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# Effect of Sloped shoulder and Shoulder bevel Design using Selective laser sintering on Marginal Fit of Metal Ceramic Crowns

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### ABSTRACT

*Marginal fit of restorations are important factor for accuracy of them in clinical applications. Metal-ceramic crowns are one of the most usage crowns in Prosthodontics. Selective laser sintering (SLS) technique has several advantages such as low material usage, time and costs. The aim of the current study was to determine effect of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel design using SLS on marginal fit of metal ceramic crowns. A total 10 metal ceramic crowns were used with SLS technique on shoulder bevel and sloped shoulder finish line. In one side of dye 1 mm shoulder bevel 45° used where finish line of dye was 1mm of 90° and in the other side 135° sloped shoulder finishing line. SLS Dies were scanned using 3 shapes scanner. Information inserted to the software and was structure made with 0.5 mm thickness. Superstructure scanned with SLS and melted chrome-cobalt was added. Frames were numbered and received pressure of 5 kg for 10 min. According to the results, SLS technique had beneficial results on the marginal fit of metal-ceramic crowns.*

**Keywords:** *Sloped shoulder, Shoulder bevel, SLS, Marginal fit, Metal ceramic crowns*

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## INTRODUCTION

Metal ceramic are the materials which applied frequently in fabricating complete coverage fixed partial dentures and crowns [1]. Lost-wax technique is one of the traditional fabricating methods which have been used in various metal alloys for casting [2]. Usually, this technique used via wax instruments such as PKT instruments. This technique is famous because of its ability for manipulated of shaped. So, it can completely eliminate from the mold by heating [3]. Wax pattern is labor-intensive step to make the porcelain fused-metal crown. Also, it is very time dependent and afterward the wax-up's quality is dependent to the skill of technician [4]. Additionally, further disadvantages are reported for wax pattern such as color and glossy surface, small defects [3, 5, 6].

Recently the manipulated technique, the CAD/CAM, is introduced in dentistry to fabricate the materials. Also, several disadvantage listed for max-pattern does not count for this technique. Recently, Fani-hanifeh et al. [7] reported the CAD/ CAM systems have many advantages e.g. producing higher and more uniform-quality restorations. They assumed that this method can use with high confidence in blocks of material, standardizing restoration shaping processes to reduce production costs, labor and time [8].

The CAD/CAM is most sensitive to margin detection and restoration design compared to manual waxing [8, 9]. Marginal and internal fit of restoration is determined by its discrepancy [6]. Success marginal fit is the most important factors for the long-term success of metal-ceramic crowns [10]. Discrepancies and high rate of gap in turn leads to cement dissolution and micro leakage. So, the cement seal becomes weak, permits the percolation of bacteria, and can cause inflammation of the vital pulp. For instance, a large marginal discrepancy in a fixed restoration correlates with a higher plaque index which leads to failure of treatment [11- 13]. The internal gap was defined as the perpendicular distance between the framework

and the abutment teeth and it is the misfit of the coping at the occlusal/incisal and axial surfaces [14-15]. Based on the literature, few reports exist on effect of SLS on marginal fit of metal ceramic crowns. So, the aim of current study was to investigate effect of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel design using selective laser sintering on marginal fit of metal ceramic crowns.

**MATERIAL AND METHODS**

This study was designed based on single blind experimental using ceramic crowns in department of prosthodontics, School of Dentistry in Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran. At first an standard die of stainless steel with 7 mm height and 5 mm in diameter. Half of the marginal area of the dies was prepared with a 45° shoulder bevel preparation and the other half was prepared with a 135° sloping shoulder. The dye stainless steel was fixed on metal plate. All samples were prepared using one technician to minimize the experimental errors. Then die spacer (pico-fit red, renfert gmbh, hilzingen, Germany) filled the die and the cut was done from the margin.



The samples which done using SLS technique, the dyes were scanned using 3shape D810,3 shape, (Copenhagen, denmark) in Dentware laboratory in Sweden. The marginal gap of frames was done before cementation. The cementation was done with 5 Kg for 10 min using gc gold labeled,tokyo,japan. The marginal gap was monitored using STERIO microscope (Ernst leitz Wetzlai-germany).

The blocks were cut using a watter jet cutter (watter jet cutting system,jet edge world headquarters, stmichael, USA) and left side of samples were polished using silicon carbide paper (MATADOR waterproof, Germany). The microscopic pictures used for further analysis.

**Statistical analysis**

The data was processed using SPSS software (SPSS, Inc., Chicago, IL, USA), and the difference between the two preparation designs was analyzed using the Student t-Test.

**RESULTS**

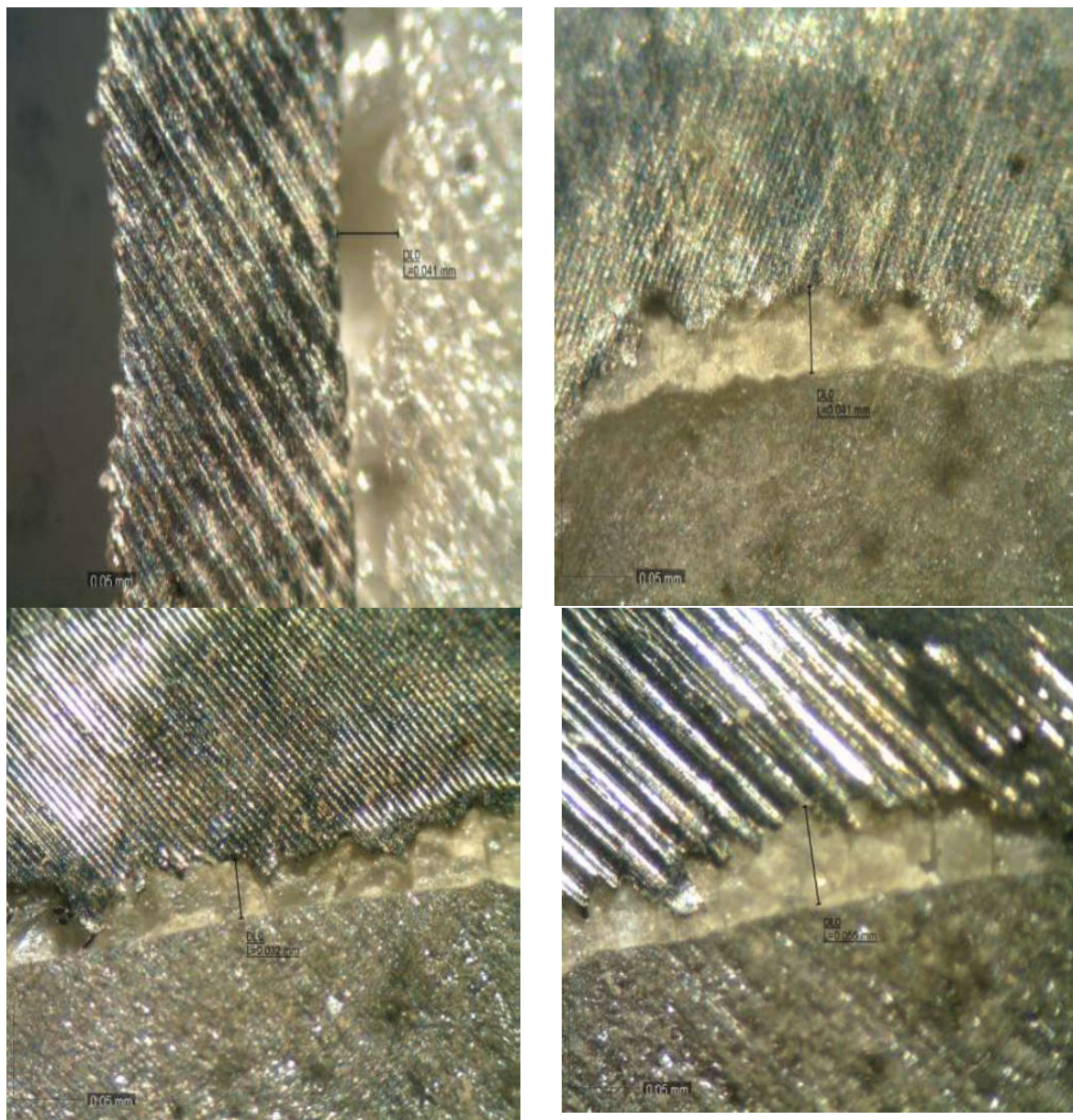
The Z comologroph and Sminoroph results for test normality of data is presented in table 1. According to the data, there was no significant difference for Pre-experiment of Sloped shoulder and Shoulder bevel, Absolute marginal discrepancy, Marginal gap shoulder bevel and the other factors which are listed (P>0.05).

**Table 1.** The Z comologroph and Sminoroph results for normality of data.

|                                   | Z comologroph, Sminoroph | P value |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Pre-experiment of Sloped shoulder | 0.707                    | 0.699   |
| Pre-experiment of Shoulder bevel  | 0.477                    | 0.977   |
| Absolute marginal discrepancy     | 0.844                    | 0.474   |
| Marginal gap shoulder bevel       | 0.891                    | 0.405   |
| Walls of shoulder bevel 1         | 0.538                    | 0.934   |
| Walls of shoulder bevel 2         | 0.409                    | 0.996   |
| Internal fit at occlusal wall     | 1.09                     | 0.184   |
| Absolute marginal discrepancy     | 0.714                    | 0.688   |
| Marginal gap sloped shoulder      | 0.736                    | 0.651   |
| Walls sloped shoulder 1           | 0.904                    | 0.387   |
| Walls sloped shoulder 2           | 0.982                    | 0.290   |

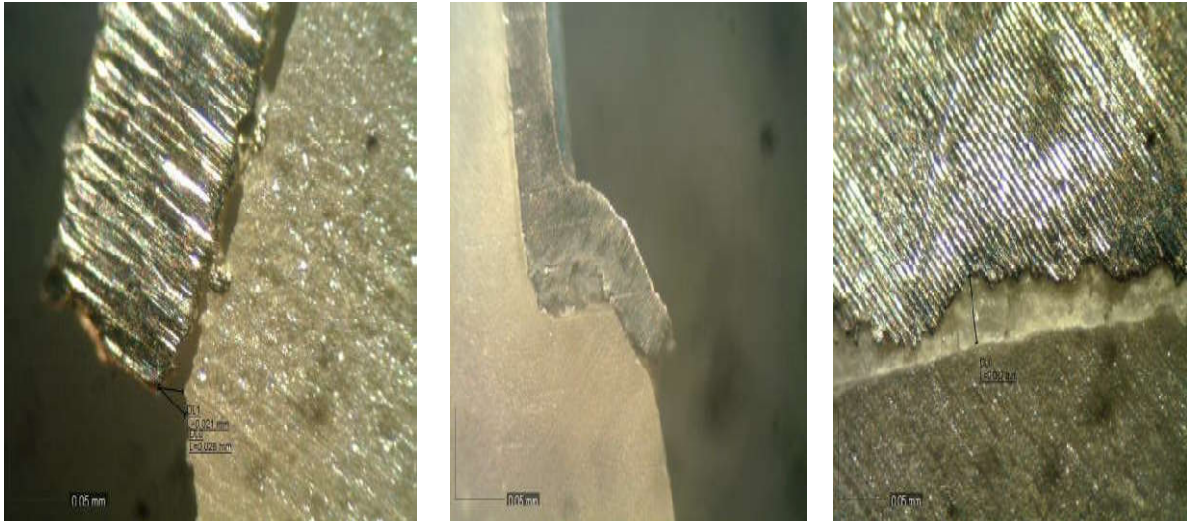
The effect of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel design using SLS on internal fit of metal ceramic crowns is presented in table 2. According to the results, the gap of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel before cementation were  $49.7 \pm 12.83$  and  $42.6 \pm 9.66$   $\mu\text{m}$ . Also, the gap of internal fit at axial walls sloped shoulder for 1 and 2 were  $23.40 \pm 7.33$  and  $26.90 \pm 10.01$   $\mu\text{m}$ . Furthermore the internal fit at occlusal wall was  $51 \pm 31.69$   $\mu\text{m}$  ( $P > 0.05$ ). Additionally, the internal fit at axial walls shoulder bevel 1 and 2 were  $25 \pm 12.89$  and  $25.40 \pm 13.36$   $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively ( $P > 0.05$ ) (table 2).

|                | Sloped shoulder before cementation ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Shoulder bevel before cementation ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Internal fit at axial walls sloped shoulder2 ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Internal fit at axial walls sloped shoulder1 ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Internal fit at occlusal wall ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Internal fit at axial walls shoulder bevel 2 ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Internal fit at axial walls shoulder bevel 1 ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>SLS</b>     | $49.7 \pm 12.83$                                     | $42.6 \pm 9.66$                                     | $26.90 \pm 10.01$  | $23.40 \pm 7.33$   | $51 \pm 31.69$                                  | $25.40 \pm 13.36$  | $25 \pm 12.89$   |
| <b>P value</b> | 0.0148   | 0.034   | 0.739  | 0.467  | 0.253   | 0.572  | 0.984  |



**Figure 1.** Microscopic picture of samples.





**Figure 2.** Microscopic picture of samples.

The effect of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel design using SLS on marginal fit of metal ceramic crowns is shown in table 3. According to the results, marginal gap for sloped shoulder was  $33 \pm 18.12 \mu\text{m}$ . Also, the SLS-induced marginal gap sloped shoulder was  $33 \pm 18.12 \mu\text{m}$  ( $P > 0.05$ ). As observed, absolute marginal discrepancy of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel were  $51.70 \pm 23.46$  and  $43.40 \pm 22.37 \mu\text{m}$ , respectively. Moreover, marginal gap for shoulder bevel was  $42.50 \pm 21.19 \mu\text{m}$  ( $P > 0.05$ ).

**Table 3.** effect of sloped shoulder and shoulder bevel design using selective laser sintering on marginal fit of metal ceramic crowns

|                | Sloped shoulder before cementation ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Shoulder bevel before cementation ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Marginal gap sloped shoulder ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Absolute marginal discrepancy sloped shoulder ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Marginal gap shoulder bevel ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | Absolute marginal discrepancy shoulder bevel ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) |
|----------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>SLS</b>     | $49.7 \pm 12.83$                                     | $42.6 \pm 9.66$                                     | $33 \pm 18.12$                                 | $51.70 \pm 23.46$   | $42.50 \pm 21.19$                             | $43.40 \pm 22.37$  |
| <b>P value</b> | 0.0148   | 0.034   | 0.526  | 0.179   | 0.069   | 0.341  |

**DISCUSSION**

Marginal integrity is a critical factor in the success or failure of a cast porcelain-fused-to-metal veneer crown restoration. If margins are not managed appropriately, they may contribute to the cause of many clinical problems. If the gap between the prepared tooth and the crown margins is more than the acceptable standard, the exposed soluble dental cement will dissolve rapidly. Cariogenic microorganisms accumulate in the void and cause caries development under the crown [16]. Fixed dental restorations mainly aim to restore function and esthetics of lost intraoral structures without jeopardizing the oral or general health of patients. For clinical success the full ceramic restorations should have ensure requirements for strength and precision [17]. High marginal discrepancies lead to penetrate of the material to the oral environment, then cement dissolution and micro leakage happens. Subsequently bacteria permit into the restorations and can cause inflammation of the vital pulp [18]. As observed in this study, the marginal discrepancy for restorations was in acceptable clinical level. The fit of crowns is influenced by the quality of the investment material and the metal, the casting conditions, the firing of porcelain, and the polishing. Fabrication procedures are also directly related to the skill of the technician. Studies have reported measurement of fit relative to marginal adaptation, internal adaptation, vertical seating, radiographic appearance and clinical adaptability as judged by experienced practitioners [19]. A relationship exists between marginal adaptation and periodontal tissue health. McLean and von Fraunhofer revealed [20] the clinically acceptable maximum marginal gap and marginal discrepancies within the clinic is  $120 \mu\text{m}$ . However, Moldovan et al. [21] rated the values of  $100 \mu\text{m}$  for marginal misfit as good and values of  $200\text{-}300 \mu\text{m}$  as acceptable. Therefore, the marginal accuracies, represented by the absolute marginal discrepancy and measured in the present study, could be rated as good for conventional group and as acceptable for CAD/CAM group. The result of this study was within the range of the values reported by previous studies [22].

Although clinical evaluations of marginal discrepancies have their limitations and inherent errors, it seemed to be important to investigate newly developed fabrication technologies. Previous studies concerning different materials and techniques resulted in a wide range of reported values of marginal and

internal fit. Replicas of the gap between the inner surface of the crown and outer tooth surface can be made with a silicone indicator paste to evaluate discrepancies [23]. Achieving esthetically and functionally ideal restorations has been the goal of dental clinicians, prosthodontists and manufacturers throughout the history of dentistry. This paper revealed effects of SLS using sloping shoulder and a shoulder bevel on marginal integrity of metal-ceramic crowns. So, results of current paper, might be provide information for further research. We think merit researches needed to investigate effects of SLS using sloping shoulder and a shoulder bevel on marginal integrity of metal-ceramic crowns in practical dentistry.

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