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RESUMO

Em casos de reabilitação oral onde há grande perda de tecido dentário, coroas indiretas são indicadas e seu sucesso clínico depende de uma boa adaptação do material restaurador. Não existe uma ferramenta padrão para avaliar a adaptação marginal de restaurações, sendo indicado o exame clínico e radiográfico. Atualmente, imagens de tomografia computadorizada de feixe cônicoo (TCFC) são destacadas por permitir uma avaliação tridimensional com alta precisão. Porém, na presença de materiais de alta densidade há formação de artefatos. O objetivo no presente estudo foi avaliar a quantidade de artefatos gerados por diferentes materiais restauradores, bem como determinar a acurácia dos exames de TCFC e das radiografias periapicais na identificação de *gaps* marginais. Para isso, uma mandíbula contendo dentes restaurados com coroas metalocerâmicas e cerâmica pura, adequadamente adaptadas e com *gaps* de 0,30 e 0,50 mm, foram submetidas a exames de TCFC (com voxel de 0,25 e 0,30 mm) e radiografias periapicais. Os artefatos gerados pelas diferentes coroas foram quantificados e comparados pelo teste de Mann-Whitney. Além disso, cinco examinadores avaliaram a presença ou ausência de *gaps* nos diferentes exames por imagem. A acurácia dos exames testados foi determinada pela área sob a curva ROC e sua comparação foi realizada por meio do teste de Kruskal-Wallis. Os resultados demonstraram que não houve diferença significativa nos valores de artefatos entre os diferentes materiais restauradores e as diferentes resoluções das imagens de TCFC. Em relação à acurácia dos exames testados, a radiografia periapical e a TCFC com voxel de 0,25 mm, apresentaram o melhor desempenho para os *gaps* de menores dimensões (0,30 mm). Para *gaps* maiores (0,50 mm), todos os exames testados mostraram a mesma performance. Pode-se concluir que a radiografia periapical ainda apresenta o melhor custo-benefício para o diagnóstico de desadaptações em restaurações dentárias. Mas, apesar da TCFC obtida com voxel de 0,25 mm não ser o exame de primeira escolha para o diagnóstico de *gaps*, se o paciente já tiver essas imagens por outras indicações, ela poderia ser utilizada para avaliação de possíveis desadaptações marginais.

Palavras-chave: Artefatos, restauração dentária permanente, cerâmica, restaurações metalocerâmicas, adaptação marginal dentária.

ABSTRACT

In cases of oral rehabilitation in which there is great loss of dental tissue, indirect crowns are indicated and their clinical success depends on good adaptation of the restorative material. There is no standard tool for assessing marginal adaptation of restorations and clinical and radiographic examinations are indicated. Currently, cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) images are outstanding because they allow highly accurate three-dimensional evaluation. However, in the presence of high-density materials formation of artifacts occurs. The aim of the present study was to evaluate the quantity of artifacts generated by different restorative materials, and to determine the accuracy of CBCT scans and periapical radiographs in identifying peripheral gaps. For this purpose, a mandible containing teeth restored with metal-ceramic and all-ceramic crowns, properly adapted and with 0.30 and 0.50 mm gaps, underwent CBCT exams (with voxel sizes of 0.25 and 0.30 mm) and periapical radiographs. The artifacts generated by the different crowns were quantified and compared by the Mann-Whitney test. In addition, five examiners evaluated the presence or absence of gaps in different imaging exams. The accuracy of tests was determined by the area under the ROC curve and these values were compared by using the Kruskal-Wallis test. The results showed that there was no significant difference in artifact values between the different restorative materials and the different resolutions of CBCT images. Regarding the accuracy of the tests evaluated, periapical radiography and CBCT with voxel size 0.25 mm showed the best performance for smaller gaps (0.30 mm). For larger gaps (0.50 mm), all exams tested showed the same performance. It could be concluded that periapical radiography was still the most cost-beneficial method for the diagnosis of maladaptation in dental restorations. However, although CBCT with voxel size 0.25 mm is not the first choice for gap diagnosis, if the patient already has these images that were taken for other indications, they could be used to evaluate possible marginal mismatches.

Keywords: Artifacts, dental restoration permanent, ceramics, metal ceramic alloys, dental marginal adaptation.

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LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

μm	<i>Micrômetro</i>
CAD	<i>Computer-assisted Design</i>
CAM	<i>Computer-assisted Manufacture</i>
CEP	<i>Comitê de ética em pesquisa</i>
cm	<i>Centímetro</i>
DICOM	<i>Digital imaging and communications in medicine</i>
DPR	<i>Desvio padrão real</i>
DPT	<i>Desvio padrão teórico</i>
<i>Et al</i>	<i>Et alli</i>
EUA	<i>Estados Unidos da América</i>
FO	<i>Faculdade de Odontologia</i>
FOV	<i>Field of view</i>
Kv	<i>Quilovolt</i>
mA	<i>Miliampere</i>
mm	<i>Milímetro</i>
N	<i>Newton</i>
ROI	<i>Region of interest</i>
s	<i>Segundo</i>
SPSS	<i>Statistical Package for Social Sciences</i>
TCFC	<i>Tomografia computadorizada de feixe cônicoo</i>
UFJF	<i>Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora</i>

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1 INTRODUÇÃO

Quando se trata de reabilitação oral, em casos de grande perda de tecido dentário, as técnicas restauradoras indiretas são as mais indicadas, uma vez que permitem restaurar a coroa com materiais mais resistentes, devolvendo não só a estética, como também, a função mastigatória ao paciente. Essas coroas protéticas podem ser compostas por ligas metálicas (ouro, paládio, prata, cobalto, cobre, níquel ou alumínio) ou por materiais livres de metal, como fibras de vidro e carbono, materiais cerâmicos puros ou reforçados por zircônia (CHABOIS, FAUGERON, ATTAL, 2013; ROZYLO-KALINOWSKA et al., 2014).

O sucesso clínico das restaurações depende diretamente de uma boa adaptação marginal. A presença de fendas ou desadaptações, também chamadas de *gaps*, representa um problema clínico relevante, estando diretamente associada à fratura, à perda de retenção devido à dissolução do agente cimentante e ao surgimento de lesões cariosas secundárias, uma vez que favorece a microinfiltração de bactérias e seus subprodutos, aumentando a susceptibilidade à inflamação da polpa vital e pigmentação marginal (BORBA et al., 2013; RICCITIELLO et al., 2018).

Diferentes técnicas e ferramentas podem ser utilizadas para avaliar a adaptação marginal de restaurações indiretas (BORBA et al., 2013). O exame clínico com auxílio da sonda exploradora pode auxiliar na identificação de falhas e desadaptações marginais, porém, para uma melhor avaliação das regiões interproximais, os exames por imagem devem ser utilizados. As radiografias interproximais e periapicais auxiliam o cirurgião dentista no diagnóstico de lesões cariosas primárias e secundárias e identificação de diversas falhas restauradoras (KAMBUROGLU et al., 2012; MURAT et al., 2013; WENZEL et al., 2013; ABU EL-ELA, FARID, MOSTAFA, 2016; VEDPATHAK et al., 2016). No entanto, não podemos deixar de considerar as limitações dos exames bidimensionais, como por exemplo, a sobreposição de planos, que muitas vezes, pode prejudicar a visualização de estruturas importantes.

Apesar da tomografia computadorizada de feixe cônico (TCFC) não ser o exame por imagem de escolha para a avaliação de restaurações dentárias, especialmente em função da maior dose de radiação quando comparada às radiografias convencionais, a TCFC vem sendo amplamente utilizada na

Odontologia devido ao seu alto potencial de diagnóstico, além de possibilitar uma avaliação tridimensional das imagens evitando a sobreposição de estruturas (KUUSISTO et al., 2015; OMAR, ABDELSALAM, HAMED, 2016; VEDPATHAK et al., 2016; FREITAS, VASCONCELOS, NOUJEIM, 2019; PARK et al., 2019). No entanto, em avaliações pós-tratamentos reabilitadores, a qualidade das imagens de TCFC pode ser prejudicada devido a formação de artefatos gerados na presença de materiais de alta densidade utilizados em restaurações, coroas, implantes e próteses, podendo comprometer o diagnóstico (GONG et al., 2013; SIMÕES e CAMPOS, 2013; KULCZYK et al., 2014; ROZYLO-KALINOWSKA et al., 2014; GAALAAS et al., 2016; OMAR, ABDELSALAM, HAMED, 2016; FREITAS, VASCONCELOS, NOUJEIM, 2019; KUUSISTO et al., 2019).

Sabendo da importância da avaliação cuidadosa da adaptação de restaurações indiretas e dos exames acurados de imagens disponíveis atualmente, o presente estudo teve como objetivo avaliar a quantidade de artefatos gerados por diferentes materiais restauradores, bem como determinar a acurácia dos exames de TCFC e das radiografias periapicais digitais na identificação de *gaps* marginais.

2 PROPOSIÇÃO

Avaliar a influência de artefatos na identificação de *gaps* marginais em restaurações indiretas por meio da:

- Quantificação dos artefatos em exames de TCFC de diferentes resoluções;
- Determinação da acurácia dos exames de TCFC e das radiografias periapicais digitais no diagnóstico desses *gaps*.

3 MATERIAL E MÉTODOS

3.1 DESENHO DO ESTUDO

Trata-se de um estudo experimental analítico *ex vivo*.

3.2 COMITÊ DE ÉTICA

Este estudo foi aprovado pelo Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa da Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (CEP/UFJF, Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brasil), sob o parecer nº. 2.435.835/2017 (ANEXO A).

3.3 PREPARO DA AMOSTRA

Para o desenvolvimento da pesquisa foi utilizada uma mandíbula edêntula com alvéolos, confeccionada em bário (Nacional Ossos, Jaú, SP, Brasil), que simula as características da densidade óssea radiográfica humana. Para inserção na mandíbula, foram adquiridos junto ao Biobanco de Dentes da Faculdade de Odontologia da UFJF, 32 dentes inferiores hígidos (31 molares e um pré-molar), sendo que um molar e o pré-molar foram utilizados apenas para permitir o contato proximal com os dentes da amostra. Os trinta molares selecionados para o estudo deveriam apresentar dimensões vestíbulo-lingual e mésio-distal semelhantes ou com uma variação máxima de 10%.

Trinta molares foram submetidos a preparos para coroa total, usando um micromotor de alta rotação (Dabi Atlante, Ribeirão Preto, SP, Brasil), ponta montada de diamante e broca carbide (KG Sorensen, Cotia, SP, Brasil). Os preparos foram padronizados com auxílio de um modelo de silicone de condensação (Coltene, Altstätten, Suíça). Com paredes expulsivas (aproximadamente 6°) para facilitar a acomodação da peça protética, desgastes oclusais de 2 mm e axiais de 1,5 mm, foram realizados com ponta montada de diamante, tronco cônica de extremidade arredondada e granulação média (nº 4138). O acabamento foi realizado com broca carbide (nº 283). O término do preparo em chanfro e todos os ângulos internos foram arredondados (PEDROCHE et al., 2016). Os dentes foram preparados por um único

cirurgião dentista, especialista em Dentística, e enviados para um laboratório protético para confecção das restaurações.

Os 30 dentes foram divididos aleatoriamente em dois grupos: Grupo Cerâmica Pura: 15 dentes restaurados com coroas totais, sendo coping em zircônia Ceramill ZI White 71L (Amman Girrbach, Koblach, Áustria), coberto pela cerâmica feldspática (Kuraray Noritake Dental, Tóquio, Japão), de forma que 10 dentes apresentavam desadaptações marginais (0,3 e 0,5 mm) e cinco dentes apresentavam adequada adaptação marginal; Grupo Metalocerâmica: 15 dentes restaurados com coroas totais metalocerâmicas compostas pela liga metálica de níquel-cromo Dan Ceramalloy (Nihon Shika Kinzoku, Osaka, Japão), coberto pela mesma cerâmica feldspática utilizada no Grupo Cerâmica Pura. Da mesma forma, 10 dentes apresentavam *gap* (0,3 e 0,5 mm) e cinco dentes possuíam coroas bem adaptadas. A distribuição dos grupos e o respectivo número da amostra encontram-se apresentados no Quadro 1.

Quadro 1 - Distribuição dos grupos de estudo

	Metalocerâmica	Cerâmica Pura	TOTAL
Gap 0,3 mm	n = 5	n = 5	n = 10
Gap 0,5 mm	n = 5	n = 5	n = 10
Grupo controle*	n = 5	n = 5	n = 10
TOTAL	n = 15	n = 15	n = 30

*Coroa adaptada (sem *gap*)

No CAD-CAM (Ceramil Motion, Amnn Girrbach, Koblach, Áustria), foram fresados os coppings em zircônia e os coppings em cera Ceramill Wax Grey 71L (Amman Girrbach, Koblach, Áustria) que posteriormente foram fundidos em metal. Nenhum coping recebeu ajuste nem desgaste em suas faces internas. Os *gaps* foram feitos nas faces mesiais ou distais, aleatoriamente, programados pelo equipamento protético CAD-CAM. Não foram simulados *gaps* em faces vestibular e lingual, uma vez que desadaptações nessas faces podem ser diagnosticadas mais facilmente durante o exame clínico. Alguns autores consideram discrepâncias marginais entre 50 e 150 µm aceitáveis clinicamente (REICH et al., 2008; HABIB et al., 2017). No presente estudo, os *gaps* marginais foram simulados em dois

tamanhos: 300 μm (0,3 mm) e 500 μm (0,5 mm), uma vez que se pretende identificar *gaps* que sejam prejudiciais à integridade da restauração, passíveis de infiltração. Numa segunda etapa, os coppings receberam a cobertura da cerâmica feldspática, de forma cuidadosa para não mascarar a desadaptação marginal simulada na etapa anterior.

As coroas não foram cimentadas, apenas acomodadas, para que o cimento não mascarasse as possíveis desadaptações e os *gaps* simulados. Para acomodação da coroa, foi padronizada uma força de encaixe de 50 N, realizada na superfície oclusal da coroa, perpendicularmente ao longo eixo do dente (RICCITIELLO et al., 2018).

Os dentes restaurados foram inseridos nos alvéolos e fixados com auxílio de cera utilidade (Technew, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil). Cada dente restaurado foi posicionado entre dois dentes hígidos, um pré-molar na posição mesial e um molar localizado na distal para simular o ponto de contato. Os dentes hígidos foram sempre os mesmos e colocados na mesma posição, alterando-se apenas o dente restaurado. Para cada dente restaurado, foi realizada aquisição de radiografia periapical digital e exames de TCFC com variação no tamanho do voxel.

A densidade tomográfica da gengiva e do tecido mole facial foi simulada com auxílio de cera utilidade, posicionada na face vestibular e lingual da mandíbula com espessura de 15 mm (Figura 1) (SCHROPP et al., 2012; NEVES et al., 2014).



Figura 1 – Mandíbula, com os dentes posicionados, revestida com cera utilidade para simular tecidos moles.

Fonte: O autor

3.4 EXAMES POR IMAGEM

A mandíbula com os dentes devidamente posicionados foi submetida a exames de TCFC na Clínica de Radiologia Odontológica da FO/UFJF (Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brasil), utilizando com o aparelho I-Cat® *Next Generation* (Imaging Sciences International, Hatfield, Pensilvânia, EUA), com o seguinte protocolo de aquisição: 120 kV, 8 mA e 360° de rotação, FOV (*field of view*) de 5 x 13 cm. Foram utilizados dois tamanhos de voxel: 0,25 mm e 0,30 mm.

Também foram realizadas radiografias periapicais dos dentes, utilizando a técnica do paralelismo (Figura 2). Os dentes foram posicionados na mandíbula com o longo eixo perpendicular ao plano oclusal, a película acomodada na face lingual e paralelamente aos dentes, de forma que o feixe de raios X incidisse perpendicularmente às superfícies proximais. As imagens foram feitas com o aparelho de radiografia periapical Heliodent Plus® (Sirona, Bensheim, Germany) e o sistema digital direto VistaScan (Durr Dental, Bietigheim-Bissingen, Alemanha) com o seguinte protocolo: tempo de exposição de 0,32 s, distância foco-filme (DFF) de 10cm, 7 mA DC e 60-70 kVp.



Figura 2 - Mandíbula com os dentes devidamente posicionada para aquisição das imagens radiográficas
Fonte: O autor.

Para cada dente restaurado foi realizada uma aquisição radiográfica e duas aquisições tomográficas com diferentes resoluções, sendo uma com voxel de 0,25 mm e outra com voxel de 0,30 mm.

3.5 QUANTIFICAÇÃO DOS ARTEFATOS

Após aquisição das imagens tomográficas, as mesmas foram armazenadas descomprimidas em formato DICOM (*Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine*). Foi selecionado o corte axial mais cervical que continha toda a restauração. Esses cortes foram definidos individualmente para cada dente e avaliados no software ImageJ (U. S. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, EUA). Foram selecionadas quatro ROIs (*region of interest*) retangulares de dimensões padronizadas (8 x 3 mm). Essas ROIs abrangeram as regiões mesial, distal, vestibular e lingual do dente a ser analisado (Figura 3).

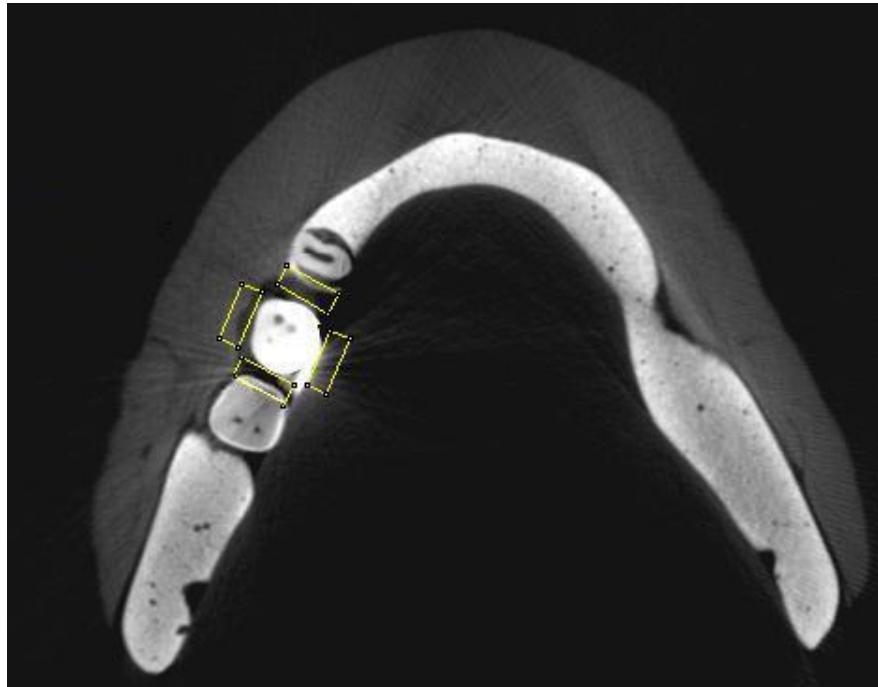


Figura 3 - Corte axial de TCFC ilustrando as quatro ROI posicionadas para quantificação dos artefatos.

Fonte: O autor.

Para cada ROI selecionada, foram quantificados os artefatos presentes baseando-se na metodologia de Pauwels et al. (2013). Ainda no software ImageJ, por meio das ferramentas “Analyze – Histogram”, foram determinados os valores mínimo e máximo de tons de cinza para calcular o desvio padrão real (DPR). O cálculo matemático do DPR foi realizado no programa Excel, versão 2010 (Windows XP, Microsoft, EUA).

Utilizando-se uma escala de 16 bits (65.536 valores de cinza), já que as imagens geradas a partir do tomógrafo utilizado nesse estudo possuem essa característica, foi determinado o desvio padrão teórico máximo (DPT), cujo valor é a metade dos valores de cinza de uma imagem de 16 bits, ou seja, 32.768. Foi considerado o valor de 32.768 tons de cinza, uma vez que metade dos voxels de uma imagem é preto e metade é branco, assim o DPT máximo deverá ser exatamente a metade dos valores de cinza de uma determinada imagem. Posteriormente o DPR foi convertido em uma porcentagem do DPT máximo, onde valores mais elevados indicam artefatos mais pronunciados. O cálculo foi realizado da seguinte forma:

$$(DPR / DPT \text{ máximo}) \times 100 = \text{quantificação de artefato}$$

O artefato referente a cada dente restaurado foi definido como uma média das mensurações das quatro ROIs. A seleção dos cortes axiais, bem como a quantificação dos artefatos foi realizada por um único examinador experiente em imagens de TCFC. Para mensurar a reprodutibilidade do método, 30% dos exames foram avaliados em dois momentos distintos, com intervalo de duas semanas entre eles, para o cálculo da concordância intraobservador.

3.6 AVALIAÇÃO DO GAP NAS COROAS

Cinco radiologistas cegos (que desconheciam a distribuição dos dentes nos dois grupos) avaliaram as imagens tomográficas e radiográficas. As avaliações foram feitas no mesmo computador ASUSTek (Taipé, Taiwan), processador Intel® Core™ i5-4440 com monitor Samsung (Seul, Coreia do Sul) 18,5 polegadas, resolução da tela 1366 x 768, profundidade de cor 32 bits, software Windows 7 Ultimate, em um ambiente com baixa luminosidade. As imagens radiográficas foram organizadas aleatoriamente em Power Point (Microsoft Store, EUA) e salvos em PDF para avaliação.

Os examinadores avaliaram independentemente as superfícies proximais (mesial e distal) de cada dente, quanto à presença de *gaps* nos dentes restaurados. Foi utilizada uma escala de cinco escores: 1- *Gap* definitivamente ausente; 2- *Gap* provavelmente ausente; 3- incerteza sobre ausência ou presença de *gap*; 4- *gap* provavelmente presente; 5- *gap* definitivamente presente.

Para mensurar a reprodutibilidade do método, todos os exames foram avaliados em dois momentos distintos, com intervalo de duas semanas entre eles, para o cálculo da concordância intra e interobservador.

3.7 ANÁLISE DE DADOS

Para realizar a análise de dados foi utilizado o programa SPSS (*Statistical Package for the Social Sciences*, versão 22.0, Chicago, EUA), com nível de significância de 5% ($p \leq 0,05$).

3.7.1 Análise Objetiva

Para verificar a concordância intraexaminador nos valores de artefatos foi aplicado o coeficiente de correlação intraclass (ICC). Como os dados não apresentaram distribuição normal pelo teste de Shapiro-Wilk ($p<0,05$), foi aplicado o teste não paramétrico de Mann-Whitney para comparação entre as coroas (metalocerâmica e cerâmica pura) e as resoluções dos exames de TCFC (0,25 mm e 0,30 mm).

3.7.2 Análise Subjetiva

Para o cálculo da concordância intra e interobservador foi utilizado o coeficiente Kappa. Para verificar a acurácia dos exames testados (TCFC 0,25 mm de voxel, TCFC 0,30 mm de voxel e radiografia periapical) para o diagnóstico dos *gaps* em restaurações indiretas foi determinada a área sob a curva ROC para cada avaliador. A comparação entre os exames testados foi realizada por meio do teste de Kruskal-Wallis e Student-Newman-Keuls.

4 ARTIGO

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Abstract

Objectives: To evaluate the quantity of artifacts generated by different restorative materials, and to determine the accuracy of CBCT scans and periapical radiographs in identifying peripheral gaps.

Material and Methods: A mandible containing teeth restored with metal-ceramic and all-ceramic crowns, properly adapted and with 0.30- and 0.50-mm gaps, underwent CBCT exams (with voxel sizes of 0.25 and 0.30 mm) and periapical radiographs. The artifacts generated by the different crowns were quantified and compared by the Mann-Whitney test. In addition, five examiners evaluated the presence or absence of gaps in different imaging exams. The accuracy of tests was determined by the area under the ROC curve and these values were compared by using the Kruskal-Wallis test.

Results: There was no significant difference in artifact values between the different restorative materials and the different resolutions of CBCT images. Regarding the accuracy of the tests evaluated, periapical radiography and CBCT with voxel size 0.25 mm showed the best performance for smaller gaps (0.30 mm). For larger gaps (0.50 mm), all exams tested showed the same performance.

Conclusions: Periapical radiography was still the most cost-beneficial method for the diagnosis of maladaptation in dental restorations. However, although CBCT with voxel size 0.25 mm is not the first choice for gap diagnosis, if the patient already has these images that were taken for other indications, they could be used to evaluate possible marginal mismatches.

Clinical relevance: The results of this study will allow practitioners to know the indications and limitations of CBCT images for the diagnosis of gaps in indirect restorations, including in addition to quantifying tomographic artifacts, a verification of the accuracy of the clinical diagnosis of these gaps.

Keywords

Cone beam computed tomography, artifacts, dental restoration, ceramics, metal ceramic alloys, dental marginal adaptation.

Introduction

As far as oral rehabilitation is concerned, in cases of great loss of dental tissue, indirect restorative techniques are the most suitable, since they allow the crown to be restored with more resistant materials, thereby returning not only the patient's aesthetic appearance, but also the chewing function of the teeth. These prosthetic crowns may be composed of metal alloys (gold, palladium, silver, cobalt, copper, nickel, or aluminum) or metal-free materials such as glass and carbon fibers, ceramic materials that are pure or zirconia-reinforced [1,2]

The clinical success of restorations depends directly on good peripherical adaptation. The presence of cracks or mismatches, also called gaps, represents a relevant clinical problem that is directly associated with fracture, loss of retention due to dissolution of the cementing agent and the appearance of secondary carious lesions, since it favors the microleakage of bacteria and their byproducts, increasing the susceptibility to vital pulp inflammation and marginal pigmentation [3,4]

Different techniques and tools can be used to assess marginal adaptation of indirect restorations [3]. Clinical examination with the aid of the exploratory probe may help to identify faults and marginal mismatches; however, for a better evaluation of interproximal regions, imaging should be used. Interproximal and periapical radiographs assist the dental surgeon in diagnosing primary and secondary carious lesions and identifying several types of restorative failures [5-9]. However, we cannot fail to consider the limitations of two-dimensional examinations, such as overlapping planes that can frequently impair visualization of the important structures.

Although cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) is not the imaging exam of choice for dental restorations, especially due to the higher radiation dose when compared with conventional radiographs, CBCT has been widely used in dentistry due to its high diagnostic potential, in addition to allowing a three-dimensional evaluation of the images by avoiding overlapping structures [9-13]. However, in evaluations after rehabilitative treatments, the quality of CBCT images may be impaired due to the formation of artifacts generated in the presence of high-density materials used in restorations, crowns, implants and prostheses, which may compromise the diagnosis [2,10-12,14-17].

Being aware of the importance of careful assessment of the adaptation of indirect restorations and accurate imaging exams available at present, this study

aimed to assess the quantity of artifacts generated by different restorative materials, and to determine the accuracy of CBCT scans and periapical radiographs for the purpose of identifying peripheral gaps.

Material and methods

Study design and ethics committee

This was an *ex vivo* analytical experimental study that was approved by the Research Ethics Committee of the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (CEP/ UFJF, Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil), under opinion report No. 2,435,835 / 2017.

Sample preparation

For development of the research, an edentulous mandible with alveoli, made of barium, was used (Nacional Ossos, Jaú, SP, Brazil). This material simulates the characteristics of human radiographic bone density. For insertion into the mandible, 32 healthy mandibular teeth (31 molars and one premolar) were obtained from the Tooth Biobank of the UFJF School of Dentistry. One molar and premolar were used only for the purpose of allowing proximal contact with the sample teeth.

The thirty molars selected for the study had similar buccolingual and mesio-distal dimensions or presented a maximum variation of 10%. They were submitted to standardized preparations for a full crown with the aid of a condensation silicone model (Coltene, Altstätten, Switzerland). The walls were expulsive (approximately 6°) to facilitate accommodation of the prosthetic part. Occlusal and axial wear of 2 mm and 1.5 mm, respectively, was performed with a diamond-mounted tip, round-tipped conical trunk and medium granulation (# 4138). Finishing was performed with carbide drill (No.283). Conclusion of chamfer preparation and all internal angles were rounded [18]. The teeth were prepared by a single dentist, specialist in dentistry, and sent to a prosthetic laboratory for fabrication of the restorations.

The 30 teeth were randomly divided into two groups: All-ceramic Group: 15 teeth restored with full crowns had zirconia copings that were fabricated with Ceramill ZI White 71L (Amman Girrbach, Koblach, Austria), covered with feldspar ceramic (Kuraray Noritake Dental, Tokyo, Japan), so that we would have 10 teeth with marginal mismatches (0.3 and 0.5 mm) and five teeth with adequate marginal adaptation; Metal-ceramic Group: 15 teeth restored with full crowns made of Dan

Ceramalloy nickel-chrome alloy (Nihon Shika Kinzoku, Osaka, Japan), covered with the same feldspar ceramic used in the All-ceramic Group. Similarly, 10 teeth had gap (0.3 and 0.5 mm) and five teeth had well-adapted crowns.

In CAD-CAM (Ceramil Motion, Amnn Girrbach, Koblach, Austria), zirconia copings and Ceramill Wax Gray 71L wax copings (Amman Girrbach, Koblach, Austria) were milled and then cast in metal. The inner surface of none of the copings was adjusted or worn. Gaps were made on the mesial or distal surfaces, randomly programmed by the CAD-CAM prosthetic device. No gaps were simulated on the buccal and lingual surfaces, since maladaptations on these surfaces can more easily be diagnosed during the clinical examination. Some authors consider marginal discrepancies between 50 and 150 μm to be clinically acceptable [19,20]. In the present study, marginal gaps were simulated in two sizes: 300 μm (0.3 mm) and 500 μm (0.5 mm), as the intention was to identify gaps that were detrimental to the integrity of the restoration, liable to allow infiltration. In a second stage, the copings were carefully covered with feldspar ceramic, so as not to conceal the marginal mismatch that was simulated in the previous stage.

The crowns were not cemented, only accommodated, so that the cement would not conceal possible mismatches and simulated gaps. To accommodate the crown, a 50 N snap force was standardized on the occlusal surface of the crown, perpendicular to the long axis of the tooth [4].

The restored teeth were inserted into the alveoli and fixated with the aid of utility wax (Technew, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). Each restored tooth was positioned between two healthy teeth, one premolar in the mesial position and one molar located distally to simulate the point of contact. The healthy teeth were always the same and placed in the same position, and only the restored tooth was changed. For each restored tooth, digital periapical radiography and CBCT scans were performed with variation in the voxel size.

Radiographic density of the gum and facial soft tissue was simulated with the aid of utility wax, positioned on the buccal and lingual surface of the 15 mm thick mandible [21,22].

Image examinations

The mandible with properly positioned teeth was submitted to CBCT exams at the FO/ UFJF Dental Radiology Clinic (Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil) using the I-Cat® Next Generation appliance (Imaging Sciences International, Hatfield, Pennsylvania, USA), with the following acquisition protocol: 120 kV, 8 mA and 360 ° rotation, 5 x 13 cm FOV (field of view). Two voxel sizes were used: 0.25 mm and 0.30 mm.

Periapical radiographs of the teeth were also taken using the parallelism technique. The teeth were positioned in the mandible with the long axis perpendicular to the occlusal plane, with the film accommodated on the lingual surface and parallel to the teeth so that the x-ray beam was perpendicular to the proximal surfaces. Images were taken with the Heliocent Plus® periapical radiograph (Sirona, Bensheim, Germany) and the VistaScan direct digital system (Durr Dental, Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany) with the following protocol: exposure time 0.32 s, 7 mA DC and 60-70 kVp.

For each restored tooth, a radiographic acquisition and two tomographic acquisitions with different resolutions were performed, one with a voxel size of 0.25 mm and the other with 0.30 mm.

Objective Analysis - Quantification of artifacts

After the acquisition of the tomographic images, they were stored decompressed in DICOM format (Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine). The most cervical axial sections containing the entire restoration were selected. These sections were individually defined for each tooth and evaluated using ImageJ software (U.S. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA). Four rectangular regions of interest (ROIs) of standardized dimensions (8 x 3 mm) were selected. These ROIs included the mesial, distal, buccal and lingual regions of the tooth to be analyzed (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1

For each selected ROI, the artifacts were quantified based on the methodology of Pauwels et al. [23]. Still on ImageJ software, using the “Analyze – Histogram” tools, the minimum and maximum grayscale values were determined to calculate the actual standard deviation (SD). Using a 16-bit scale (65,536 gray values), since the images generated from the tomograph used in this study had this characteristic, the theoretical maximum standard deviation (SD) was determined, the value of which was half of the gray value of a 16-bit image, i.e. 32,768. The actual SD was converted into a percentage of the theoretical maximum SD, where higher percentages indicate more pronounced artefacts. The calculation was performed as follows: actual SD/theoretical maximum SD × 100.

The artifact for each restored tooth was defined as an average of the four ROI measurements. The selection of axial sections and quantification of artifacts was performed by a single experienced CBCT examiner. To measure the reproducibility of the method, 30% of the exams were evaluated at two different times, with a two-week interval between them, in order to calculate intraobserver agreement.

Subjective Analysis - Crown gap assessment

Five blinded radiologists (unaware of the distribution of teeth in the two groups) evaluated tomographic and radiographic images. Evaluations were made on the same computer ASUSTek (Taipei, Taiwan), Intel® Core™ i5-4440 processor with a Samsung monitor (Seoul, South Korea) 18.5 inches, screen resolution 1366 x 768, 32-bit color depth, and Windows 7 Ultimate software in an environment with dim light. Radiographic images were randomly arranged on Power Point (Microsoft Store, USA) and saved in PDF for evaluation. The tomographic images could be freely evaluated by the examiners.

Examiners independently assessed the proximal (mesial and distal) surfaces of each tooth for gaps in the restored teeth. A scale of five scores was used: 1- definitely absent gap; 2- probably absent gap; 3- uncertainty about absence or presence of gap; 4- probably present gap; 5- definitely present gap.

In order to measure the reproducibility of the method, all examinations were evaluated at two different times, with a two-week interval between them, to calculate intra and interobserver agreement.

Data analysis

Data analysis was performed using SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences, version 22.0, Chicago, USA), with a significance level of 5% ($p \leq 0.05$).

Objective Analysis

In order to verify intra-examiner agreement on artifact values, the intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) was applied. Since the data did not present normal distribution by the Shapiro-Wilk test ($p < 0.05$), the nonparametric Mann-Whitney test was applied to compare the crowns (metal-ceramic and all-ceramic) and the CBCT exam resolutions (0.25 mm and 0.30 mm).

Subjective Analysis

In order to calculate intra and interobserver agreement, the Kappa coefficient was used. To verify the accuracy of the tests tested (CBCT voxel size of 0.25 mm, CBCT voxel size of 0.30 mm and periapical radiography) for the diagnosis of gaps in indirect restorations, the area under the ROC curve was determined for each evaluator. The comparison between the tested exams was made by using the Kruskal-Wallis and Student-Newman-Keuls tests.

Results

Objective Analysis

ICC of 30% of the sample indicated excellent intra-examiner agreement (ICC = 0.9923/ $p < 0.0001$).

The artifact values generated by the two types of crowns (metal-ceramic and all-ceramic) in the two CBCT image resolutions are shown in Table 1. The highest artifact values were observed to be associated with the ROIs located on the proximal surfaces (mesial and distal).

When the artifacts generated between the metal-ceramic and all-ceramic crowns were compared along with the different resolutions of CBCT images, no significant difference was observed in the values of these artifacts for any of the parameters tested (Table 2).

Table 1. Mean (standard deviation) quantification values of artifacts generated by the two types of crowns (metal-ceramic and all-ceramic) at the two CBCT image resolutions (0.25 mm and 0.30 mm)

	Voxel	Buccal	Lingual	Mesial	Distal	Total
Metal-ceramic	2.78	3.97	8.19	9.30	6.07	
	(0.98)	(1.98)	(1.30)	(1.02)	(3.08)	
All-ceramic	3.19	4.27	6.14	9.66	5.78	
	(1.67)	(1.72)	(2.23)	(1.10)	(3.01)	
Metal-ceramic	2.72	3.60	7.03	8.77	5.55	
	(1.25)	(1.82)	(1.03)	(1.11)	(2.81)	
All-ceramic	3.16	3.57	5.93	8.55	5.29	
	(1.37)	(1.17)	(2.09)	(1.06)	(2.62)	

Table 2. Comparison between metal-ceramic and all-ceramic crowns and among different CBCT image resolutions (voxel) on artifact production.

Voxel	Metal-ceramic	All-ceramic	p value*
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
0.25 mm	6.07 (3.08)	5.78 (3.01)	0.4066
0.30 mm	5.55 (2.81)	5.29 (2.62)	0.3567
p value*	0.1034	0.1555	

* Teste de Mann-Whitney

Subjective Analysis

Kappa coefficients indicated moderate to almost perfect intra-examiner agreement, and the highest values were observed for periapical radiographs. Values ranged from 0.4558 (moderate agreement) to 0.8935 (near perfect agreement) for tomographic images and from 0.7208 (substantial agreement) to 0.9823 (near perfect agreement) for radiographic images. For interexaminer agreement, the kappa coefficients indicated a fair to almost perfect agreement, and again the highest

values were observed for radiographs. When it came to the CBCT values, the variation ranged from 0.2183 (fair agreement) to 0.5967 (moderate agreement). For periapical radiographs, the values ranged from 0.6325 (substantial agreement) to 0.8414 (almost perfect agreement) [24].

Figures 2, 3 and 4 show the ROC curves obtained from the responses of each evaluator regarding the gap diagnosis for the three types of images tested. In Table 3 the values of the areas under the ROC curves were shown. Only for the smallest gaps (0.30 mm), the periapical radiographs were observed to be more accurate than the CBCT scans with voxel size of 0.30 mm. For larger gaps (0.50 mm) or when considered together (irrespective of size), no statistically significant difference was observed between the different types of images tested.

Figure 5 illustrates images of periapical radiographs and CBCTs for the two marginal gap sizes used.

Fig. 2, 3 and 4

Table 3. Accuracy, defined by the area under the ROC curve, for the diagnosis of gaps obtained in different imaging exams.

		ROC Area		
		Gap 0.30 mm	Gap 0.50 mm	Gap 0.30 e 0.50 mm
Examiner 1	CBCT 0.25 mm	0.790	0.535	0.668
	CBCT 0.30 mm	0.578	0.623	0.599
	Radiography	0.967	0.707	0.819
Examiner 2	CBCT 0.25 mm	0.867	0.635	0.847
	CBCT 0.30 mm	0.730	0.687	0.668
	Radiography	0.925	0.715	0.883
Examiner 3	CBCT 0.25 mm	0.647	0.713	0.678
	CBCT 0.30 mm	0.643	0.543	0.572
	Radiography	0.983	0.685	0.818
Examiner 4	CBCT 0.25 mm	0.960	0.590	0.772
	CBCT 0.30 mm	0.797	0.632	0.694
	Radiography	0.910	0.732	0.795
Examiner 5	CBCT 0.25 mm	0.970	0.852	0.913
	CBCT 0.30 mm	0.782	0.865	0.832
	Radiography	0.983	0.687	0.834
Mean	CBCT 0.25 mm	0.846 ab	0.665 a	0.775 a
	CBCT 0.30 mm	0.706 b	0.670 a	0.673 a
	Radiography	0.953 a	0.705 a	0.829 a
P value		0.014*	0.436	0.103

* Means followed by different letters show statistically significant differences by Kruskall-Wallis and Student-Newman-Keuls tests.

Fig. 5

Discussion

CBCT has a large number of indications in dentistry, including implant planning, diagnosis and surgical planning of included teeth and maxillofacial pathologies, detection of congenital dental and bone anomalies, in cases of dental and maxillofacial trauma, temporomandibular joint disorders (TMJ), orthodontic planning, and long-term treatment follow-up [9,11,15]. Moreover, even when it is not the primary indication for obtaining the exam, CBCT can be a useful tool to check for other changes [15], including the presence of cavities and marginal gaps, since this mismatch may result in damage to the tooth, periodontal tissues and restoration [25,26].

Some studies have shown that cavities detection rates in CBCT scans are approximately equivalent to those of intraoral radiographs for unrestored teeth [16,27]. However, the quality of the images obtained may be impaired by the presence of metal-generated artifacts [14,16], usually present in dental restorations, crowns, implants, as well as orthodontic appliances and prostheses, which may compromise the diagnosis [2].

An artifact is defined as any image distortion that is not present in the object under study [28-30]. When high-density objects are irradiated, they have an effect called beam hardening. The resulting image is altered, with the formation of hypodense bands, hyperdense streaks and distortion of objects, thus forming the artifact [10,11,31,32]. Artifacts caused by beam hardening occur due to differences in attenuation and absorption of X-ray beams upon contact with high density material and are influenced by object characteristics, such as density and atomic number [30,33-35].

In this study, we used metal-ceramic crowns and zirconia crowns. Metal-ceramic crowns have been used in dentistry for over 40 years and were considered the gold standard for many years [36,37]. This can be explained by their high degree of strength, obtained through the base, and good biocompatibility [38-40]. Ceramic restorations containing zirconia are very promising, not only due to their satisfactory aesthetic potential when compared with metals [41], but also due to the high flexural strength and fracture toughness [42], allowing less invasive dental preparations to be made [43].

Commonly, zirconia-based restorations and steel-framed restorations are covered with a ceramic coating, such as feldspar ceramic, which is widely used to improve aesthetic quality, as zirconia has the disadvantage of being an essentially white and opaque material, and metal restorations detract from aesthetics by darkening the remaining and marginal tissues [37,44].

Despite the atomic number of zirconium ($Z = 40$) being relatively high when compared with other metals such as nickel ($Z = 28$) and chromium ($Z = 24$), in the present study there was no significant difference in the number of artifacts generated in the images of the metal-ceramic crowns when compared with images of the all-ceramic crowns. Vasconcelos et al. [29] also found that zirconium implants behaved similarly to other metal dental restorative materials in terms of the production of CBCT image artifacts. CBCT images obtained with different resolutions (voxel sizes) also had no influence the quantity of artifacts generated by the different materials, corroborating the findings of studies by Pauwels et al. [23] and Vasconcelos et al. [29].

Regarding the higher values of artifacts found in ROIs located on the proximal (mesial and distal) surfaces, greater interference of these artifacts on adjacent teeth could be suggested, making it even more difficult to visualize pathologies or alterations in these regions. According to Freitas, Vasconcelos and Noujeim [12], in the case of crown evaluation, artifacts may imitate a fracture line or a mismatch, which may result in a false positive result or compromise the diagnosis of pathologies.

A major differential of this study was to evaluate the artifacts not only quantitatively, but also their influence on clinical images, assessing the real interference of these unwanted effects on the diagnosis of prosthetic mismatches. According to Mc Guigan et al. [45], both quantitative and quality evaluation of clinical images is necessary to ensure that an adequate diagnostic value is obtained.

Considering the examiners' responses relative to the presence or absence of crown gaps, it can be observed that for the larger gaps (0.50 mm) or when considered together (irrespective of the gap size), no significant difference was observed in the accuracy of gaps between the different types of images tested. These results correlated with those of objective analysis, since there was no difference in the quantification of artifacts between tomographic images of different

resolutions. However, for smaller gaps (0.30 mm), the radiographs were significantly more accurate than the CBCT scans with voxel size of 0.30 mm, which may be justified by the fact that larger voxel sizes resulted in lower image resolution, which could affect the diagnostic quality of fine details [29]. When the accuracy of the two tomographic exams was compared, no difference between them could be observed, once again correlating with the results of artifact quantification that indicated no difference between these exams.

Worth highlighting is that this study did not evaluate other factors that influence image formation, such as kV, mA, FOV (field of view) and position of the image object within the FOV, which may also have an effect on the amount of artifacts generated and the diagnosis of marginal gaps [45-49].

Conclusions

It could be concluded that in spite of being two-dimensional, periapical radiography is still the best cost-benefit tool for the diagnosis of maladaptation in dental restorations at the tooth–material interface, with advantages in both the accuracy of the diagnosis, costs and radiation dose. However, although CBCT with a voxel size of 0.25 mm is not the first choice for gap diagnosis, if the patient already has these images that were obtained for other indications, they could be used to evaluate possible marginal mismatches.

Compliance with Ethical Standards

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Figure legends

Fig. 1 CBCT axial section illustrating the four ROIs positioned for quantifying artifacts

Fig. 2 ROCs curves showing comparison of accuracy of the three types of images for the diagnosis of 0.30 mm gap, evaluated by the five evaluators (a-e)

Fig. 3 ROCs curves showing comparison of accuracy of the three types of images for the diagnosis of 0.50 mm gap, evaluated by the five evaluators (a-e)

Fig. 4 ROC curves showing comparison of the accuracy of the three types of images for the diagnosis of gaps (0.30 mm and 0.50 mm), evaluated by the five evaluators (a-e)

Fig. 5 Images of periapical and CBCT illustrating different gap sizes in metal-ceramic and all-ceramic crowns

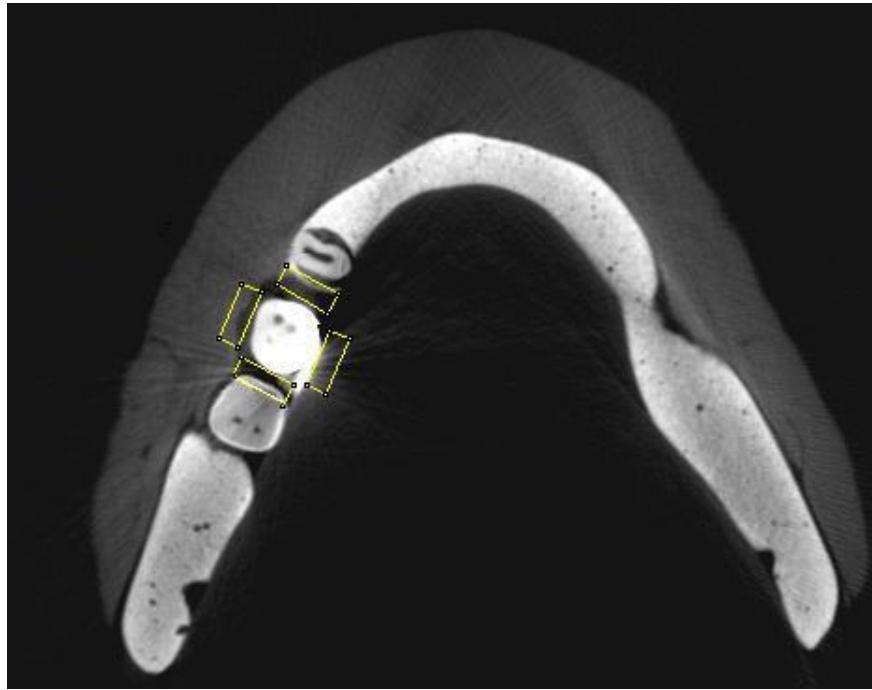


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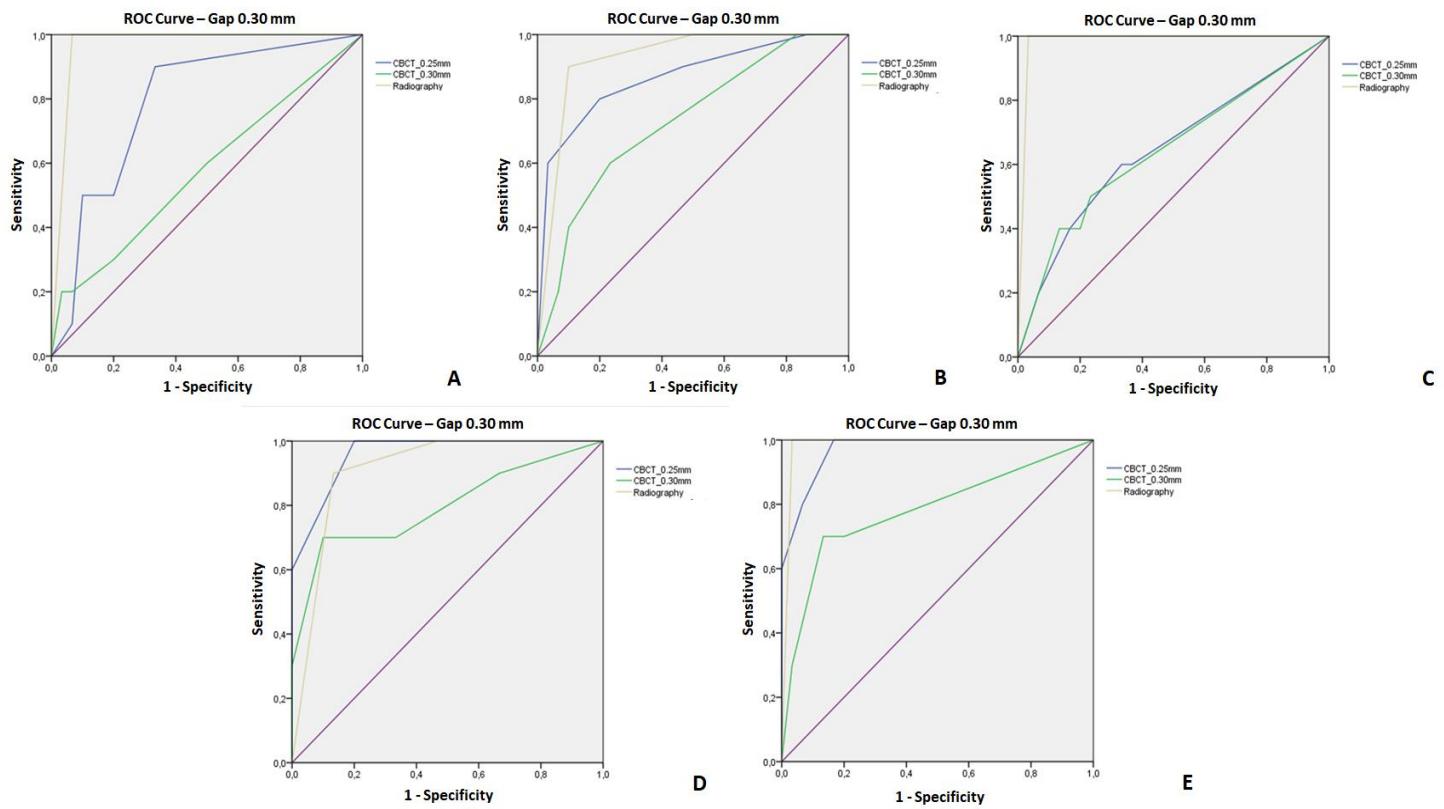


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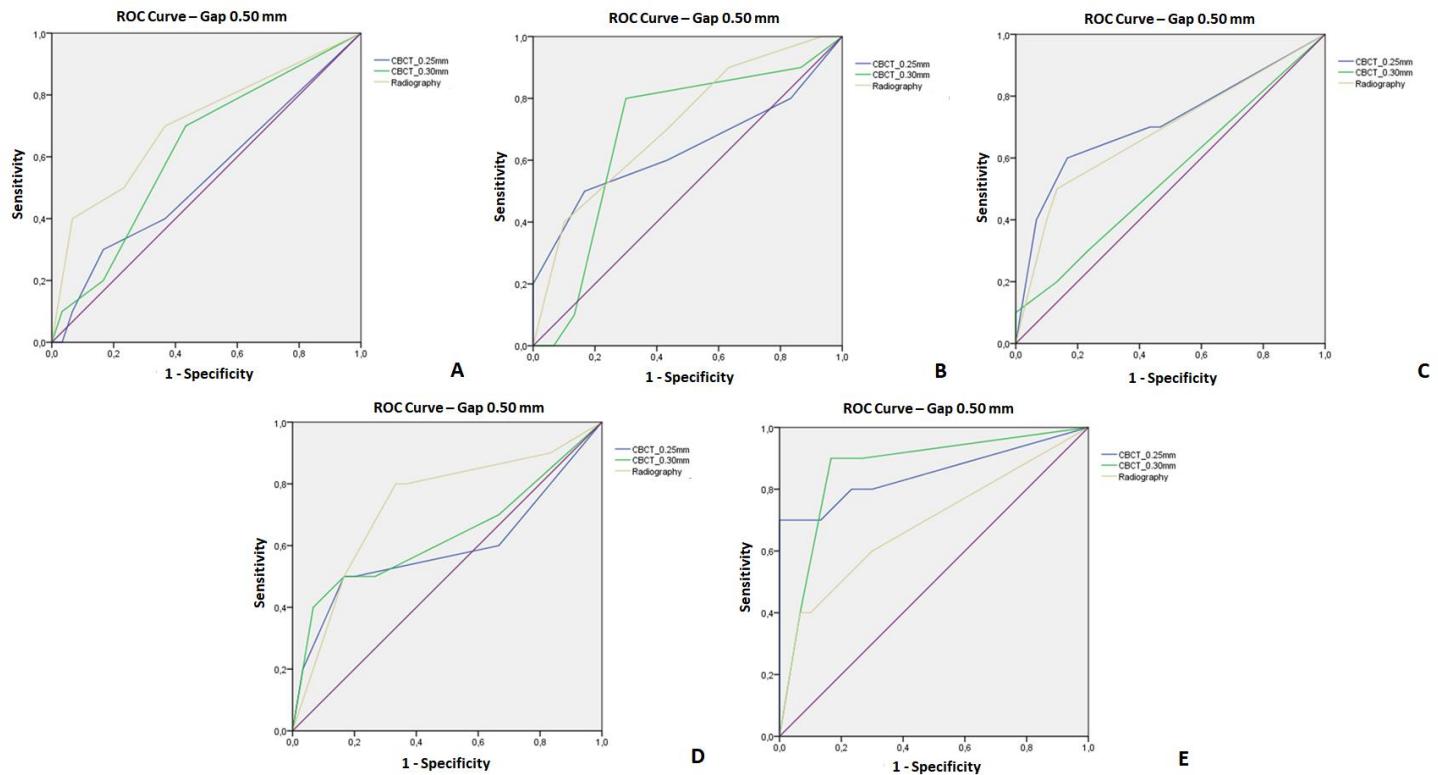


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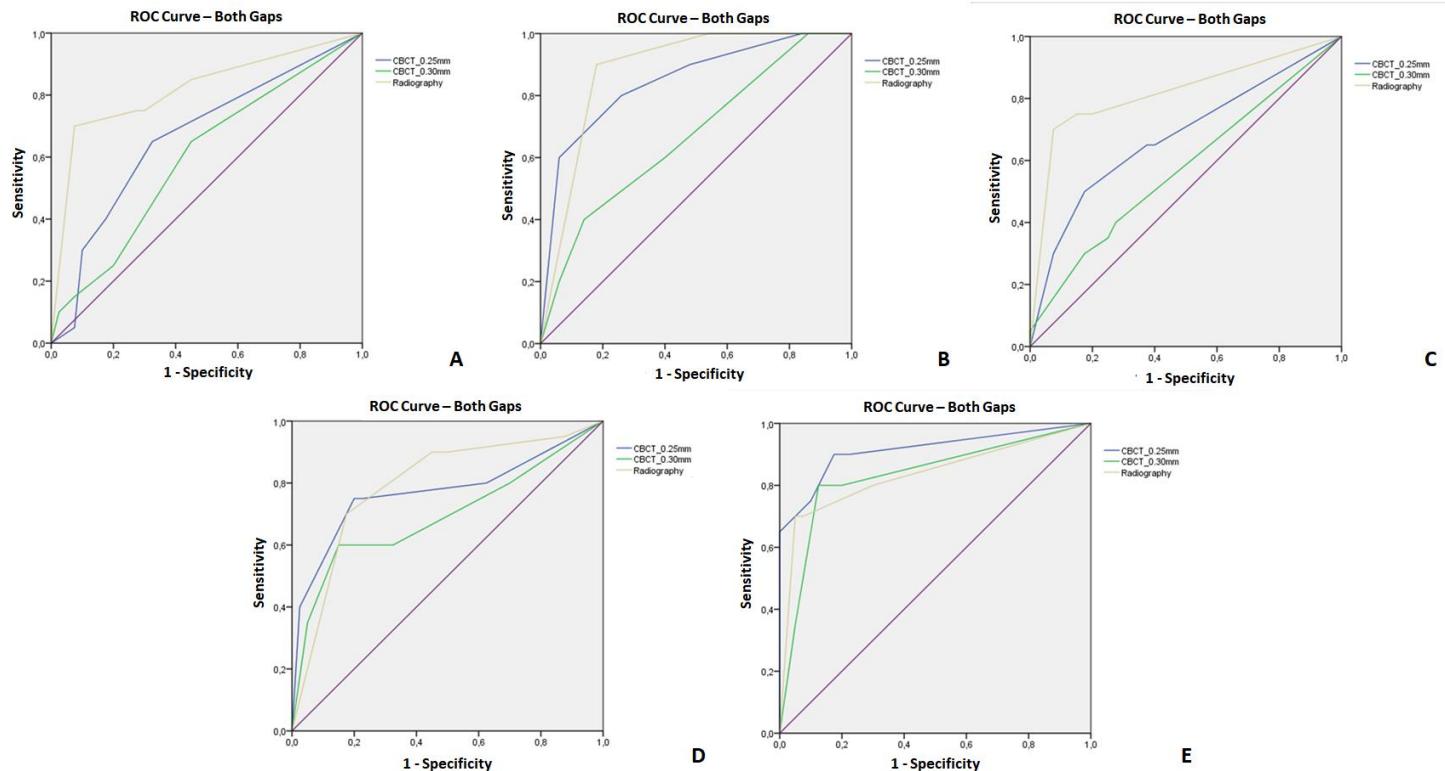


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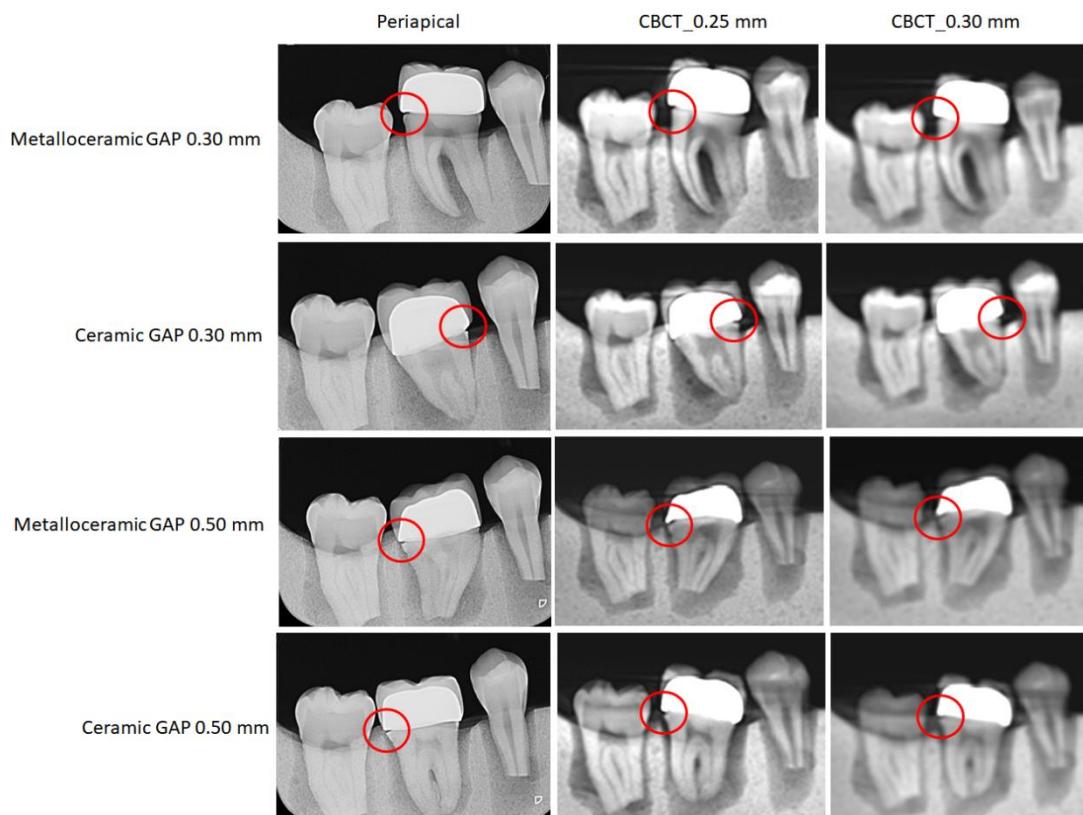


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5 CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

Pode-se concluir que a quantidade de artefatos gerados pelas coroas metalocerâmica e cerâmica pura em imagens de TCFC é semelhante. Os maiores valores de artefatos foram associados às faces proximais dos dentes.

Em relação à acurácia dos exames testados para o diagnóstico de *gaps* proximais em restaurações dentárias, a radiografia periapical e a TCFC com voxel de 0,25 mm, apresentaram o melhor desempenho para os *gaps* de menores dimensões (0,30 mm). Para *gaps* maiores (0,50 mm), todos os exames testados mostraram o mesmo desempenho.

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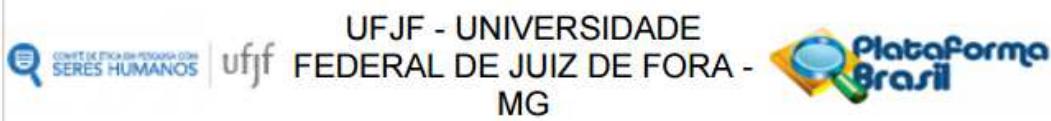
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ANEXO A – Parecer do Comitê de Ética



PARECER CONSUBSTANCIADO DO CEP

DADOS DO PROJETO DE PESQUISA

Titulo da Pesquisa: Análise de artefatos metálicos gerados por diferentes materiais restauradores e sua influência na identificação de gaps em imagens de tomografia computadorizada de feixe cônicoo

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Apresentação do Projeto:

Apresentação do projeto está clara, detalhada de forma objetiva, descreve as bases científicas que justificam o estudo, estando de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Resolução CNS 466/12 de 2012, item III.

Objetivo da Pesquisa:

Os Objetivos da pesquisa estão claros bem delineados, apresenta clareza e compatibilidade com a proposta, tendo adequação da metodologia aos objetivos pretendido, de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Norma Operacional CNS 001 de 2013, item 3.4.1 - 4.

Avaliação dos Riscos e Benefícios:

Riscos e benefícios descritos em conformidade com a natureza e propósitos da pesquisa. O risco que o projeto apresenta é caracterizado como risco mínimo e benefícios esperados estão adequadamente descritos. A avaliação dos Riscos e Benefícios está de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Resolução CNS 466/12 de 2012, itens III; III.2 e V.

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O projeto está bem estruturado, delineado e fundamentado, sustenta os objetivos do estudo em sua metodologia de forma clara e objetiva, e se apresenta em consonância com os princípios éticos norteadores da ética na pesquisa científica envolvendo seres humanos elencados na

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resolução 466/12 do CNS e com a Norma Operacional Nº 001/2013 CNS.

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O protocolo de pesquisa está em configuração adequada, apresenta FOLHA DE ROSTO devidamente preenchida, com o título em português, identifica o patrocinador pela pesquisa, estando de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Norma Operacional CNS 001 de 2013 item 3.3 letra a; e 3.4.1 item 16. Apresenta o TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE ESCLARECIDO em linguagem clara para compreensão dos participantes, apresenta justificativa e objetivo, campo para identificação do participante, descreve de forma suficiente os procedimentos, informa que uma das vias do TCLE será entregue aos participantes, assegura a liberdade do participante recusar ou retirar o consentimento sem penalidades, garante sigilo e anonimato, explicita riscos e desconfortos esperados, resarcimento com as despesas, indenização diante de eventuais danos decorrentes da pesquisa, contato do pesquisador e do CEP e informa que os dados da pesquisa ficarão arquivados com o pesquisador pelo período de cinco anos, de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Resolução CNS 466 de 2012, itens: IV letra b; IV.3 letras a,b,d,e,f,g e h; IV. 5 letra d e XI.2 letra f. Apresenta o INSTRUMENTO DE COLETA DE DADOS de forma pertinente aos objetivos delineados e preserva os participantes da pesquisa. O Pesquisador apresenta titulação e experiência compatível com o projeto de pesquisa, estando de acordo com as atribuições definidas no Manual Operacional para CPEs. Apresenta DECLARAÇÃO de infraestrutura e de concordância com a realização da pesquisa de acordo com as atribuições definidas na Norma Operacional CNS 001 de 2013 item 3.3 letra h.

Conclusões ou Pendências e Lista de Inadequações:

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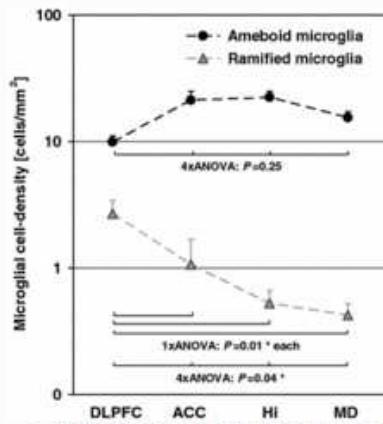
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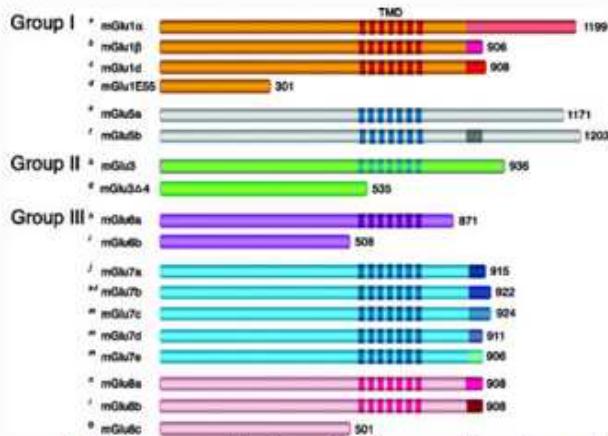
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