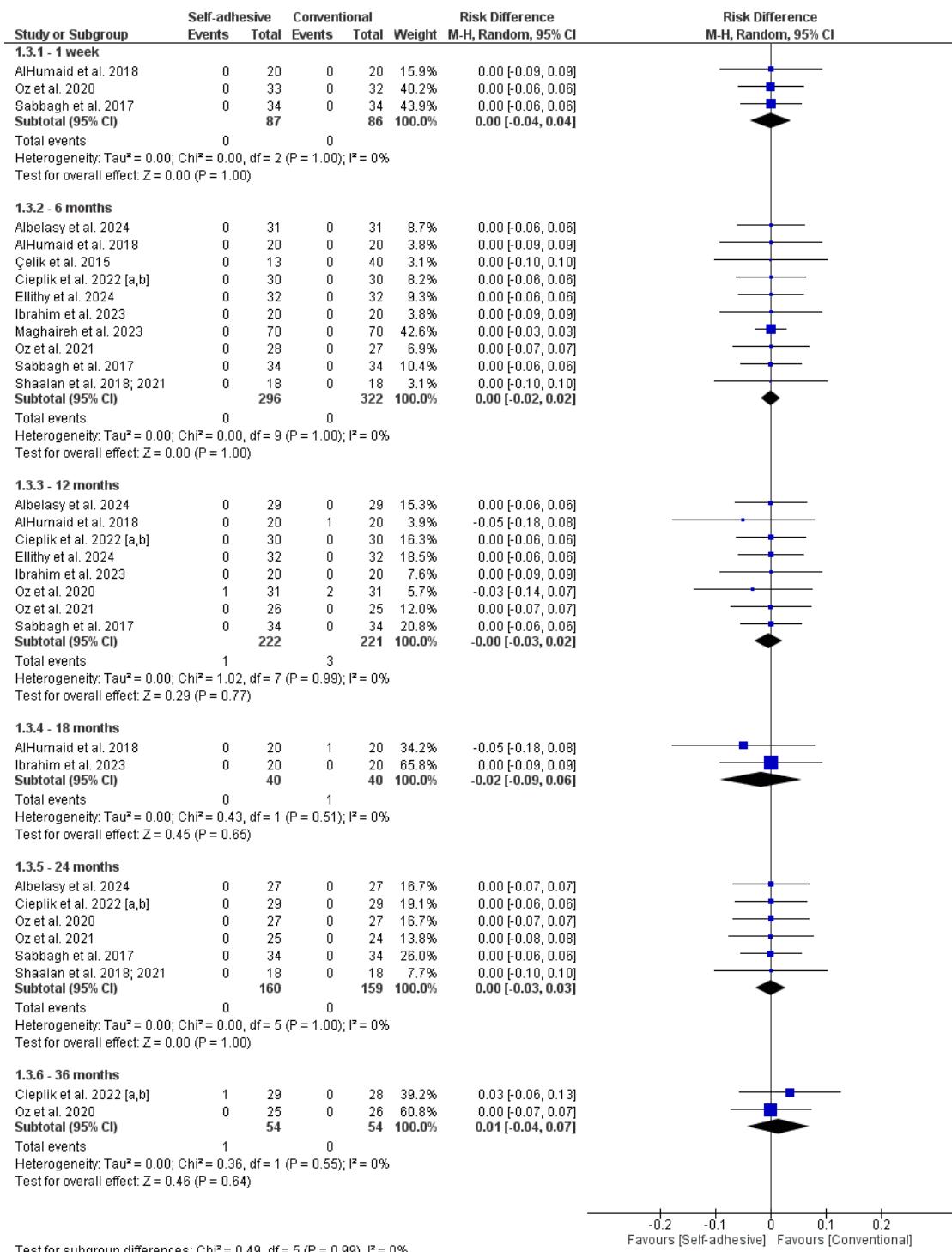
3.3 Meta-análise

Foram observadas falhas em ambos os tipos de RC (convencionais ou bulk-fill e autoadesivas) ao longo do tempo. As falhas foram descritas em três diferentes grupos: falhas estéticas (manchamento marginal e estabilidade de cor); falhas funcionais (fratura/retenção, adaptação marginal e desgaste); e falhas biológicas (sensibilidade pós-operatória e recorrência de cárie, erosão e abrasão).

De modo geral, a meta-análise evidenciou que não houve diferença significativa entre as cavidades restauradas com RC convencional ou bulk-fill e RC autoadesiva, independentemente do desfecho analisado e do período de acompanhamento ($P \geq 0,18$).

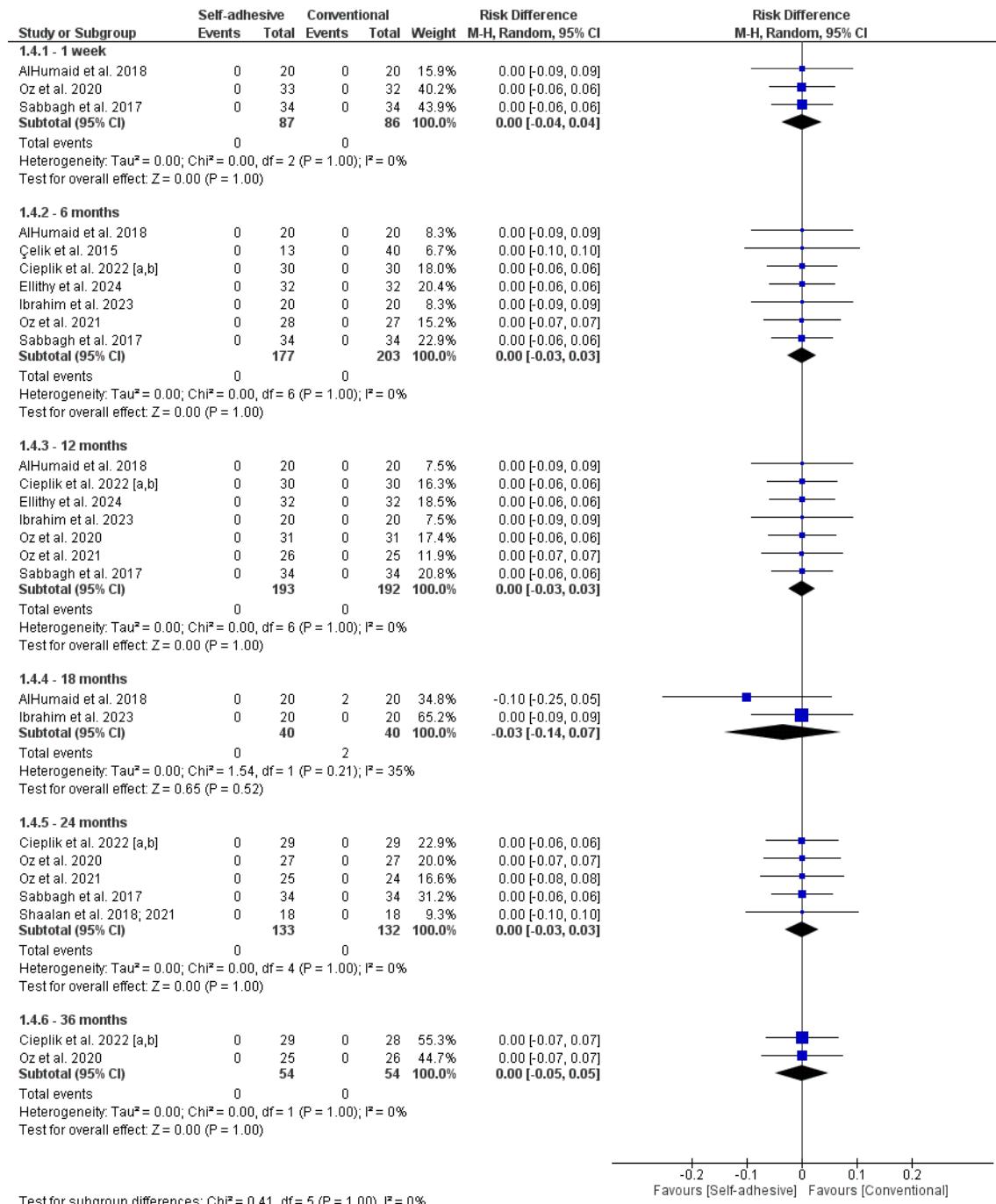
Os resultados da subanálise para manchamento marginal mostraram que não houve diferença significativa entre os materiais ao longo do tempo. Nenhuma falha foi identificada nos períodos de 1 semana, 6 meses e 24 meses ($P = 1,00$; $I^2 = 0\%$). Entretanto, após 12, 18 e 36 meses de acompanhamento, falhas ocorreram para ambos os materiais ($P \geq 0,64$). Especificamente nos períodos de 18 e 36 meses observa-se menor número de estudos e, consequentemente, indivíduos e restaurações avaliadas (Figura 2).

Figura 2. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho manchamento marginal de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



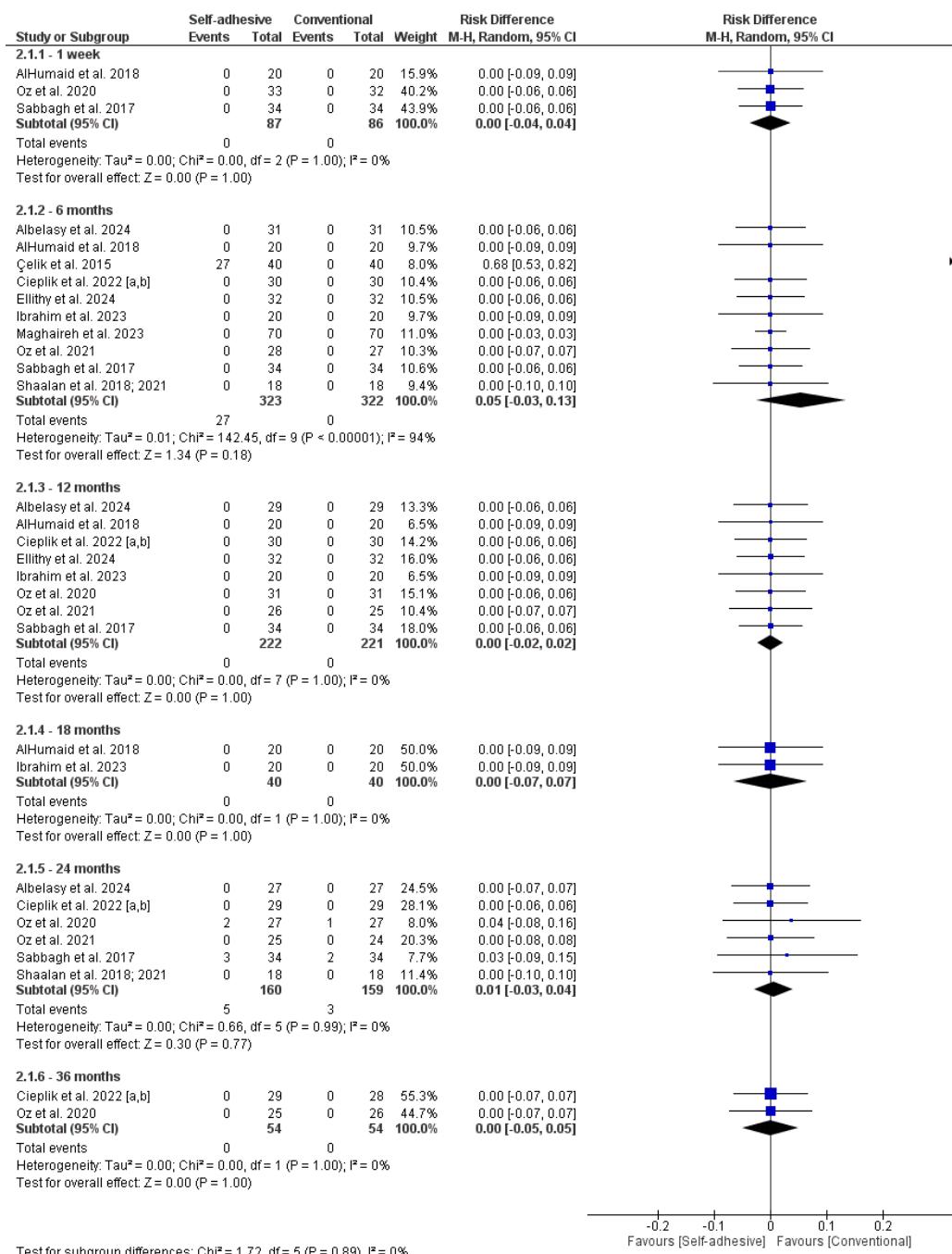
Para a subanálise de estabilidade de cor, foram encontrados resultados semelhantes, com ($P=1,00$; RR=0,00) na maioria dos períodos de avaliação, exceto após 18 meses ($P = 0,52$; RR: 0,03; IC: -0,14 – 0,07) (Figura 3).

Figura 3. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho estabilidade de cor de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



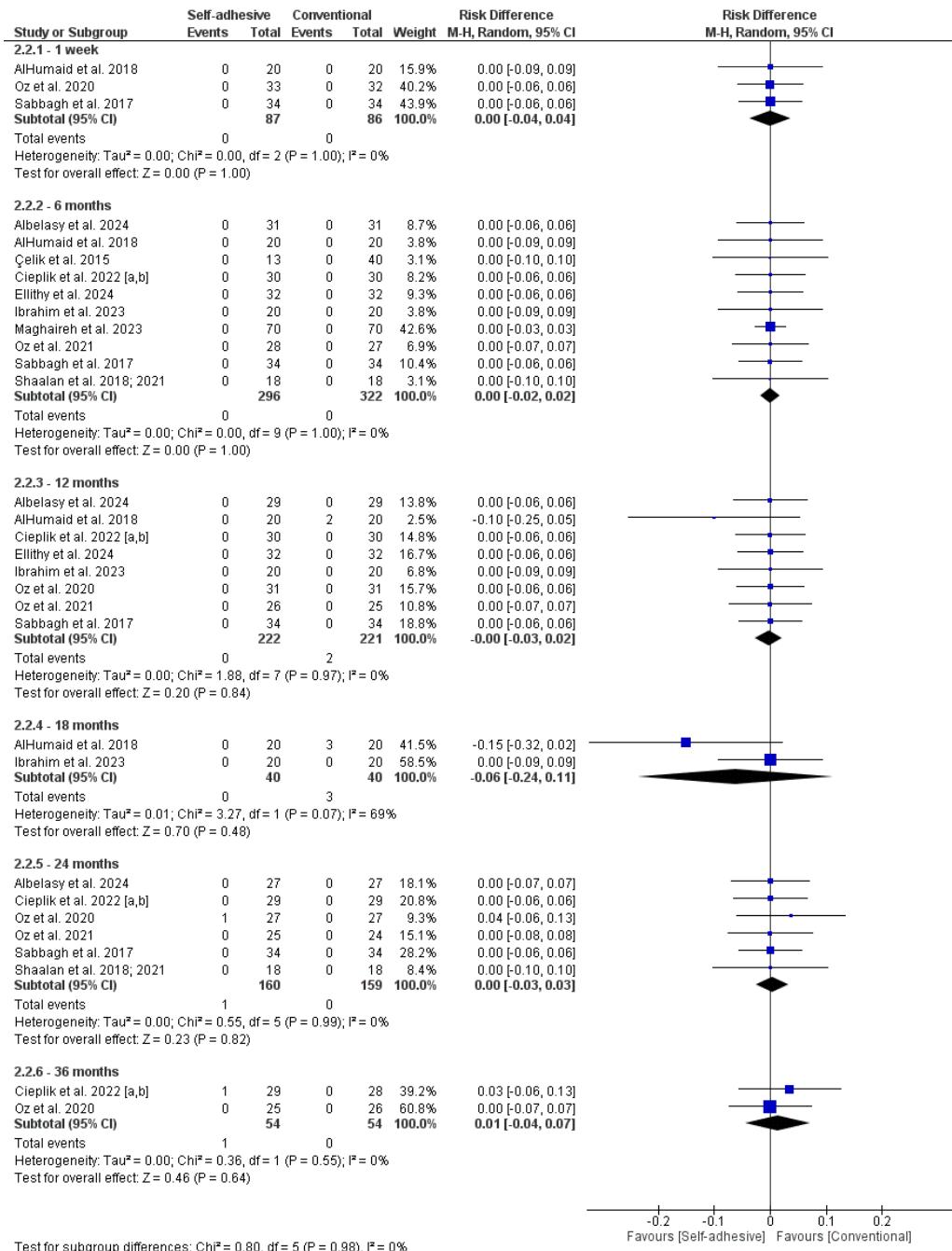
Na subanálise para o desfecho fratura/retenção, não foi observada diferença significativa entre os materiais ($P \geq 0,18$). No entanto, após 6 meses de acompanhamento, período no qual maior número de estudos foram comparados, um estudo evidenciou evidenciam grande número de falhas para as RC autoadesivas (27 de 40) ($P = 0,18$; RR: 0,05; IC: -0,03 a 0,13) (Figura 4).

Figura 4. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho fratura/retenção de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



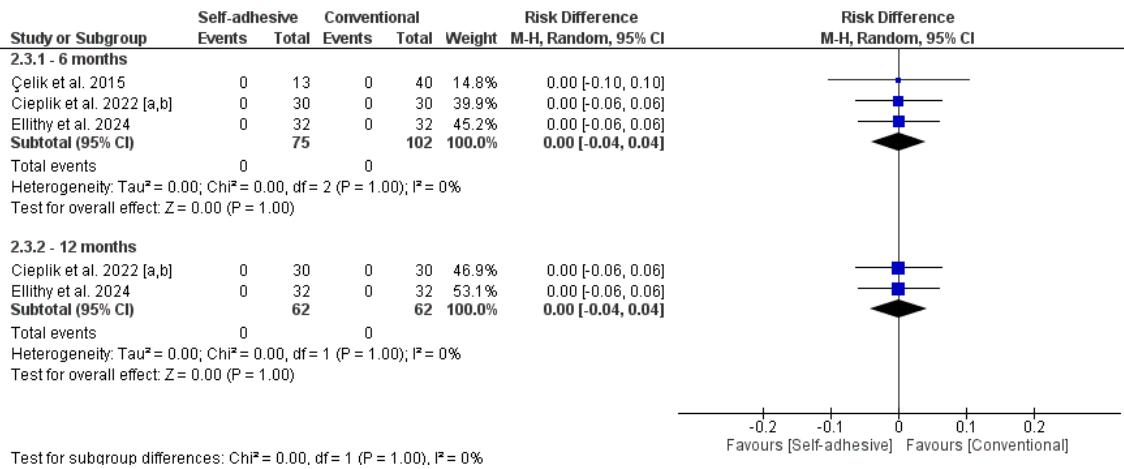
Os resultados para a subanálise adaptação marginal não revelaram diferenças significativas ($P \geq 0,48$). Alta heterogeneidade entre os estudos ($I^2 = 69\%$) foi detectada no período de 18 meses (Figura 5).

Figura 5. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho adaptação marginal de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



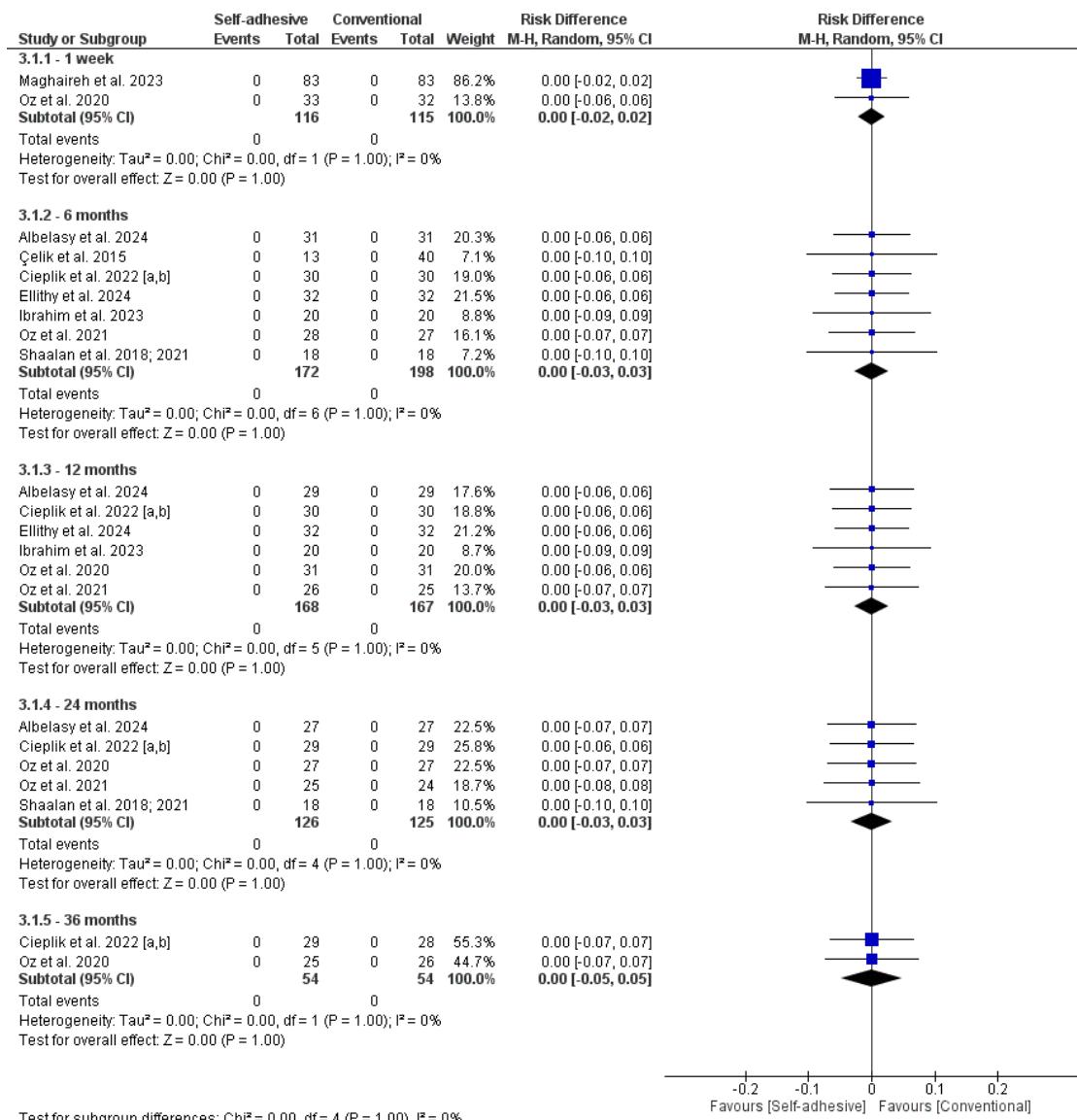
A subanálise para o desfecho desgaste mostrou resultados semelhantes entre os materiais em 6 e 12 meses de acompanhamento ($P = 1,00$; RR: 0,00; IC: -0,04 a 0,04), com nenhuma falha identificada para ambas as RC (Figura 6).

Figura 6. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho desgaste de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



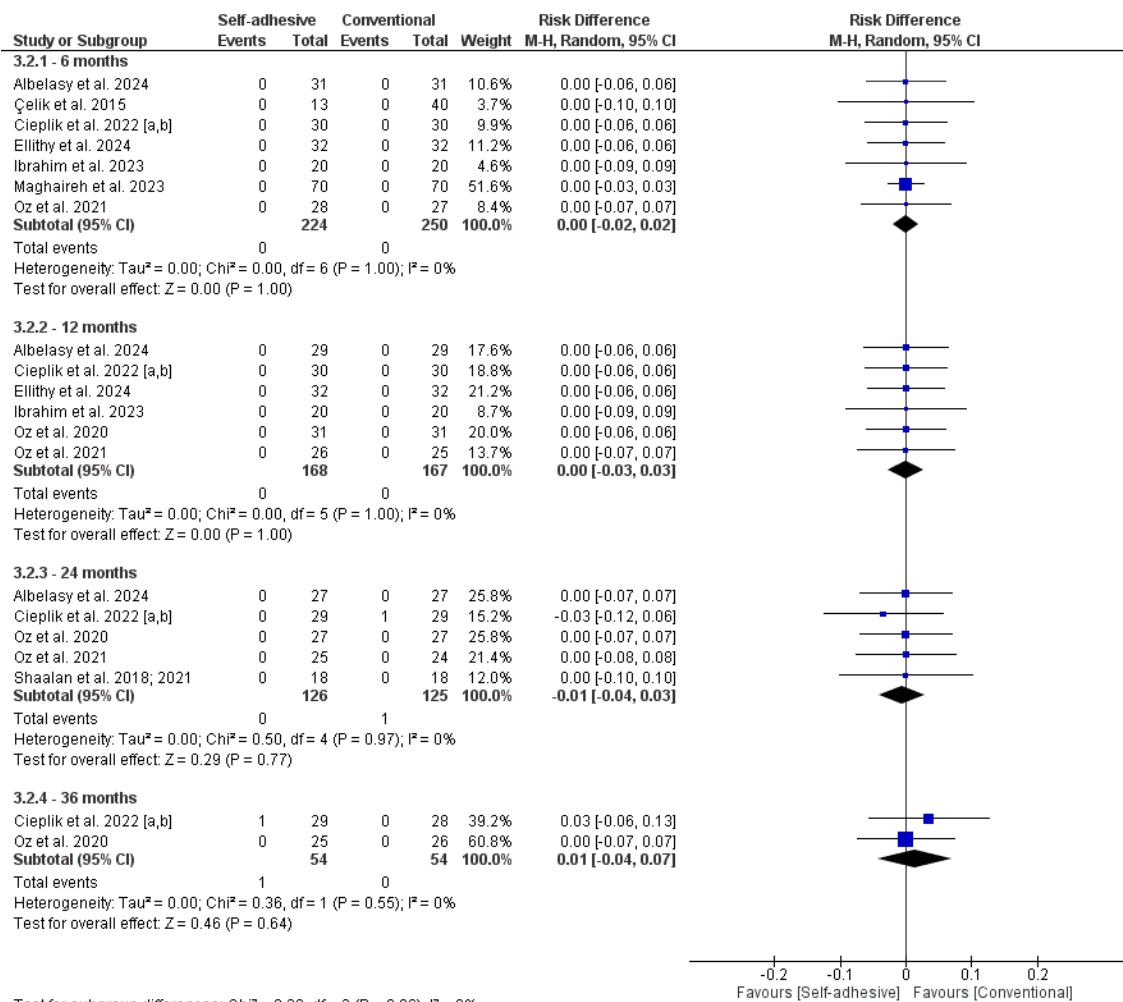
Acerca da sensibilidade pós-operatória, não houve eventos relatados para nenhum dos materiais independentemente do período de acompanhamento avaliado ($P = 1,00$; RR: 0,00; IC: -0,02 – 0,05) (Figura 7).

Figura 7. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho sensibilidade pós-operatória de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



Por fim, quanto à recorrência de cárie, erosão e abrasão, uma subanálise não mostrou diferença significativa entre RC convencional ou bulk-fill e RC autoadesiva ($P \geq 0,64$). No entanto, uma falha foi identificada em 24 meses para a RC convencional ($P = 0,77$; RR: -0,01; IC: -0,04 – 0,03), e uma falha para a RC autoadesiva em 36 meses ($P = 0,64$; RR: 0,01; IC: -0,04 a 0,07) (Figura 8).

Figura 8. Gráfico de floresta (*forest plot*) da subanálise para o desfecho recorrência de cárie, erosão e abrasão de acordo com os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento.



3.4 Análise do risco de viés e da certeza da evidência

A avaliação do risco de viés revelou que a maioria dos ECR possuem baixo risco para as variáveis analisadas (Figuras 9 e 10). Alto risco de viés foi mais frequente no domínio relacionado à falta de dados de resultados [26-28], enquanto baixo risco de viés se fez mais presente nos domínios de processo de randomização e de desvios das intervenções pretendidas (Figuras 9 e 10).

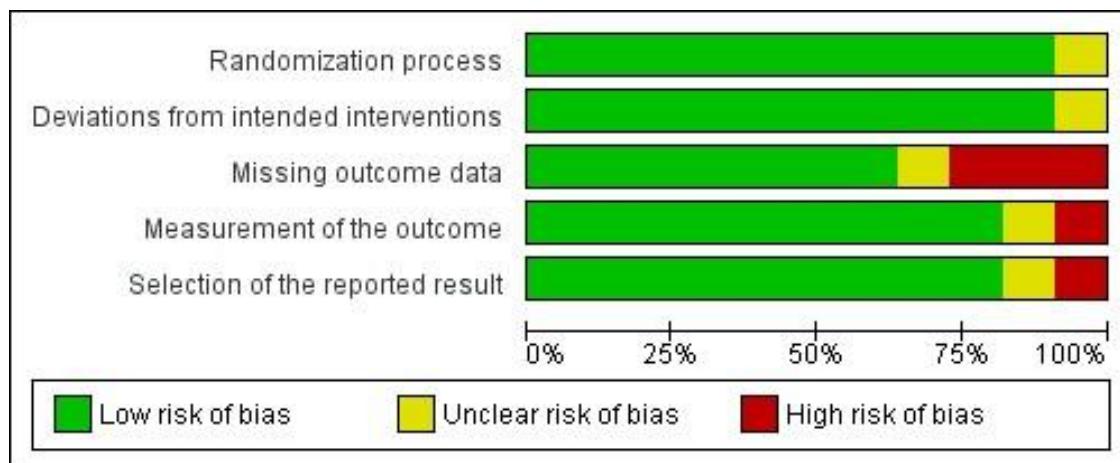
Alguns dos estudos apresentaram todos os domínios com baixo risco de viés [9,13,14,18,29-32]. Entretanto, um ECR foi julgado, em 4 dos 5 domínios analisados, como risco incerto de viés [33].

Figura 9. Avaliação individual do risco de viés dos estudos incluídos de acordo com a ferramenta de colaboração *Revised Cochrane risk-of-bias tool for randomized trials* (RoB 2).

	Abelasy et al. 2024	AlHurnaid et al. 2018	Çelik et al. 2015	Cieplik et al. 2022 [a,b]	Ellithy et al. 2024	Ibrahim et al. 2023	Maghaireh et al. 2023	Oz et al. 2020	Oz et al. 2021	Sabbagh et al. 2017	Shaalan et al. 2018; 2021
Randomization process	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Deviations from intended interventions	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
Missing outcome data	+	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
Measurement of the outcome	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
Selection of the reported result	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

1: viés decorrente do processo de randomização; 2: viés devido a desvios das intervenções pretendidas; 3: viés devido à falta de dados de resultados; 4: viés na mensuração do desfecho; 5: viés no relato dos resultados.

Figura 10. Porcentagem da classificação do risco de viés dos estudos incluídos em cada domínio de acordo com o julgamento dos autores



A tabela 4 apresenta a análise da certeza da evidência de acordo com a ferramenta GRADE para cada um dos desfechos e follow-up avaliados. De modo geral, a certeza da evidência foi considerada baixa para todos os desfechos.

Tabela 4. Análise da certeza de evidência dos artigos incluídos de acordo com a ferramenta GRADE (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation).

Desfechos Follow-up	Nº de participantes (estudos)	Certeza da evidência (GRADE)	Efeito relativo (IC 95%)
Manchamento marginal follow-up: 1 semana	173 (3 RCTs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^c	RD 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04)
Manchamento marginal follow-up: 6 meses	618 (10 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^d	RD 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02)
Manchamento marginal follow-up: 12 meses	443 (8 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^d	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.02)
Manchamento marginal follow-up: 18 meses	80 (2 ECRs)	⊕○○○ Muito baixo ^{e,f}	RD -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.06)
Manchamento marginal follow-up: 24 meses	319 (6 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Manchamento marginal follow-up: 36 meses	108 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{e,g}	RD 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.07)
Estabilidade de cor follow-up: 1 semana	173 (3 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,d}	RD 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04)
Estabilidade de cor follow-up: 6 meses	380 (7 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,d}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Estabilidade de cor follow-up: 12 meses	385 (7 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,d}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Estabilidade de cor follow-up: 18 meses	80 (2 ECRs)	⊕○○○ Muito baixo ^{e,f}	RD -0.03 (-0.14 to 0.07)
Estabilidade de cor follow-up: 24 meses	265 (5 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Estabilidade de cor follow-up: 36 meses	108 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderado ^e	RD 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05)
Fratura/retenção follow-up: 1 semana	173 (3 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,d}	RD 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04)

Desfechos Follow-up	Nº de participantes (estudos)	Certeza da evidência (GRADE)	Efeito relativo (IC 95%)
Fratura/retenção follow-up: 6 meses	645 (10 ECRs)	⊕○○○ Muito baixo ^{c,h,i}	RD 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.13)
Fratura/retenção follow-up: 12 meses	443 (8 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,d}	RD 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02)
Fratura/retenção follow-up: 18 meses	80 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,f}	RD 0.00 (-0.07 to 0.07)
Fratura/retenção follow-up: 24 meses	319 (6 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.04)
Fratura/retenção follow-up: 36 meses	108 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderado ^b	RD 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05)
Adaptação marginal follow-up: 1 semana	173 (3 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,d}	RD 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04)
Adaptação marginal follow-up: 6 meses	618 (10 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02)
Adaptação marginal follow-up: 12 meses	443 (8 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.02)
Adaptação marginal follow-up: 18 meses	80 (2 ECRs)	⊕○○○ Muito baixo ^{b,f,j}	RD -0.06 (-0.24 to 0.11)
Adaptação marginal follow-up: 24 meses	283 (6 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Adaptação marginal follow-up: 36 meses	108 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,g}	RD 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.07)
Desgaste follow-up: 6 meses	177 (3 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04)
Desgaste follow-up: 12 meses	124 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderado ^b	RD 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04)
Sensibilidade pós-operatória follow-up: 1 semana	231 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderado ^b	RD 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02)
Sensibilidade pós-operatória follow-up: 6 meses	370 (7 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)

Desfechos Follow-up	Nº de participantes (estudos)	Certeza da evidência (GRADE)	Efeito relativo (IC 95%)
Sensibilidade pós-operatória follow-up: 12 meses	335 (6 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Sensibilidade pós-operatória follow-up: 24 meses	251 (5 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Sensibilidade pós-operatória follow-up: 36 meses	108 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderado ^b	RD 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05)
Recorrência de cárie, erosão, abrasão follow-up: 6 meses	474 (7 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02)
Recorrência de cárie, erosão, abrasão follow-up: 12 meses	335 (6 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03)
Recorrência de cárie, erosão, abrasão follow-up: 24 meses	251 (5 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,c}	RD -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.03)
Recorrência de cárie, erosão, abrasão follow-up: 36 meses	108 (2 ECRs)	⊕⊕○○ Baixo ^{b,g}	RD 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.07)

Abreviações: ECR – ensaio clínico randomizado; IC – intervalo de confiança.

4 DISCUSSÃO

Os resultados da meta-análise evidenciaram que o desempenho clínico das RC autoadesivas foi comparável às RC convencionais ou bulk-fill, independentemente do período de acompanhamento avaliado.

Dentre os critérios utilizados para avaliar clinicamente o desempenho e eficácia de um tratamento restaurador, o critério FDI (World Dental Federation) e USPHS (United States Public Health Service) são os mais utilizados. Entretanto, o critério FDI é reconhecido por sua sensibilidade em identificar falhas de restaurações, sendo considerado mais adequado que o critério USPHS e tendo seu uso encorajado em estudos atuais [34].

De modo geral, o critério FDI avalia as restaurações em relação a 16 parâmetros, enquanto o USPHS o faz em relação a 8. No entanto, em ambos os critérios, a avaliação de todos estes parâmetros não é obrigatória, sendo possível a seleção de alguns a depender da necessidade do estudo [34]. Para

esta revisão, foram selecionados os 7 parâmetros mais apropriados e significativos para avaliar o desempenho clínico de uma restauração, sendo eles: manchamento marginal, estabilidade de cor, fratura/retenção, adaptação marginal, desgaste, sensibilidade pós-operatória e recorrência de cárie, erosão e abrasão. Possíveis falhas em tais parâmetros podem predizer falha de adesão do material restaurador à estrutura dentária e comprometem significativamente a qualidade da restauração, podendo culminar na necessidade de substituição da mesma [19].

Embora a execução de ensaios clínicos exija certa robustez metodológica e elevados custos financeiros, o período de acompanhamento avaliado é extremamente relevante para inferir a longevidade dos materiais/tratamentos. Nesta revisão sistemática, apenas um estudo ultrapassou o período de acompanhamento de 2 anos, com 5 anos de follow-up [18], e isso deve ser considerado como uma limitação. Este mesmo estudo demonstrou desempenho clínico semelhante entre RC autoadesiva e RC convencional após 60 meses de acompanhamento em cavidades Classe I minimamente invasivas, o que está de acordo com outros estudos que analisaram este tipo de cavidade [9,26-29,31].

Entretanto, um outro estudo [19] revelou desempenho clinicamente inaceitável da RC autoadesiva em lesões cervicais não cariosas após 6 meses da acompanhamento, levando à conclusão de que o tipo e localização da cavidade exercem influência sobre o sucesso da restauração, de modo que as formas macromecânicas de retenção podem ter melhorado o desempenho geral das RC autoadesivas [26], como em cavidades de classe I, enquanto que em lesões de classe V, o insucesso clínico das restaurações pode estar relacionado à falta de macroretenção mecânica e ligação fraca devido à instabilidade hidrolítica do monômero funcional (4-MET) e à menor capacidade de condicionamento da própria RC autoadesiva [19,26]. Ao mesmo tempo que, um estudo demonstrou que não houve diferenças significativas entre o desempenho clínico de uma RC autoadesiva fluida e uma RC convencional fluida para restaurações anteriores de Classe V durante um período de 18 meses [33]. Vale ressaltar que a grande maioria dos estudos avaliaram cavidades retentivas, Classe I (O) e pequenas Classes II [13,14,30-32], o que impede a validação da união da RC autoadesiva à estrutura dentária, uma vez que materiais restauradores sem características de união a esmalte e dentina apresentam

adequada retenção nesses tipos de cavidades [35]. Desta forma, mais estudos que avaliem cavidades não-retentivas são necessários para ratificar a adequada união da RC autoadesiva, visto que estudos prévios laboratoriais demonstraram inadequada resistência de união à estrutura dentária [15].

Nos estudos clínicos foram observadas falhas da RC autoadesiva em relação à adaptação marginal e descoloração marginal ao longo do tempo em comparação aos resultados imediatamente após a realização da restauração (*baseline*). Tal resultado pode ser explicado pelo fato de que a RC autoadesiva na sua forma fluida Vertise™ Flow (Kerr) com o monômero ácido GPDM, Fusio™ Liquid Dentin (Pentron) com o monômero 4-MET, Constic (DMG) com o monômero dihidrogenofosfato de etacrloxidecil (MDP), ou na forma bulk fill SABF (3M Oral Care) com metacrilato funcionalizado com ácido fosfórico e Surefil One™ (Dentsply Sirona) com o monômero bifuncional acrilato (BADEP) e ácido acrílico, é vulnerável à hidrólise devido à sorção adicional de água na interface entre a matriz resinosa e a partícula de carga, o que pode aumentar a degradação do material no ambiente bucal [9,13,14,26,31].

A alteração de cor da RC ao longo do tempo é de origem multifatorial, sendo dependente do tamanho e da distribuição das partículas de carga. Neste sentido, quanto maior o tamanho da partícula de carga da RC, maior a susceptibilidade do material à alteração de cor devido à hidrólise na interface carga-matriz [24]. Ademais, partículas nanométricas de sílica amorfa e partículas de vidro presentes na RC autoadesiva podem tornar sua superfície mais lisa, proporcionando um melhor acabamento após o polimento [33]. No entanto, foram observadas propriedades estéticas significativamente superiores de uma RC bulk-fill convencional em comparação a uma RC autoadesiva devido à ligeira degradação na interface adesiva, levando a pequenas imperfeições, fendas e acúmulo de pigmentos no interior das deficiências marginais [13,14].

O manchamento marginal de restaurações pode indicar inadequado selamento marginal e vias de acesso de fluídos orais e microrganismos no interior da interface adesiva. Uma das razões para o manchamento marginal em restaurações com RC autoadesiva pode estar relacionada a própria ausência de condicionamento com ácido fosfórico e aplicação de sistema adesivo na estrutura dentária [30], resultando em uma adesão mais fraca e em presença de

microfendas na interface dente/restauração, levando à maior susceptibilidade de manchamento marginal [36].

Em relação à sensibilidade pós-operatória, foi demonstrado que cavidades restauradas com RC autoadesiva exibiram resposta semelhante àquelas restauradas com RC convencional associada à sistemas adesivos autocondicionantes e convencionais [6, 25]. De modo geral, a sensibilidade pós operatória foi relatada em períodos de acompanhamento mais curtos, e desaparecendo ao longo do tempo.

Algumas limitações devem ser ponderadas nesta revisão sistemática. Fatores como a heterogeneidade nas características das cavidades a serem restauradas, os diferentes períodos de acompanhamento e a variação de marcas comerciais dos produtos podem influenciar as comparações inter-estudos. Portanto, recomenda-se a realização de novos ensaios clínicos randomizados bem conduzidos que limitem as variáveis de confusão dos resultados e com períodos de acompanhamento mais longos para que se tenha a confirmação dos resultados encontrados nesta revisão.

Por fim, a RC autoadesiva se mostra como um material restaurador promissor, podendo ser de grande valia para situações específicas, como atendimentos em odontopediatria ou para pacientes com necessidades especiais, onde existe uma maior dificuldade em relação ao manejo dos mesmos e a necessidade de menor tempo clínico e técnica restauradora menos sensível. Ademais, a RC autoadesiva pode ser uma opção viável para a restauração de cavidades conservadoras e com maior retenção mecânica. No entanto, é recomendável maior cautela quanto da sua indicação em cavidades extensas de classe II ou classe V, onde precisa-se de uma ótima adaptação e adesividade do material.

5 CONCLUSÃO

Considerando as limitações desta revisão sistemática e meta-análise, conclui-se que o desempenho clínico de restaurações com RC autoadesivas é comparável ao de RC convencionais ou bulk-fill, independentemente do período de acompanhamento, tipo e localização da cavidade e critério avaliado. No entanto, ambos os materiais apresentaram degradação/falha ao longo do tempo. A certeza de evidência foi considerada baixa na maioria dos critérios avaliados,

indicando a necessidade de estudos clínicos bem conduzidos, com períodos de acompanhamento mais longos, a fim de validar os resultados desta revisão sistemática.

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[3] W. Strunk Jr., E.B. White, *The Elements of Style*, fourth ed., Longman, New York, 2000.

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[4] G.R. Mettam, L.B. Adams, How to prepare an electronic version of your article, in: B.S. Jones, R.Z. Smith (Eds.), *Introduction to the Electronic Age*, E-Publishing Inc., New York, 2020, pp. 281 - 304.

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[5] Cancer Research UK, Cancer statistics reports for the UK.
<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/aboutcancer/statistics/cancerstatsreport/>, 2023 (accessed 13 March 2023).

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[6] M. Oguro, S. Imahiro, S. Saito, T. Nakashizuka, Mortality data for Japanese oak wilt disease and surrounding forest compositions [dataset], Mendeley Data, v1, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.1234/abc12nb39r.1>.

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[7] E. Coon, M. Berndt, A. Jan, D. Svyatsky, A. Atchley, E. Kikinzon, D. Harp, G. Manzini, E. Shelef, K. Lipnikov, R. Garimella, C. Xu, D. Moulton, S. Karra, S. Painter, E. Jafarov, S. Molins, Advanced Terrestrial Simulator (ATS) v0.88 [software], Zenodo, March 25, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1234/zenodo.3727209>.

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ANEXO II – Registro PROSPERO (International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews)

Clinical performance of self-adhesive resin composites restorations in permanent teeth: a systematic review

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Review question

Do direct restorations placed with self-adhesive resin composite exhibit enhanced clinical performance compared to direct restorations placed with conventional or bulk-fill resin composite?

Searches

Detailed individual search strategies (MeSH terms, synonyms, and keywords related to the intervention for each of the following bibliographic databases will be developed: PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Web of Science, Scopus, LILACS. The references cited in the included articles will be also checked for

any references that could have been missed in the electronic database searches. A grey literature search will be undertaken using Google Scholar, OpenGrey, and Proquest. All references will be managed by Endnote software and duplicates will be removed. No restrictions on language or publication date will be applied.

Types of study to be included

Randomized clinical trials.

Condition or domain being studied

Resin composite (RC) is the material of choice for direct restorations in both anterior and posterior teeth. However, direct RC restoration is a sensitivity operative technique involving various steps, where the operator's skill level influences the success and longevity of the restoration. Additionally, proper acid etching, moisture control of dentin, complete solvent elimination, correct application of the adhesive system, and the formation of a stable and homogeneous hybrid layer are challenging for dental clinicians.

In an effort to optimize the operatory time, reduce the technique sensitivity, and simplify the restorative procedure, self-adhesive RCs have been used. Unlike conventional RCs, self-adhesive RCs do not require the prior application of an adhesive system. The incorporation of acidic monomers in self-adhesive RCs promotes substrate self-etching and the addition of hydrophilic monomers facilitates resin infiltration, enhancing surface wetting for effective adhesion to

dentin.

The adhesion mechanisms of self-adhesive RCs are both chemical bonding, with acidic monomers bonding to hydroxyapatite, and micromechanical interlocking, where the RC bonds to collagen fibers and the dentin smear layer. However, the clinical performance of self-adhesive RCs still raises questions and presents limitations that need to be considered to validate their efficacy as a direct restorative material.

Participants/population

Patients requiring direct resin composite restorations in permanent teeth, irrespective of cavity location.

Intervention(s), exposure(s)

Direct restorations placed with self-adhesive resin composites.

Comparator(s)/control

Direct restorations placed with conventional or bulk fill resin composites, regardless of the bonding strategy used.

Context

Inclusion: randomized clinical trials comparing the clinical performance of direct restorations placed with self-adhesive resin composites vs. placed with conventional or bulk-fill resin composite, regardless of the cavity location, viscosity of the resin composite, and bond strategy.

Exclusion: non-randomized clinical trials, observational studies, case reports, studies involving animals, laboratorial researches, studies evaluating indirect restorations, pit and fissures sealants, deciduous teeth, adhesive systems, and self-adhesive resin cements.

Main outcome(s)

Clinical evaluation of direct restorations according to modified USPHS criteria, FDI criteria, and others.

Additional outcome(s)

Postoperative sensitivity

Data extraction (selection and coding)

Two independent reviewers (JFB and AFVE) will select the included articles in two phases. Firstly (phase-1), the two reviewers will evaluate the titles and abstracts according the eligibility criteria; secondly (phase-2), they will view full-texts and select articles by the same criteria as phase-1; then, they will crosscheck all the information found. If disagreements arise, a third reviewer (JFZ) will participate before a final decision is made of both phases. If important data for the review are missing or unclear, an attempt will be made to contact the study corresponding author to resolve or clarify the problem.

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Risk of bias (quality) assessment

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Collaboration's tool for assessing risk of bias (Cochrane ROB Tool 2.0). Briefly, the randomization and allocation methods will be classified as adequate, inadequate, or unclear, whereas the completeness of the follow-up period, blinding of examiners, selective reporting and other forms of bias will be coded as "yes/no" responses.

A summary of the overall strength of evidence available will be performed using "Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation" (GRADE). The strength of the evidence will be assessed based on the limitations in the study design, inconsistency, indirectness, imprecision, and publication bias. Grading and summary estimates will be presented in the Summary of Findings (SoF) tables produced via GRADEpro software.

Strategy for data synthesis

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Analysis of subgroups or subsets

Follow-up periods, type of resin composite.

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