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Navid AbbArzadeh

Efforts of lipopolysaccharide application on dentin sialophosphoprotein expression of Immortalized Stem cells of human exfoliated deciduous Teeth

Hypothesis: We hypothesized that the application of greater than 100 mg/mL LPS would reduce the expression of DSPP by SHEDs. We found that there was no significant difference between SHEDs treated with 10 and 100 mg/mL, and untreated SHEDs regarding DSPP production. However, 200 mg/mL LPS treatment was shown to significantly reduce the expression of DSPP by SHEDs.

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Daisy Bachala

The Effect of the Currently Existing Crown, Amalgam or Composite Restoration on the Endodontic Periapical Diagnosis in Teeth Prior to Root Canal Treatment – A Retrospective Study

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Khaled Sahly

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