



**Assessed for eligibility (unknown)**  
Dentists chose patients with matched carious lesions who they felt would return for follow-ups. They were not specifically asked to enrol sequential patients.

**Enrolment**

**Excluded (unknown)**  
**Not meeting inclusion criteria (unknown)**  
**Refused to participate (retrospectively gathered data indicated this to be around 13%)**

**Randomisation**  
Split mouth design.  
Computer generated randomization at distant site accessed by phone call.  
Treatments randomised by sequence and side of mouth for intervention or control

**Allocated to control (n= 132)**  
Received allocated control (n=129)  
Did not receive allocated control (n=3)  
Reasons:  
unable to cope with procedure (n=3)  
Analysed (n=132)

**Allocation**

**Allocated to intervention (n=132)**  
Received allocated intervention (n=128)  
Did not receive allocated intervention (n=4)  
Reasons:  
couldn't get crown to fit tooth (n=3)  
patient unable to cope with procedure (n=1)  
Analysed (n=132)

**Analysis of acceptability of treatments**

**Lost to follow-up (n=8)**  
Reasons:  
Moved away (n=3)  
Failed to return (n=5)  
Discontinued intervention (n=0)

**2 yr follow-up**

**Lost to follow-up (n=8)**  
Reasons:  
Moved away (n=3)  
Failed to return (n=5)  
Discontinued intervention (n=0)

**Analysed (n= 124)**  
Excluded from analysis (n= 0)

**Analysis of treatment outcomes**

**Analysed (n= 124)**  
Excluded from analysis (n= 0)