

Table 2 Sealant use by presence of untreated dental caries in 3rd and 8th graders

Untreated dental caries	Sealant use				χ^2 -value	OR (95% CI)
	No		Yes			
	No.	%	No.	%		
<i>Primary teeth of 3rd graders (n = 880)</i>						
Present	680	82.7	35	60.3	17.8	0.32 (0.18–0.56)
Absent	142	17.3	23	39.7		
<i>Permanent teeth of 3rd graders (n = 890)</i>						
Present	467	56.2	17	28.8	16.7	0.32 (0.17–0.56)
Absent	364	43.8	42	71.2		
<i>Permanent teeth of 8th graders (n = 775)</i>						
Present	437	63.7	23	25.8	46.8	0.20 (0.12–0.33)
Absent	249	36.3	66	74.2		

OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval.