*P < 0.001 based on y2 test. Pearson y2 value = 100.397.

Perforated gloves

Intact gloves

n %

n %

Total

n %

Wiping the scaler

tip

96

20.8%

365

79.2%

461

23.0%

Simulated clinical procedure*

Screwing and

unscrewing a local anaesthesia

needle

27

5.3%

478

94.7%

505

25.2%

Placing and

removing a

chamfer bur

81

15.3%

449

84.7%

530

26.4%

Total

222

11.1%

1784

88.9%

2006

100.0%

Placing and removing a triple

way syringe

18

3.5%

492

96.5%

510

25.4%

Table 2 Rate of glove perforation among 4 simulated clinical procedures