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RESUMO

O objetivo deste estudo foi de analisar a influência da presença e composição do bráquete (metálico ou cerâmico), presença do protetor bucal na tensão e deformação em paciente com overjet acentuado positivo. Modelos bidimensionais plane strain dos incisivos centrais maxilares de um paciente com overjet acentuado positivo foram criados baseados em uma tomografia computadorizada, simulando o ligamento periodontal, suporte ósseo, tecido mole, bráquetes ortodônticos (metálico ou cerâmico) e o protetor bucal. Uma análise de elementos finitos não-linear de impacto foi realizada na qual uma esfera metálica atingiu a superfície a 1 m.s^{-1} . A distribuição de tensões (Von Mises e Von Mises Modificado), deformação e deslocamento do protetor bucal foram calculados. A distribuição de tensões foi afetada pela presença do bráquete e composição. Modelos com bráquete metálico e cerâmico tiveram maiores tensões sobre a área do esmalte vestibular que sofreu impacto. Modelos com bráquetes cerâmicos geraram maiores valores de tensão do que bráquetes metálicos. Protetores bucais reduziram os valores de tensão e deformação independentemente do tipo de bráquete. A capacidade de absorção de impacto foi de 88.37% e 89.27% para os bráquetes metálicos e cerâmicos, respectivamente. Não houve diferença de deslocamento do protetor bucal. A presença de bráquetes ortodônticos e a composição (metálico ou cerâmico) influenciaram a tensão e deformação gerada nos dentes durante um impacto. Bráquetes cerâmicos geraram maiores valores de tensão do que bráquetes metálicos. Protetores bucais reduziram substancialmente os picos de tensão e deformação independentemente do tipo de bráquete.

Palavras-chave: protetor bucal. biomecânica. análise por elementos finitos. má oclusão. Ortodontia

ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to analyze the influence of orthodontic bracket presence and type (metallic or ceramic), and presence of a mouthguard on the stress and strain in a patient with increased positive overjet. Methods: Two-dimensional plane-strain models of a patient with increased positive overjet of the maxillary central incisor was created based on a CT scan, simulating the periodontal ligament, bone support, soft tissue, orthodontic brackets (metallic - MB or ceramic - CB) and mouthguard. A nonlinear dynamic impact finite element analysis was performed in which a steel object hit the model at 1 m.s-1. Stress distributions (Von Mises and Modified Von Mises), strain and displacement of the mouthguard were calculated. Stress distributions were affected by the bracket presence and type. Models with metallic and ceramic bracket had higher stresses over a larger buccal enamel impact area. Models with ceramic brackets generated higher stresses than the metallic brackets. Mouthguards reduced the stress and strain values regardless of bracket type. Mouthguard shock absorption were 88.37% and 89.27% for the metallic and ceramic bracket, respectively. There was no difference between the MB and CB for the mouthguard displacement. Orthodontic bracket presence and type (metallic or ceramic) influenced the stress and strain generated in the teeth during an impact. Ceramic brackets generated higher stresses than metallic brackets. Mouthguards substantially reduced impact stress and strain peaks, regardless of bracket type.

Key words: mouthguard. biomechanics. analysis by finite elements. malocclusions. orthodontics

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% - Porcentagem

FIG. – Figura

CT – Tomografia Computadorizada

mm – Unidade de Comprimento (milímetro)

m/s – Unidade de Velocidade (metro por segundo)

MPa – Força / Área (Mega Paschoal)

EVA – Etileno Vinil Acetato

MTG – Protetor Bucal

CB – Bráquete Cerâmico

MB – Bráquete Metálico

MEF – Método Elementos Finitos

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Introdução

1. INTRODUÇÃO E REFERENCIAL TEÓRICO

Os traumatismos dentários ocorrem com frequência durante a prática de esportes e atingem uma considerável parcela da população (Newsome *et al.*, 2001; Farrington *et al.*, 2012; Sepet *et al.*, 2014). Os traumatismos dentários podem ocasionar perdas dentárias ou danos irreparáveis, tanto no momento do trauma, como no decorrer do tratamento ou até mesmo anos após, devido às reabsorções radiculares (Newsome *et al.*, 2001; Andersson *et al.*, 2016; Diangelis *et al.*, 2016; Malmgren *et al.*, 2016). Os traumas ocasionados pela prática esportiva representam 14 a 39% das causas do traumatismo dentário e correspondem ao terceiro atendimento de traumas faciais (Sane & Ylipaavalniemi, 1988). Traumatismos dentários associados as estruturas adjacentes de suporte acometem indivíduos em todas as faixas etárias acarretando comprometimento crítico e danoso ao órgão dental e tecidos de suporte, desde trincas do esmalte dentário, avulsão e fratura do complexo dento-alveolar (Andreasen JO, *et al.*, 2016). As protrusões maxilares e overjet proeminentes associadas à ausência de selamento labial passivo, com exposição dentária, são fatores de risco para traumatismos (Borzabadi-Farahani & Borzabadi-Farahani, 2011; Thiruvengkatachari *et al.*, 2015). A literatura fornece evidências de que um overjet acentuado de 6 ou 7 mm aumenta o risco de trauma dental, e quando o overjet é maior que 6 mm, frequentemente as consequências do trauma dental são mais severas (Borzabadi-Farahani & Borzabadi-Farahani, 2011; Thiruvengkatachari *et al.*, 2015). Pacientes com má-oclusões de Classe II com trespasse horizontal positivo são mais suscetíveis a sofrer lesões dentárias devido à protrusão dos incisivos superiores. Essas má-oclusões ou deformidades esqueléticas estão associadas, e podem ser classificadas em dois subgrupos clinicamente relevantes. A) Projeção anterior dos dentes maxilares (Overjet), B) Relação de discrepância entre as bases ósseas dos maxilares (maxila e mandíbula) (Thiruvengkatachari *et al.*, 2015).

A maioria dos pacientes com aumento do overjet positivo são submetidos a tratamento ortodôntico com aparelhos fixos durante a infância ou a adolescência (Owtad *et al.*, 2015) (Thiruvengkatachari *et al.*, 2015). Há indícios de que a composição dos bráquetes ortodônticos pode estar relacionada com dano da estrutura dentária frente a impactos e durante a remoção dos bráquetes (Yapel & Quick, 1994). Estudos afirmam que a aplicação de carga em altas velocidades em bráquetes metálicos ou cerâmicos estão associados a risco de danos ao esmalte dentário. Os bráquetes de cerâmica, quando submetidos ao impacto dissipam rapidamente as tensões podendo oferecer riscos de fraturas no esmalte dentário quando comparados com bráquetes metálicos (Yapel & Quick, 1994). Atualmente, existe preferência dos pacientes por

aparelhos fixos estéticos confeccionados com materiais cerâmicos. No entanto não existem evidências da presença dos bráquetes e composição na geração de tensões durante um impacto.

As lesões orofaciais podem ser evitadas com protetores bucais (Newsome *et al.*, 2001; Owtad *et al.*, 2015). Os protetores bucais são dispositivos intra-orais usados para diminuir a tensão e deformação gerados durante um impacto e prevenir lesões dentárias (Verissimo *et al.*, 2017). Apesar das recomendações de que todos os pacientes ortodônticos que participam de esportes de contato devem utilizar um protetor bucal para proteger dentes e estruturas adjacentes de lesões faciais, muitos pacientes ignoram essa recomendação (Bussell & Barreto, 2014). Atenção especial deve ser destinada para pacientes em tratamento ortodôntico associado ao uso de protetor bucal (Borzabadi-Farahani & Borzabadi-Farahani, 2011; Bussell & Barreto, 2014). Os pacientes ortodônticos recebem um protetor bucal personalizado com alívio na superfície vestibular interna criado com diferentes materiais e técnicas, usando cera utilidade, materiais elastoméricos ou tubos de plástico (Croll & Castaldi, 2004; Maeda *et al.*, 2008). O espaço interno é projetado para manter a biomecânica ortodôntica durante a utilização do protetor bucal. Mesmo com este espaço interno, a estabilidade e o ajuste adequado de um protetor bucal na cavidade bucal devem ser sempre assegurados, sendo imprescindível para o seu bom funcionamento. Entretanto, são necessários mais estudos para a prática clínica baseada em evidências científicas, e sobre as recomendações sobre o uso de protetores bucais para pacientes em tratamento ortodôntico, bem como conhecimento sobre os mecanismos de fratura, tipos de materiais para confecção de protetor bucal e métodos confecção (Fields & Christensen, 2013) Para atletas que usam aparelhos ortodônticos fixos, um protetor bucal personalizado e adaptado intimamente aos dentes pode prevenir e minimizar lacerações intraorais e contusões (Pacheco *et al.*, 2010).

O método de elementos finitos foi desenvolvido na engenharia entre os anos de 1950 e 1960, desde então o método vem sendo extensamente utilizado em diversas áreas do conhecimento. Durante este período o enfoque principal era a indústria aeroespacial, porém a partir de 1960 surgiram os primeiros softwares comerciais, e após este período, novos softwares foram desenvolvidos. Este método é considerado como sendo o mais compreensível para calcular a complexa condição da distribuição das tensões em diversos materiais, inclusive nos odontológicos, proporcionando dados valiosos com custo operacional relativamente baixo e tempo reduzido (Versluis & Versluis-Tantbiroj, 2011). Na odontologia o potencial do MEF é comprovado em numerosos estudos com análises bidimensionais e tridimensionais. O método de elementos finitos, através da análise dinâmica de impacto, tem sido utilizado para avaliação da biomecânica de protetores bucais e capacidade de absorção de impacto de protetores bucais

com validação experimental (Verissimo *et al.*, 2016a; Verissimo *et al.*, 2016b; Verissimo *et al.*, 2017).

Vários estudos avaliaram o comportamento biomecânico dos protetores bucais e do traumatismo dentário (Takeda *et al.*, 2004a; Takeda *et al.*, 2004b; Bhalla *et al.*, 2013; Ozawa *et al.*, 2014; Verissimo *et al.*, 2016a; Verissimo *et al.*, 2016b; Verissimo *et al.*, 2017) no entanto, poucos estudos avaliaram a biomecânica do trauma dental em pacientes ortodônticos com aumento do overjet positivo, bem como o uso de um protetor bucal. Portanto, os mecanismos de absorção de choque dos protetores bucais e as distribuições de tensão sobre as estruturas dentárias em usuários de aparelho ortodôntico ainda não estão claros. Diante do referencial teórico apresentado, o objetivo do presente estudo foi avaliar pelo método de elementos finitos a influência da presença de bráquetes ortodônticos, tipo e composição (metálico ou cerâmico) na distribuição de tensões, deformação e capacidade de absorção de choques do protetor bucal personalizado em um paciente com overjet positivo acentuado durante impacto horizontal.

Objetivo

2. OBJETIVO

2.1. Objetivo geral

Utilizar uma análise dinâmica não-linear de impacto por elementos finitos para avaliar a influência da presença e composição de bráquetes ortodônticos e presença de protetor bucal na deformação, tensão, capacidade de absorção de impacto e deslocamento do protetor bucal em paciente com overjet positivo acentuado.

2.2. Objetivo específico

Avaliar a influência da presença e composição de bráquetes ortodônticos e presença de protetor bucal na deformação, tensão, capacidade de absorção de impacto e deslocamento do protetor bucal em paciente com overjet positivo acentuado de acordo com os seguintes fatores em estudo:

a) Presença e composição de bráquetes ortodônticos em três níveis:

- 1- Sem bráquete.
- 2- Com bráquete ortodôntico metálico.
- 3- Com bráquete ortodôntico cerâmico.

a) Presença do protetor bucal em dois níveis:

- 1- Sem protetor bucal.
- 2- Com protetor bucal.

Capítulo Único

3. Capítulo Único - INFLUENCE OF ORTHODONTIC BRACKET TYPE AND MOUTHGUARD ON THE IMPACT STRESS AND STRAIN IN PATIENTS WITH INCREASED POSITIVE OVERJET.

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Abstract

Background/Aim: The aim of this study was to analyze the influence of orthodontic bracket presence and type (metallic or ceramic), and presence of a mouthguard on the stress and strain in a patient with increased positive overjet. *Methods:* Two-dimensional plane-strain models of a patient with increased positive overjet of the maxillary central incisor was created based on a CT scan, simulating the periodontal ligament, bone support, soft tissue, orthodontic brackets (metallic - MB or ceramic - CB) and mouthguard. A nonlinear dynamic impact finite element analysis was performed in which a steel object hit the model at 1 m.s^{-1} . Stress distributions (Von Mises and Modified Von Mises), strain and displacement of the mouthguard were calculated. *Results:* Stress distributions were affected by the bracket presence and type. Models with metallic and ceramic bracket had higher stresses over a larger buccal enamel impact area. Models with ceramic brackets generated higher stresses than the metallic brackets. Mouthguards reduced the stress and strain values regardless of bracket type. Mouthguard shock absorption were 88.37% and 89.27% for the metallic and ceramic bracket, respectively. There was no difference between the MB and CB for the mouthguard displacement. *Conclusion:* Orthodontic bracket presence and type (metallic or ceramic) influenced the stress and strain generated in the teeth during an impact. Ceramic brackets generated higher stresses than metallic brackets. Mouthguards substantially reduced impact stress and strain peaks, regardless of bracket type.

Key words: mouthguard; biomechanics; finite element analysis; orthodontics; impact absorption ability.

1. Introduction

Dental and oral facial injuries are common during sports practice (1-3). Some studies showed that there is a higher risk for dental traumas in patients with malocclusions that are undergoing orthodontic treatment (4). Class II malocclusions with positive overjet are more susceptible to sustain dental injuries because of the maxillary incisor protrusion. These malocclusions or skeletal deformities are associated and can be classified into two clinically relevant subgroups. A) Anterior projection of the maxillary teeth (Overjet); and B) Relationship of discrepancy between the maxillary bones (maxilla and jaw) (5). Maxillary protrusions are also associated with inadequate or poor lip coverage that also increases the risk for anterior dental trauma. It is reported that an overjet larger than 6 or 7 mm increases the risk for dental trauma, and when the overjet is more than 6 mm, frequently the consequences of the dental trauma are more severe (5).

Most of the patients with increased positive overjet are subjected to orthodontic treatment with fixed appliances during the childhood or adolescence (5, 6). There is some indication that the composition of orthodontic brackets could be related to tooth structure damage in front of a high speed blow (7). Orofacial injuries can be prevented by wearing mouthguards (1, 6). Mouthguards are intraoral devices used to decrease the stress and strain generated during an impact and prevent dental injuries (8-10). Despite the recommendations that all orthodontics patients participating in contact sports should wear a mouthguard to protect teeth and adjacent structures of oral-facial injuries, many patients disregard this important advice (11).

Special attention has been given to mouthguards for patients undergoing active orthodontic treatment (4, 11). Orthodontic patients will receive a custom-fitted mouthguard with an internal space for the brackets created with different materials and techniques, using wax, elastomeric materials or tube materials (12-15). The internal space is designed to maintain orthodontic biomechanics while wearing the mouthguard. Even with this internal space, stability and proper fit of a mouthguard in the oral cavity must be always be ensured because it is crucial for their proper functioning. Recommendations regarding mouthguard use for active orthodontics patients, biomechanical knowledge about fracture mechanisms, types of mouthguard materials, and methods of construction are necessary for more evidence-based practice (16).

Several studies evaluated the biomechanical behavior of mouthguards and dental trauma (10, 17, 18), however few studies evaluated the biomechanics of the dental trauma in orthodontics patients with increased positive overjet as well as the use of a mouthguard. Therefore, shock absorption mechanisms of mouthguards and stress distributions over tooth structures with bonded brackets are still unclear. The aim of this study was to use finite element impact analysis to analyze the influence of orthodontic bracket presence, type (metallic or ceramic), and mouthguard presence on stresses, strains, mouthguard shock absorption ability, and mouthguard displacement in patients with increased positive overjet during a horizontal (frontal) impact.

2. Material and Methods

Two-dimensional patient specific dynamic finite element impact analysis

One patient was selected for this study at the orthodontics residence of the University of Uberaba – UNIUBE (Fig. 1) with approval of the Ethics Committee (Protocol Number 58913316.7.0000.5145). The patient went through clinical examination in order to confirm the positive overjet and poor lip coverage (Fig 1A, 1B and 1C). Cephalometric analysis was carried out to confirm the 6mm overjet. After the orthodontic appliance bonding procedure (Fig. 1D, 1E and 1F) the patient was immediately submitted to a Computed Tomography (CT) scan. After that, the patient also received a custom-fitted mouthguard (Fig. 1G, 1H and 1I). Using the CT scan, a two-dimensional image was created of the selected patient, showing in cross-section the with increased overjet maxillary central incisor, periodontal ligament, bone support (cortical and trabecular bone), soft tissue, orthodontic bracket and mouthguard (MTG) (Fig. 2A).

The image was exported to image processing and analysis software (Image J, public domain, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA) for tracing coordinates of the tissue outlines in the maxillary structures (Fig. 2B). The coordinates obtained were imported into a finite element analysis program (Marc/Mentat, MSC software, Santa Ana, CA, USA). Cubic-spline curves were drawn through these coordinates to recreate the tissue outlines (Fig. 2C). Five models were created for this study: Model without bracket/MTG (Fig. 2D); Models with metallic bracket - MB (Fig. 2E and 2F); with ceramic bracket - CB (Fig. 2F); Models with metallic bracket and mouthguard (MB-MTG) (Fig. 2G) and Models with ceramic bracket and mouthguard (CB-MTG) (Fig. 2H), following the methodology described by Veríssimo et al. (9). Metallic and ceramic brackets had the same geometrical form but different mechanical properties as shown in the Table 1. The mouthguard was created with 3 mm thickness. The element mesh was manually created using four-node isoparametric arbitrary quadrilateral plane

strain elements with reduced integration (Fig 1I). This type of element has a single integration point. Frictionless contact was prescribed between the mouthguard and the model interface. Separation of the mouthguard was allowed during the impact. All other interfaces were bonded. The Single-Step Houbolt method was used for the dynamic impact analysis. This method is recommended for implicit dynamic contact analyses. Impact with a steel object (10 mm radius) moving at 1.0 m/s initial velocity in horizontal direction was simulated (Fig. 1J). The impact object was unrestrained after the initial velocity was applied. Gravitational forces were not modeled. Nodes on the base of the bone structure were rigidly fixed in the X and Y directions (Fig. 1J). All materials were considered linear-elastic, isotropic and homogeneous. The mechanical properties (elastic modulus, Poisson's ratio and material density) are shown in Table 1.

Each model was solved in Marc. The results were recorded until the impact object lost contact with the enamel, bracket or mouthguard. A custom-made software subroutine collected the strain values in the Y direction for one node on the palatal side. Mouthguard shock absorption ability (%) was calculated defined as the percentage of strain compared to the peak strain value of the model without mouthguard and brackets (MB and CB). This subroutine also recorded the 10% highest stresses in the enamel and dentin during the impact. Stress distributions were analyzed for Von Mises equivalent stresses, which integrate all stress components into one stress equivalent value. To take into account that some materials are stronger in compression than in tension, Modified Von Mises stresses were also determined to show the significance of tensile stress components for models without mouthguard (19). The applied compressive and tensile strength values for enamel were 384.0 and 10.3 MPa and for dentin 297.0 and 98.7 MPa, respectively (19).

Finally, the movement of the mouthguard over the tooth during impact was evaluated. The distances between nodes on the mouthguard surface and on the tooth surface were calculated to characterize the relative mouthguard movement (mm) by the formula: $d = \sqrt{\{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2\}}$, where "d" is the mouthguard displacement away from the tooth, x_1 and y_1 are the x- and y- coordinates of the node at the tooth surface, and x_2 and y_2 are the coordinates of a corresponding node on the mouthguard surface (Fig. 7A).

3. Results

Stress distributions by Von Mises criterion in the models without bracket/MTG, MB, CB, MB-MTG and CB-MTG, at the peak of the impact are shown in Fig. 3. The stress values

are shown according to a linear color scale, where blue indicates the lowest stress values, yellow and light gray the highest stress values. The mean of the 10% highest stresses for enamel and dentin for the models without bracket/MTG, MB, CB, MB-MTG and CB-MTG, during the impact analysis are shown in Fig. 4. Stress distributions were affected by the bracket presence and type (Fig. 3). The models with MB and CB concentrated higher stresses over a larger area at the impacted buccal enamel area (Fig. 3B and 3C). Stresses for the model without bracket/MTG (Fig. 3A) were concentrated at the buccal enamel and palatal surface. The model with CB had the highest stress values, higher than the MB and without bracket/MTG, during the impact at the enamel surface (Fig. 4). In the dentin structure there was no substantial effect for the bracket presence/type (ceramic or metallic) (Fig. 4). For the models MB-MTG (Fig. 3C) and CB-MTG (Fig. 3E), the location of the stress concentrations changed to the root regardless the type of orthodontic bracket. The analysis also showed lower stress values for the models with mouthguard compared to the models MB, CB and without bracket/MTG (Fig. 4).

Modified Von Mises stress distributions in the models without bracket/MTG, MB, CB, MB-MTG and CB-MTG, at the peak of the impact, are shown in Fig. 5. The models with metallic and ceramic brackets concentrated more tensile stresses at the palatal surface and over a larger area. The model with ceramic bracket had higher stress values (Fig. 5C). The history plot for the strain values during the impact collected on the palatal side of the tooth are shown in Fig. 6. Models without bracket/MTG, CB and MB generated higher strain values during the impact. The model without bracket/MTG reached higher strain values compared to MB and CB. The model with a ceramic bracket exhibited higher strain values compared to the model with a metallic bracket. The strain history plot also showed that the time to reach the peak strain was longer for the mouthguard models. The mouthguard shock absorption capability values were 88.37% for the metallic bracket (Fig. 6A) and 89.27% for the ceramic bracket (Fig. 6B). There was no difference between the MB and CB for mouthguard displacement (Fig. 7). Displacements of the mouthguard were higher at the palatal surface.

4. Discussion

The results of our study show that mouthguards can significantly decrease the stress and strain values in the teeth with fixed orthodontic appliances, either metallic or ceramic. Nowadays, with the high demand for aesthetics and well aligned teeth, aesthetic orthodontic appliances (sapphire, composite or ceramics) are ubiquitous. Oral and facial traumas are common occurrences that affect people in deciduous, mixed and permanent dentition phases, often with

severe aesthetic, functional, psychological and economic consequences (10). Increased positive overjet malocclusions are more prone to anterior trauma because of the anterior projection of the teeth and poor lip coverage (5, 6). Most of these conditions can be fully corrected by orthodontic treatment during childhood or adolescence (5). Some studies have reported that during the orthodontic treatment patients are also more susceptible to dental trauma and soft tissue traumas because of the bracket-wire presence. There is no consensus in the literature that the bracket can potentiate or influence the stresses and strains generated in the teeth during an impact. There is also little information about mouthguard biomechanics for patients during orthodontic treatment. Therefore, this study evaluated the influence of orthodontic bracket presence, type (metallic or ceramic), and mouthguard presence on stresses and strains, shock absorption ability, and mouthguard displacement in a patient with increased positive overjet, during a frontal impact.

This study used a specific-patient nonlinear dynamic finite element analysis (19) to evaluate the stress distributions and strains during a simulated impact of the patient-specific model, assuming a plane strain condition in the modeled cross-section. Although the model is 2D, the plane strain assumption represents a three-dimensional condition that may occur in the cross section of a structure with considerable thickness out of the plane, which is true for a cross section where the strain perpendicular to the cross-sectional plane is zero (19). The plane strain condition also simulated the orthodontic brackets attached to neighboring teeth. In a previous validation study, it was shown that despite the simplifications in stress-strain conditions and tissue properties, the finite element impact simulation showed a similar behavior as observed in an *ex vivo* impact experiment (10).

The Von Mises stress distributions were affected by the presence and type of orthodontic brackets during impact with a rigid object (Fig. 3). The models with orthodontic brackets showed high stress levels at the enamel and buccal surface over a larger area. On the other hand, the model without bracket and mouthguard concentrated higher stresses over a smaller area. This can be explained by the fact that the impact object hit different surfaces with same velocity. In this situation, the models with the orthodontic brackets (metallic or ceramic) will redistribute the stresses in a larger area of the enamel. Yapel and Quick evaluated the traumatic debonding of orthodontic brackets (metallic and ceramic) and they found that bracket debonding by impact forces presents a high risk of enamel damage, which supports our Von Mises and Modified Von Mises stress results (7). The high stress concentrations on the buccal enamel can be related to the reported enamel damage. Stresses in the dentin structure were not affected by the orthodontic bracket, regardless of bracket type (Fig. 4). This can be explained by the distance, composition,

modulus of elasticity, density, structure morphology between the impacted bracket and dentin structure morphology. The enamel will have redistributed the impact forces before they reach the dentin, thus it makes little difference for the dentin if there was an orthodontic bracket or not. The Modified Von Mises stress distributions showed that the orthodontic brackets could increase the tensile stresses in the tooth structure, especially in the enamel and particularly for the ceramic bracket. This can be explained by the higher elastic modulus of this bracket material that will transfer more of the initial impact energy to the enamel. Studies discussed that ceramic brackets, because of their brittle behavior, may offer some protection by shattering in front of an impact load (7). Bracket shattering was not modeled in this analysis. However, any advantageous impact energy dissipation it may offer depends on the shattering to happen before the impact stress peak has reached the enamel.

Mouthguards are intraoral devices made by Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) that can decrease the stress and strain in the tooth structure during impact and prevent dental trauma (1, 9, 10). These devices are very important for sports practitioners who are under orthodontic treatment. Orthodontics societies and clinicians recommend that all orthodontic patients with fixed appliances wear mouthguards when playing contact sports. It is also recommended that these mouthguards are custom-fitted for their individual appliances. After the mouthguard fabrication, an orthodontist should check the fit and ensure that it does not interfere with the dental movements (11). Orthodontic clinicians who recommend the use of a mouthguard should consider a variety of factors, including the type of sport practiced, the type of malocclusion and overjet, the level and frequency of the game, previous history of trauma, and lip coverage (11). The current study indicated that the mouthguards reduced the stress and strain values in both enamel and dentin, regardless of the type of orthodontic brackets (Fig 3C and 3E). The EVA material of the mouthguards absorbed most of the impact deformation, which increased the time to absorb and redistribute the impact forces and thus decreased the stress and strain on the tooth structure (Fig 6). The presence of a mouthguard therefore allowed the impact stresses to be distributed through the dentin structures into the bone, which resulted in lower strain values at the palatal side of the crown. The mouthguard also reduced stresses between bracket and enamel, which can prevent the debonding or fracture of the orthodontic bracket itself, and thus not disrupt the orthodontic treatment. The lower values of traction and deformation obtained in the analysis are related to distance from the data collection site, since measurements were made on the vestibular face of the tooth.

Were observed that shock absorption ability was lower than 90%. Veríssimo et al. reported levels for custom-fitted mouthguards shock absorption ability ranging from 95 to 98% based on finite element analysis studies and experimental impact tests of teeth without brackets (8-10). The presence of the space created for the orthodontic bracket and the overjet condition thus slightly reduced the effectiveness of the mouthguard protection. It is obvious that a custom-fitted mouthguard made for a patient with orthodontic brackets has less retention and fit because the brackets should be isolated or fully covered during the impression procedure. This reaffirms that the orthodontic clinician should always check the fit and adaptation of a mouthguard. Mouthguard displacement is an important factor because these devices need to be in proper position to play their role. Our results showed that there was no difference in mouthguard displacement for the type of brackets, but the pattern of displacement was different from previously reported conventional custom-fitted mouthguards (9). The mouthguards custom-fitted in this study to accommodate brackets had higher displacements at the palatal side.

Therefore, it is crucial that the orthodontic clinician evaluates the risk of a patient for dental trauma, especially during sport practices, and indicate the use of a custom-fitted EVA mouthguard in order to decrease the risk of dental and orofacial injuries.

5. Conclusion

From the results of this study it can be concluded that orthodontic bracket presence and type influenced the stress and strain generated in the teeth when impacted with a rigid object. Ceramic brackets generated higher stresses than metallic brackets. Mouthguards reduced peak stresses and strains in the impacted tooth regardless of bracket type. In addition, considering the results of this finite element analysis, mouthguards should be provided for all patients contact sports practitioner in orthodontic treatment with fixed appliances and also for any contact sportsmen.

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Tables

Table 1. Mechanical properties applied for the dental structures and materials.

Structure	Elastic Modulus (MPa)	Poisson's ratio	Density (g/cm ³)	References
Enamel	84,100	0.30	2.14	(20)
Dentin	18,600	0.30	2.97	(21)
Periodontal ligament	50	0.45	0.95	(22)
Trabecular bone	1,400	0.31	0.70	(23)
Cortical bone	13,700	0.33	2.00	(23)
Soft tissue	1.8	0.30	0.9	(15)
EVA	18.075	0.30	0.95	(9, 24)
Steel	200.000	0.30	7.8	(25)
Ceramic bracket	380.000	0.30	3.4	(26)
Metallic bracket	210.000	0.30	7.8	(26)

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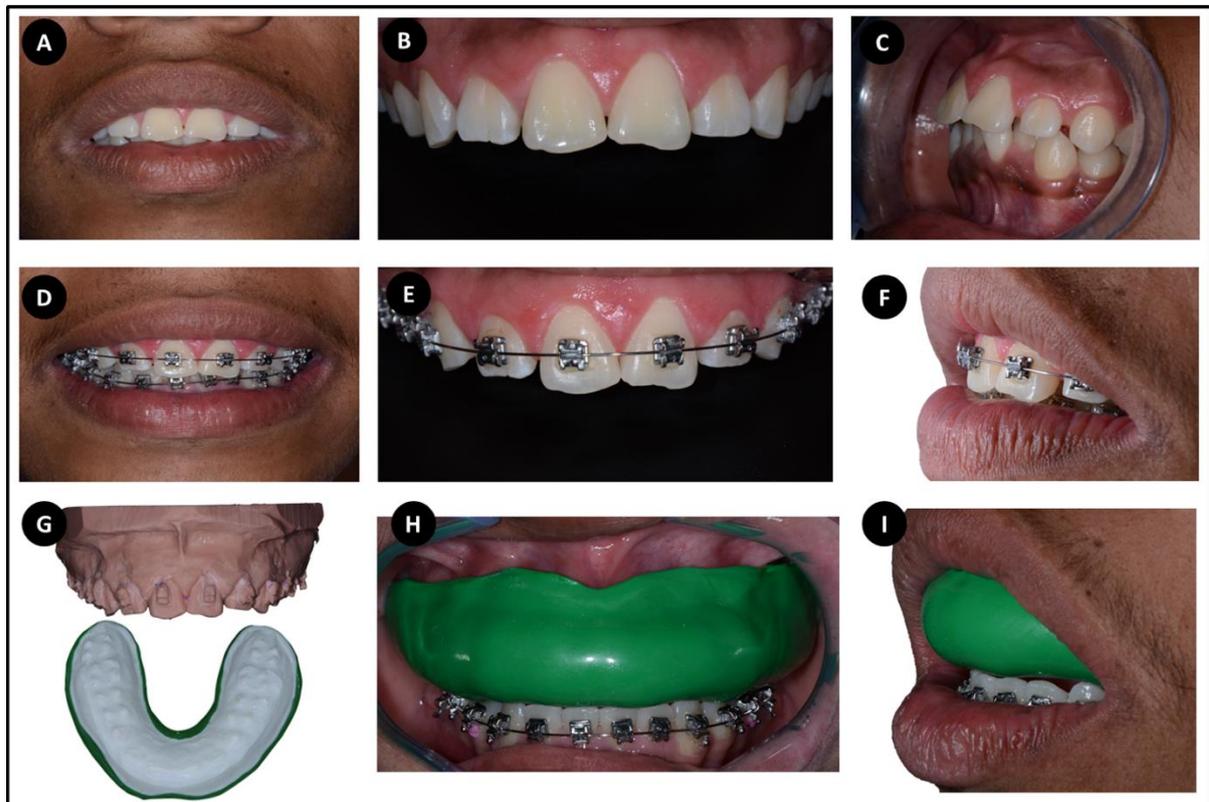


Figure 1. Patient with increased positive overjet selected for finite element impact analysis with and without the orthodontic appliance. (a) Frontal view and poor lip coverage; (b) Intra-oral view without the orthodontic appliance; (c) Lateral view showing the increased positive overjet; (d) Frontal view and poor lip coverage with the orthodontic appliance installed; (e) Intra-oral view with the orthodontic appliance installed; (f) Lateral view showing the increased positive overjet after the orthodontic procedure. (g) Custom-fitted mouthguard for an orthodontic patient; (h and i) Orthodontic patient wearing a custom-fitted mouthguard.

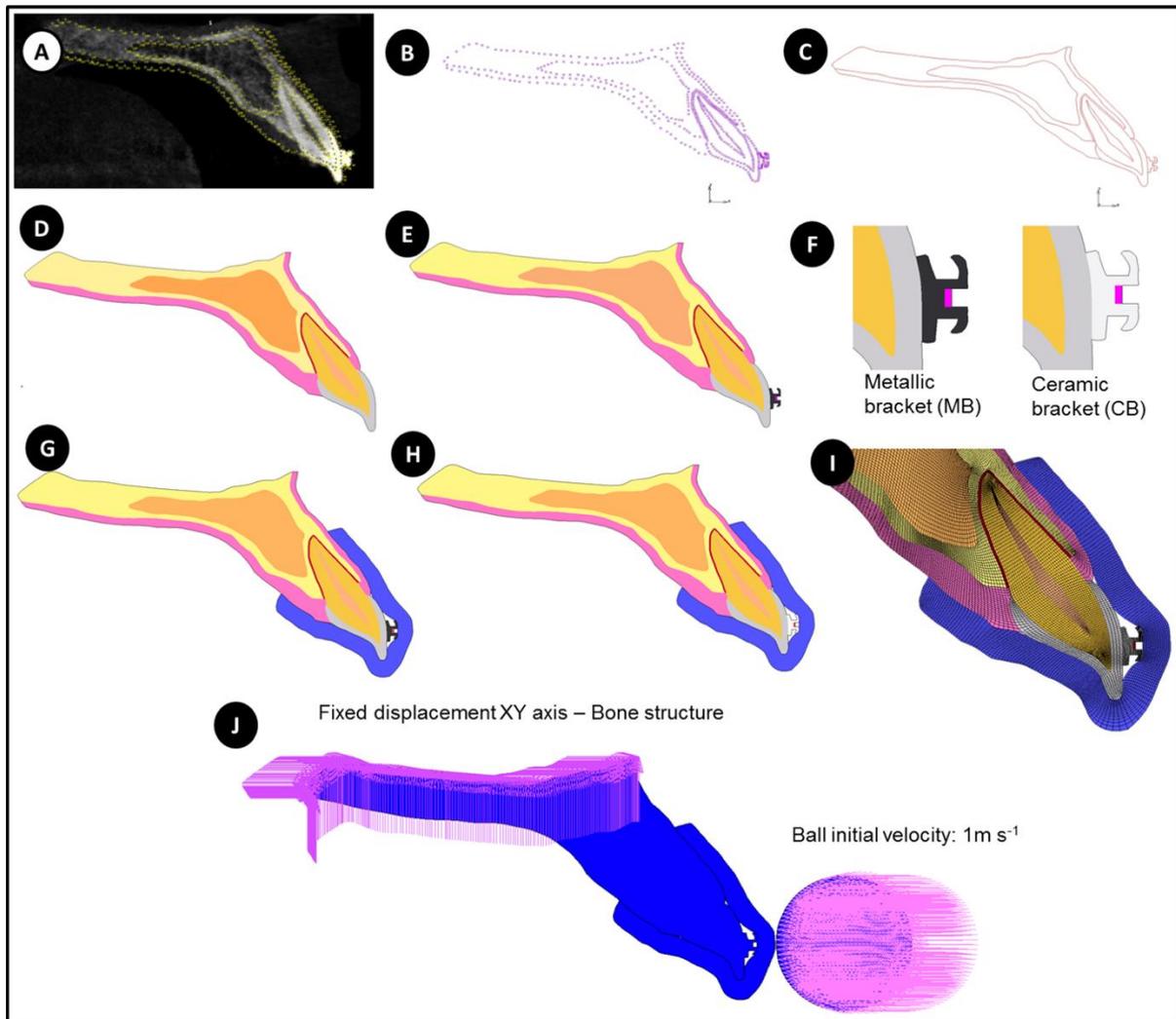


Figure 2. Generation of two-dimensional finite element models. (a) maxillary central incisor CT-tomography image of the selected patient immediately after the orthodontic appliance installation; (b) coordinates of the CT image imported from Image J; (c) cubic-splines curves generated from the imported coordinates; (d) model without bracket/MTG; (e) and (f) model with metallic (MB) and ceramic bracket (CB); (g) model with metallic bracket and mouthguard (MB-MTG); h) model with ceramic bracket and mouthguard (CB-MTG); (i) finite element mesh distribution; (j) boundary conditions.

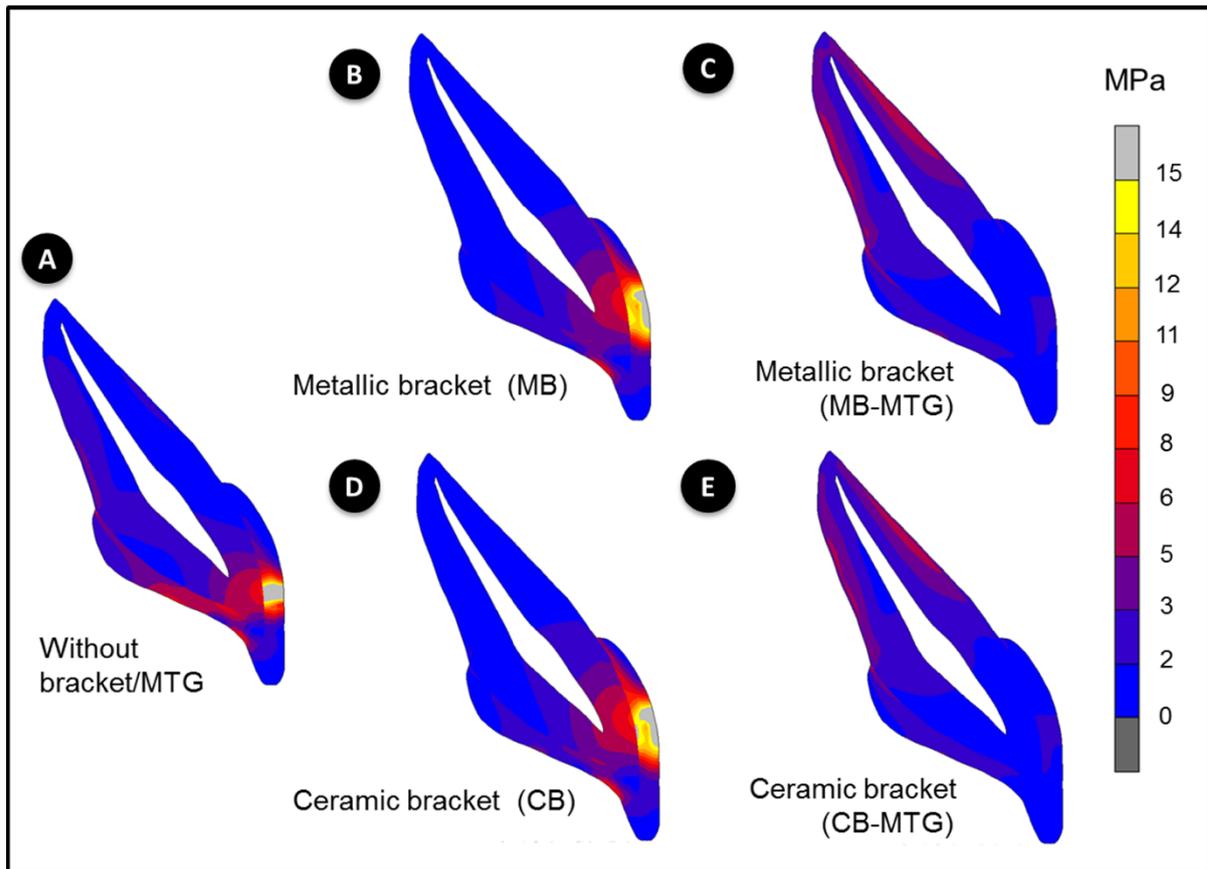


Figure 3. Von Mises stress distributions at the peak of the impact. (a) model without bracket/MTG; (b) metallic bracket without mouthguard (MB); (c) metallic bracket with mouthguard (MB-MTG); (d) ceramic bracket without mouthguard (CB); (e) ceramic bracket with mouthguard (CB-MTG).

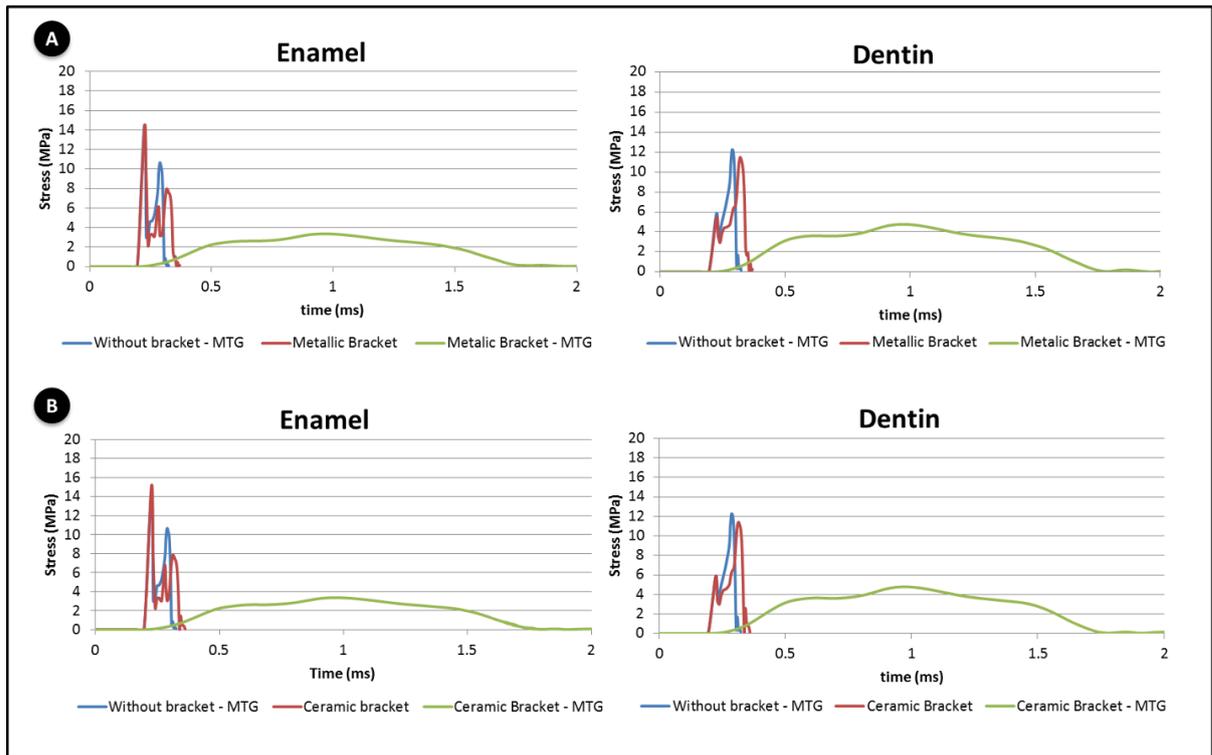


Figure 4. Mean of the 10% highest stress values (Von Mises) for enamel and dentin during the impact. (a) comparison between the models without bracket – MTG, metallic bracket (MB) and Metallic bracket with mouthguard (MB-MTG); (b) comparison between the models without bracket – MTG, ceramic bracket (CB) and ceramic bracket with mouthguard (CB-MTG).

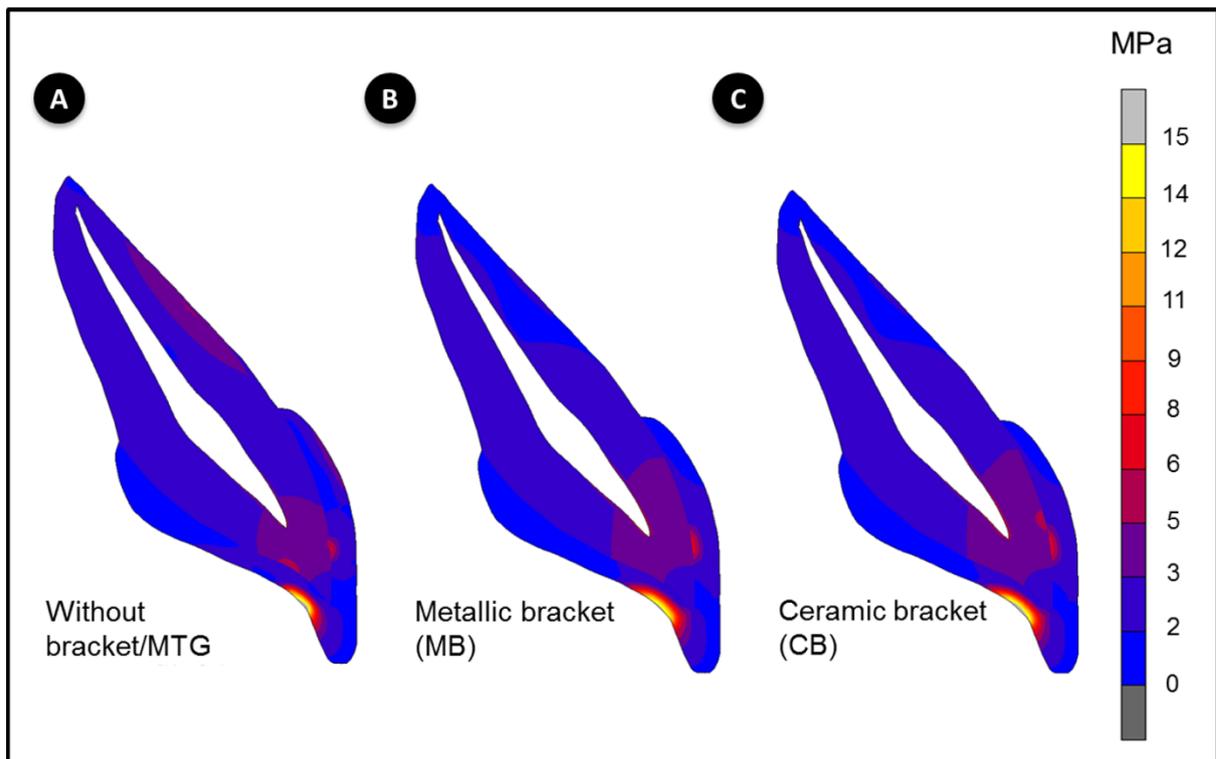


Figure 5. Modified Von Mises stress distributions at the peak of the impact for the models without mouthguard. (a) without bracket/MTG; (b) metallic bracket (MB) and (c) ceramic bracket (CB).

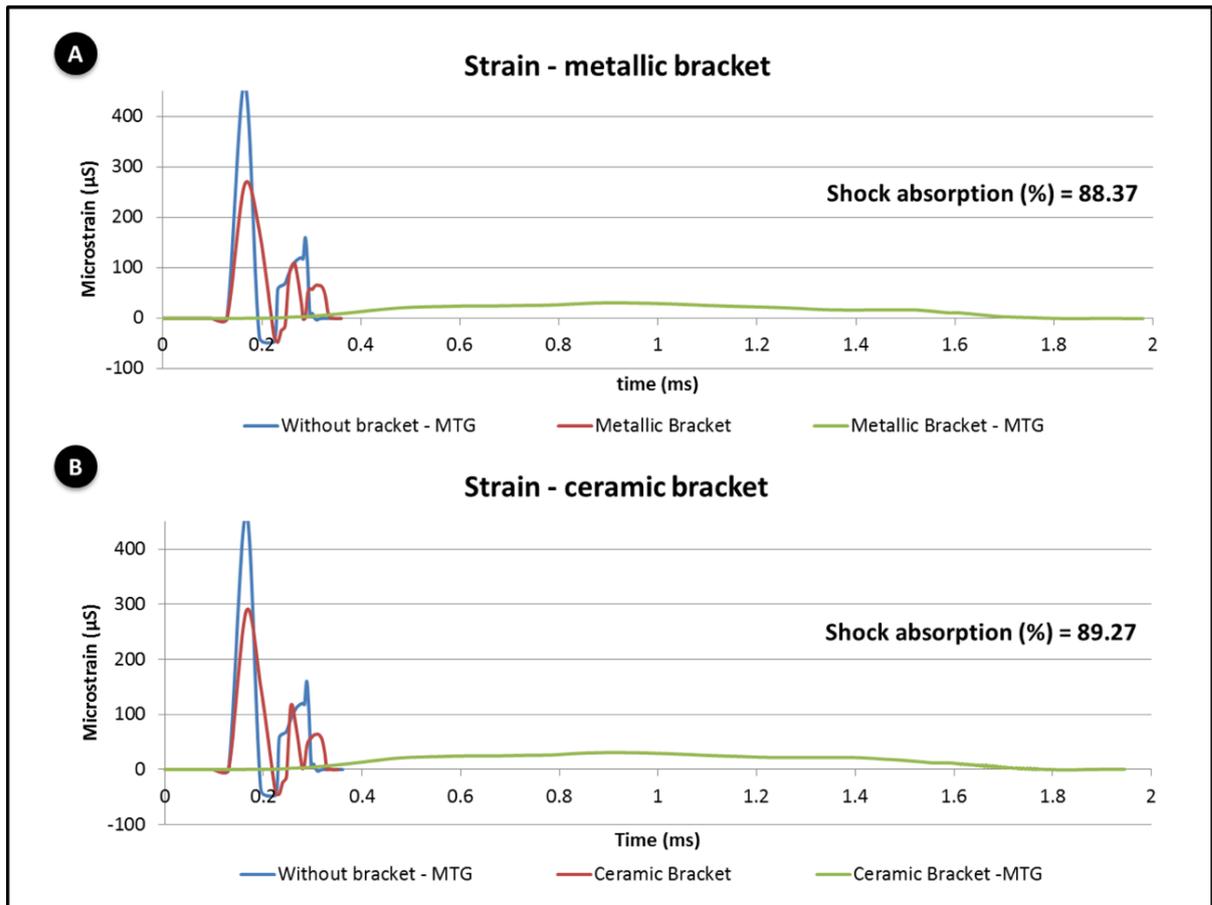


Figure 6. History plot for the strain values at the palatal side of the tooth and mouthguard shock absorption (%). (a) metallic bracket (MB) and (b) ceramic bracket (CB).

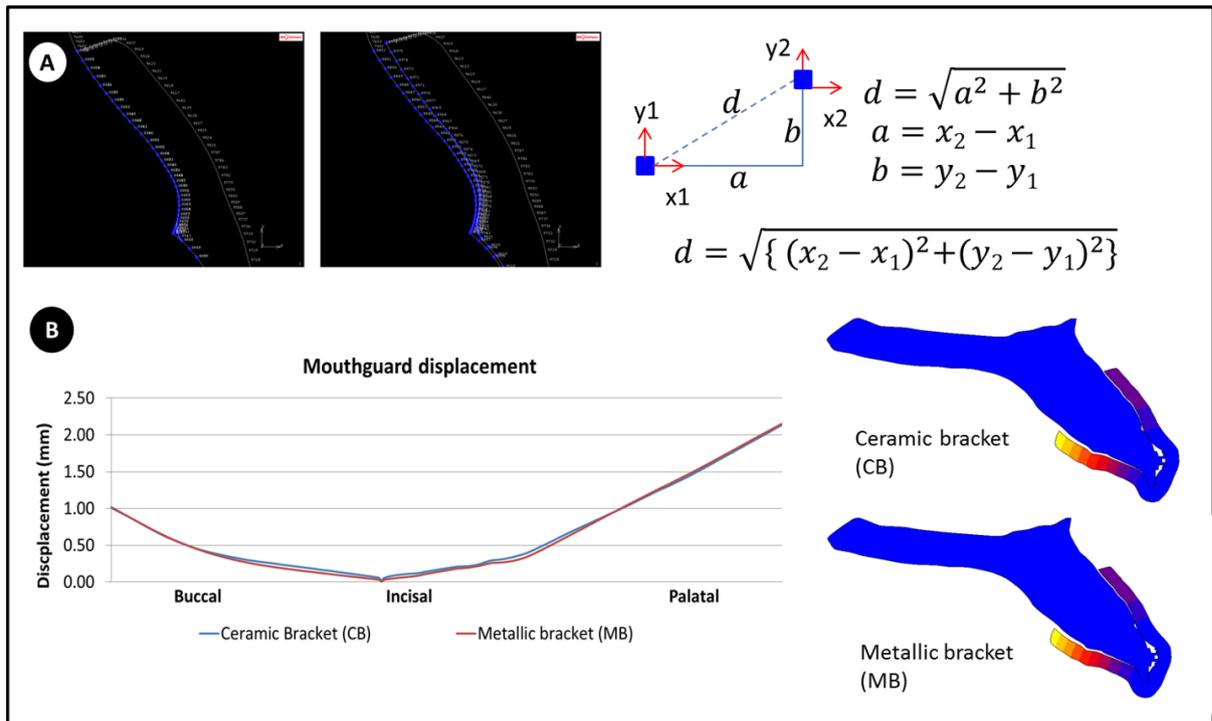


Figure 7. Path plot of the mouthguard displacement (mm) at the end of the impact. (a) Formula used for the displacement calculation; (b) displacement distribution.

Conclusão

4. CONCLUSÃO

Baseado nos resultados deste estudo computacional as seguintes conclusões podem ser descritas:

1. A presença e o tipo de bráquete ortodôntico influenciaram na distribuição de tensão nos dentes quando submetidos a impacto frontal com um objeto rígido.
2. Os bráquetes cerâmicos geraram maiores tensões do que os bráquetes metálicos.
3. O protetor bucal reduziu as tensões máximas geradas independentemente do tipo de bráquete ortodôntico.

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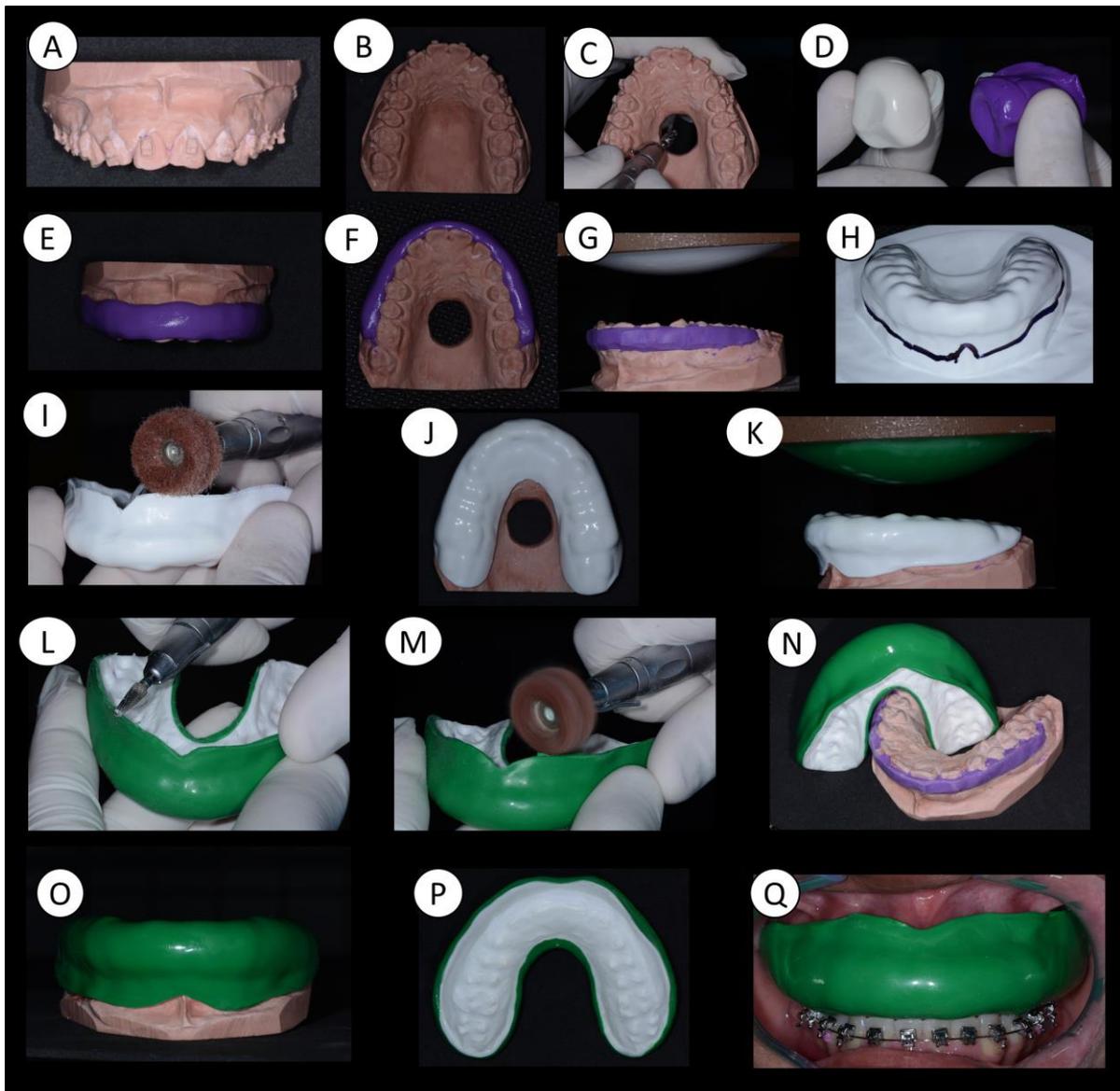
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APÊNDICE A – SEQUÊNCIA DE CONFECÇÃO DO PROTETOR BUCAL
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Apêndice A- Fig.1. Modelo de trabalho (A, B); Perfuração do modelo com diâmetro 10mm(C); Confecção do alívio de silicone (D,E,F); Termo-plastificação e prensagem da primeira placa de EVA de 3mm (G); Primeira placa de EVA prensada e demarcação dos limites anatômicos para recorte; (H) Recorte, acabamento e polimento; (I,J) Adaptação da primeira placa ao modelo de gesso concluído; (K) Termo-plastificação e prensagem da segunda placa de EVA de 3mm – Observe a bolha formada pelo EVA à 10 cm da superfície do modelo (K); Acabamento e

Polimento (L,M); Protetor bucal personalizado de 3-4mm concluído (N,O,P); Protetor bucal personalizado ajustado no paciente(Q)

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