**(EVALUATION OF SELECTED SALIVARY MARKERS IN RELATION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES)**

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 The objective of the thesis is to evaluate the salivary levels of lactoferrin, lactoperoxidase, stathrin, and beta-defensin-3 between children with early childhood caries and children free of caries.

The thesis also included measuring the levels of saliva lactoferrin, lactoperoxidase, stathrin, and antimicrobial peptides (beta defensin-3), using the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). All groups were subjected to an oral examination, and the missing, decomposed filling was recorded.