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# Fracture Strength of Titanium-based Lithium Disilicate and Zirconia Abutment Crowns

ABSTRACT #



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## INTRODUCTION

Ivoclar Vivadent has combined the concept of CAD-CAM fabrication and esthetic-ceramic abutments. The IPS e.max CAD abutment is a lithium-disilicate block with a screw channel which can be milled to fabricate a hybrid abutment or hybrid-abutment crown. The hybrid abutment or hybrid-abutment crown is cemented onto a titanium-based platform, creating a hybrid of metal and ceramic. One permutation, involves drilling a access in the crown's occlusal surface, cementing the abutment and crown extraorally and then delivering the final restoration as a screw-retained prosthesis.

## OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the strength properties of lithium disilicate to act as a hybrid-abutment crown, hybrid abutment, and "screwmentable" hybrid-abutment and crown in comparison to zirconia as a hybrid abutment when cemented to a titanium base.

## MATERIALS and METHODS

An implant (Certain 4.1mm, Biomet 3i) was cemented into a resin cylinder using a flowable composite, scanned with a ScanPost (Sirona) and OmniCam Acquisition Unit (Sirona). A premolar-shaped crown was designed. Four groups of 10 specimens each were milled (MCXL, Sirona). Group 1: lithium-disilicate hybrid-abutment crown; Group 2: lithium-disilicate hybrid abutment/lithium-disilicate crown; Group 3: "screwmentable" lithium-disilicate hybrid abutment/lithium-disilicate crown with screw channel created with a bur and filled with composite resin; and Group 4 (control): zirconia hybrid abutment (InCoris ZI meso, Sirona)/lithium-disilicate crown. A TiBase (Sirona) was placed in each of the forty mounted implants. The groups were cemented onto the TiBase following manufacturer's recommendations, thermocycled (2000 cycles, 5 – 55° C) and cyclically loaded (150N, 100,000 cycles, 1Hz). Specimens were fractured in an Instron using a 6mm-diameter cylindrical piston resting on the buccal and lingual cusps. Fracture load data was analyzed with a One-Way ANOVA/Tukey's (alpha=0.05). Fracture modes were categorized as restoration intact, >50% of abutment intact with some intact crown remaining, <50% of abutment intact with some intact crown remaining, >50% of abutment intact without intact crown remaining, <50% of abutment intact without intact crown remaining, only the TiBase remaining, and finally prosthetic screw fracture.



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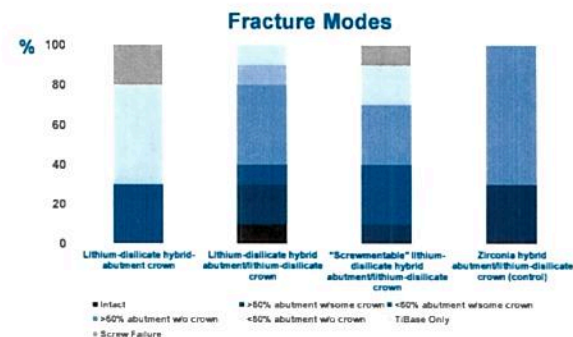
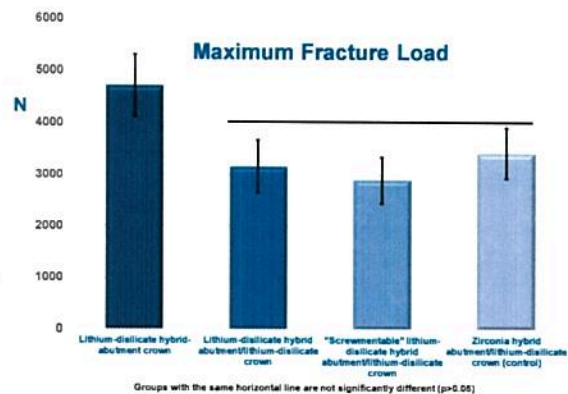


Zirconia abutment and Lithium Disilicate Crown

## RESULTS

A significant difference was found in maximum fracture load between groups ( $p < 0.001$ ). The lithium-disilicate hybrid-abutment crown had significantly greater fracture strength than all the other groups which were not significantly different from each other.

The most frequently observed fracture mode for each group was as follows: Group 1) lithium-disilicate hybrid-abutment crown - only the TiBase remaining; Group 2) lithium-disilicate hybrid abutment/lithium-disilicate crown - >50% of the abutment without intact crown Group 3: "screwmentable" lithium-disilicate hybrid abutment/lithium-disilicate crown - an equal number (30% each) where >50% of the abutment remained without intact crown and <50% of the abutment remained with some intact crown remaining; and Group 4: zirconia hybrid abutment/lithium-disilicate crown - >50% of the abutment without intact crown



## CONCLUSIONS

Based on fracture strength properties, the new lithium-disilicate abutment material may serve as a viable alternative to the use of the zirconia abutment/lithium-disilicate crown (control). The lithium-disilicate hybrid-abutment crown had the greatest fracture strength.

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