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Table 1. Number of workers studied

	Fact	_	
	Galvanizing	Battery	T ot al
Exposure group	329 (38.0)	158(18.2)	487 (56.2)
Non-exposure group	379 (43.8)	0( 0.0)	379 (43.8)

<sup>\*</sup> unit: number of workers(%)

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Table 2. Prevalence rate of dental erosion between the group exposed to acid and the group not exposed to acid

	7	Grade of dental erosion					-P value**
	0	1	2	3	4	5	-P value**
Exposed	318	124	14	22	7	2	
	(65.3)	(25.5)	(2.9)	(4.5)	(1.4)	(0.4)	
Not exposed	328	43	6	1	1		0.000
	(86.5)	(11.3)	(1.6)	(0.3)	(0.3)		
Total	646	167	20	23	8	2	
Total	(74.6)	(19.3)	(2.3)	(2.7)	(0.9)	(0.2)	

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

<sup>\*\*</sup>P<0.01 by Chi-square test, comparison between exposed and not exposed group to acid

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Table 3. Number of eroded teeth in subjects exposed to acid and in the group not exposed to acid

	N	Eroded	— P value**	
	IN	Mean	SD	- P value**
Exposed	487	1.44	2.59	0.000
Not exposed	379	0.42	1.32	0.000
T ot al	866	0.99	2.19	

<sup>\*\*</sup>P<0.01 by t-test, comparison between exposed and not exposed group to acid

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Table 4. Number of eroded teeth weighed in subjects exposed to acid and in group not exposed

	N	Eroded teet	Eroded teeth(weighted)		
	IN	Mean	SD	- P value**	
Exposed	487	2.28	5.62	0.000	
Not exposed	379	0.49	1.69	0.000	
Total	866	1.50	4.45		

<sup>\*\*</sup>P<0.01 by t-test, comparison between exposed and not exposed group to acid

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Table 5. Prevalence and severity of dental erosion in the upper teeth

Tooth No		(	Grade of de	ental erosion		
1 00011 100	0	1	2	3	4	5
17	448 (92.0)					
16	427 (87.7)	1(0.2)				
15	443 (91.0)					
14	462(94.9)		1(0.2)	1(0.2)	1(0.2)	
13	449 (92.2)	3(0.6)	4(0.8)	2(0.4)	1(0.2)	
12	398(81.7)	35(7.2)	9(1.8)	7(1.4)	2(0.4)	
11	305 (62.6)	107(22.0)	7(1.4)	16(3.3)	1(0.2)	1(0.2)
21	299(61.4)	115(23.6)	9(1.8)	14(2.9)		1(0.2)
22	381(78.2)	49(10.1)	5(1.0)	10(2.1)	1(0.2)	2(0.4)
23	448 (92.0)	5(1.0)	2(0.4)	5(1.0)	1(0.2)	
24	463 (95.1)			1(0.2)		
25	438(89.9)	1(0.2)		1(0.2)		
26	415 (89.9)	1(0.2)		1(0.2)		
27	447(91.8)					

<sup>\*</sup> unit: number of workers(%)

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Table 6. Prevalence and severity of dental erosion in the lower teeth

Tooth No			Grade of de	ental erosion		
1 00th 100	0	1	2	3	4	5
37	405 (83.2)					
36	385 (79.1)					
35	438(89.9)		1(0.2)	2(0.4)		
34	457 (93.8)	1(0.2)	2(0.4)	3(0.6)	1(0.2)	
33	451(92.6)	5(1.0)	8(1.6)	7(1.4)	3(0.3)	
32	423 (86.9)	36(7.4)	4(0.8)	8(1.6)	4(0.8)	
31	406(83.4)	51(10.5)	2(0.4)	9(1.8)	5(1.0)	
41	409 (84.0)	45(9.2)	2(0.4)	11(2.3)	4(0.8)	
42	436(89.5)	27(5.5)	1(0.2)	10(2.1)	3(0.6)	
43	458 (94.0)	2(0.4)	6(1.2)	9(1.8)		
44	465 (95.5)			3(0.6)	1(0.2)	
45	431(88.5)			1(0.2)		
46	387 (79.5)		1(0.2)			
47	401(82.3)					

<sup>\*</sup> unit: number of workers(%)

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Table 7. Prevalence of dental erosion between the anterior and the posterior teeth in the group exposed to acid

	_	Anterio	– P value**		
		without with		- P value	
Posterior	without	318(65.3)	154(31.6)	0.000	
teeth	with	3(0.6)	12(2.5)	0.000	
Total		321(65.9)	166(34.1)		

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

Table 8. Prevalence of dental erosion between the anterior and the posterior teeth in the group not exposed to acid.

	_	Anterior teeth without with		— P value**
				- P value
Posterior	without	328(86.5)	47(12.4)	0.002
teeth	with	2(0.5)	2(0.5)	0.083
Total		330(87.1)	49(12.9)	

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

<sup>\*\*</sup>P<0.01 by Chi-square test, comparison between anterior and posterior teeth in the group exposed to acid

<sup>\*\*</sup>P>0.05 by Chi-square test, comparison between anterior and posterior teeth in the group not exposed to acid

Table 9. Prevalence of dental erosion between the upper and thelower teeth in the group exposed to acid

		Upper	D l **		
	-	without	with	— P value**	
Lower	without	318(65.3)	89(18.3)	0.000	
teeth	with	14(2.9)	66(13.6)		
T ot al		332(68.2)	155 (31.8)		

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

Table 10. Prevalence of dental erosion between the upper and the lower teeth in the group not exposed to acid

		Upper teeth		D 1 **	
	_	without	with	— P value**	
Lower	without	328(86.5)	35(9.2)	0.000	
teeth	with	4(1.1)	12(3.2)	0.000	
Total		332(87.6)	47(12.4)		

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

<sup>\*\*</sup>P<0.01 by Chi-square test, comparison between upper and lower teeth in the group exposed to acid

<sup>\*\*</sup>P<0.01 by Chi-square test, comparison between upper and lower teeth in the group not exposed to acid

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( ) 33.7%, ( ) 62.8%, ( ) 75%, ( ) 28.6% Chi-square (Table 11).
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Table 11. Prevalence rate of dental erosion in factories

F 4	Grade of dental erosion					
Factory	0	1	2	3	4	5
	218(66.3)	88 (26.7)	7( 2.1)	13( 4.0)	3( 0.9)	
	43 (78.2)	5(9.1)	2( 3.6)	3(5.5)		2( 3.6)
	16(37.2)	21(48.8)	2( 3.6)	2(4.7)	2( 4.7)	
	1(25.0)	1(25.0)	1(25.0)		1(25.0)	
	40(71.4)	9(16.1)	2( 3.6)	4(7.1)	1( 1.8)	
T otal	318(65.3)	124(25.5)	14( 2.9)	22( 4.5)	7( 1.4)	2( 0.4)

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

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<sup>\*</sup>P<0.01 by Chi-square test, comparison among factories

Table 12. Mean of number of eroded teeth in factories

Factory	N -	Eroded	teeth
Factory	11	Mean	SD
	329	1.22	2.24
	55	1.38	3.28
	43	3.19	3.33
	4	6.00	4.97
	56	1.13	2.21
Total	487	1.44	2.59

<sup>\*</sup>P<0.01 by ANOVA test, comparison among factories

Table 13. Weighted mean index of weighed eroded teeth in factories

	_	Eroded teet	n (weighted)
Factory	N	Mean	SD
	329	1.73	4.02
	55	3.24	9.53
	43	5.00	8.17
	4	11.25	11.59
	56	1.89	4.51
Total	487	2.28	5.62

<sup>\*</sup>P<0.01 by ANOVA test, comparison among factories

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Table 14. Prevalence rate of dental erosion by industrial type

	<del>.</del>	C	Frade of de	ental erosio	n	
Factory	0 (n=318)	1 (n=124)	2 (n=14)	3 (n=22)	4 (n=7)	5 (n=2)
Galvanizing	218(66.3)	88(26.7)	7( 2.1)	13( 4.0)	3( 0.9)	
Battery	100(63.3)	36(22.8)	7(4.4)	9(5.7)	4( 2.5)	2(1.3)
Total	318(65.3)	124(25.5)	14( 2.9)	22( 4.5)	7( 1.4)	2( 0.4)

<sup>\*</sup>unit : number of workers(%)

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Table 15. Mean of number of eroded teeth by industrial type

Factory	N	M ean ±SD
Galvanizing	329	1.22±2.24
Battery	158	1.90±3.17
Total	487	1.44±2.59

<sup>\*</sup>P<0.01 by t-test, comparison between galvanizing and battery factories

<sup>\*\*</sup>P>0.05 by Chi-square test, comparison between two industrial types

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Table 16. Weighted mean index of weighed eroded teeth by industrial type

Factory	N	M ean ±SD
Galvanizing	329	1.73±4.02
Battery	158	$3.44 \pm 7.86$
T otal	487	2.28±5.62

<sup>\*</sup>P<0.01 by t-test, comparison between galvanizing and battery factories

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Table 17.Results of bivariate analysis between the group exposed to acid and the group not exposed to acid

	Exposed (n=487)	Not exposed (n=379)	P
Age	38.12±8.38	35.22±7.57*	0.000
Years of service	10.50±6.92	6.94±5.74	0.000
Brittle teeth	11.9%	7.1%	0.049
Discoloration of gum	3.6%	7.8%	0.023
Tooth brushing method(rolling)	49.3%	59.5%	0.017
mask	80.9%	88.5%	0.004

<sup>\*</sup> Mean±SD

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Table 18. Results of multivariate logistic regression analysis between the group exposed to acid and the group not exposed to acid

Variables	Odds ratio	95% CI*	P value
Acid (exposed)	3.48	2.25 - 5.37	0.0001
Years of service	1.33	1.13 - 1.56	0.0007
Tooth brushing frequency (rolling method)	0.73	0.56-0.95	0.0183

<sup>\* 95%</sup> confidence intervals for odds ratio

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Table 19. Results of multivariate logistic regression analysis between the group exposed to acid and the group not exposed to acid after age and years of service are changed using dummy variables

Variables	Odds ratio	95% CI*	P value
Acid (exposed)	4.32	2.79-6.69	0.0001
Years of service (5-10year)	1.96	1.27-3.04	0.0026
Age(<30year)	0.48	0.27-0.85	0.0121
Age(40-49year)	1.74	1.12-2.70	0.0130
Tooth brushing frequency (rolling method)	0.75	0.58-0.98	0.0340

<sup>\* 95%</sup> confidence intervals for odds ratio

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Table 20. Results of stepwise multiple regression analysis using eroded teeth and other variables

Variables	Regression Coefficient	Standard Error	P value	R-square
Acid(exposed)	0.99	0.28	0.0005	
Brittle teeth	1.29	0.39	0.0010	10.3%
Age(per 10year)	0.30	0.14	0.0409	

Table 21. Results of stepwise multiple regression analysis between the group exposed to acid and the group not exposed to acid after age and years of service are changed using dummy variables

Variables	Regression	Standard	P value	R-square
v arrables	Coefficient	Error		
Acid(exposed)	0.98	0.20	0.0001	
Brittle teeth	1.21	0.38	0.0018	
Age(40-49year)	0.82	0.27	0.0028	29.5%
Years of service	0.72	0.27	0.0074	
(5-10year)	0.73	0.27	0.0074	

Table 22. Results of stepwise multiple regression analysis using weighted eroded teeth and other variables

Variables	Regression Coefficient	Standard Error	P value	R-square
Acid(exposed)	1.83	0.37	0.0001	
Age(per 10year)	0.67	0.21	0.0013	7.0%
Brittle teeth	1.42	0.61	0.0201	

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Table 23. Results of stepwise multiple regression analysis of weighted eroded teeth index between the group exposed to acid and the group not exposed to acid after age and years of service are changed using dummy variables

Variables	Regression Coefficient	Standard Error	P value	R-square
Acid(exposed)	1.87	0.28	0.0001	
Age(40-49year)	1.43	0.40	0.0004	16.8%
Brittle teeth	1.46	0.60	0.0149	

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## ABSTRACT

## Dental Erosion Prevalence and Risk Factors in Galvanizing and Battery manufacture Factory Workers

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The object of this study was to investigate the prevalence rate of dental erosion and the associated factors for the purpose of providing the basic data to occupational dental health program. It was examined 866 workers in 1 galvanizing and 4 battery manufacture factories at March 22th-24, April 11th-12th, 17th-18th, 23th, August 6th, September 4th-7th, 2000. The prevalence rate of dental erosion, the mean number of tooth eroded and eroded teeth(weighted) were calculated. It was compare with type of industry, factories and location. For the associated factors, logistic regression and multiple regression was performed.

## The results were as follows;

- 1. The prevalence rate of dental erosion were Grade 1(25.5%), Grade 2(2.9%), Grade 3(4.5%), Grade 4(1.4%), Grade 5(0.4%) and total(34.7%) in exposed workers to acid. Eroded teeth were 1.44±2.59 and eroded teeth (weighted) were 2.28±5.62.
- 2. The dental erosion is more higher in anterior and upper teeth than posterior and lower teeth in exposed workers to acid(P<0.05). The dental erosion is more higher in upper than lower in non-exposed workers (P<0.05).

- 3. In exposed workers to acid, there were significant differences in the prevalence of dental erosion, eroded teeth and eroded teeth (weighted) among factories (P < 0.01).
- 4. In exposed workers to acid, there were significant differences in the eroded teeth and eroded teeth (weighted) between two industries (P < 0.01).
- 5. The risk factors to the prevalence of dental erosion were acid(odds ratio: 3.478), service year(odds ratio: 1.328) and frequency of tooth brushing by rolling method(odds ratio: 0.728).
- 6. The risk factors to the eroded teeth were acid(B: 0.988), age(B: 0.297) and brittle teeth(B: 1.293) and to the eroded teeth(weighted) were acid(B: 1.833), age(B: 0.673) and brittle teeth(B: 1.417).
- 7. When age and service year were changed dummy variables, the risk factors to the prevalence of dental erosion were acid(odds ratio: 4.316), service year (5-10 year) (odds ratio: 1.328), age (40-49 year) (odds ratio: 1.743), age (<30) (odds ratio: 0.480) and frequency of tooth brushing (odds ratio: 0.751).
- 8. When age and service year were changed dummy variables, the risk factors to the eroded teeth were acid(B: 0.977), service year(5-10year)(B: 0.728), age(40-49year)(B: 0.816) and brittle teeth(B: 1.212) and to the eroded teeth(weighted) were acid(B: 1.873), age(40-49year)(B: 1.426) and brittle teeth(B: 1.461).

According to the results, environment of working place, age and service year and discomfort of workers like a brittle teeth will be considered in the preventive program of industrial dental erosion. And the continuing studies of the effect of acid and the risk factors are necessary.

Key words: dental erosion, prevalence, eroded teeth, risk factor.