

Bifix QM - Microtensile strength on ceramic

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The microtensile strength of the combination of Futurabond DC and Bifix QM luting system on two different ceramics was ascertained in a study at the University of Halle-Wittenberg. In addition to light-curing, pure chemical-curing was also evaluated.

The adhesion was determined under simulation of natural perfusion^[2] in this study^[1]. Cercon (zirconium oxide ceramic) and Empress (lithium disilicate ceramic) were used as ceramics, and both pure chemical- and light-curing were carried out. The results of the measurements are shown in Figure 1.

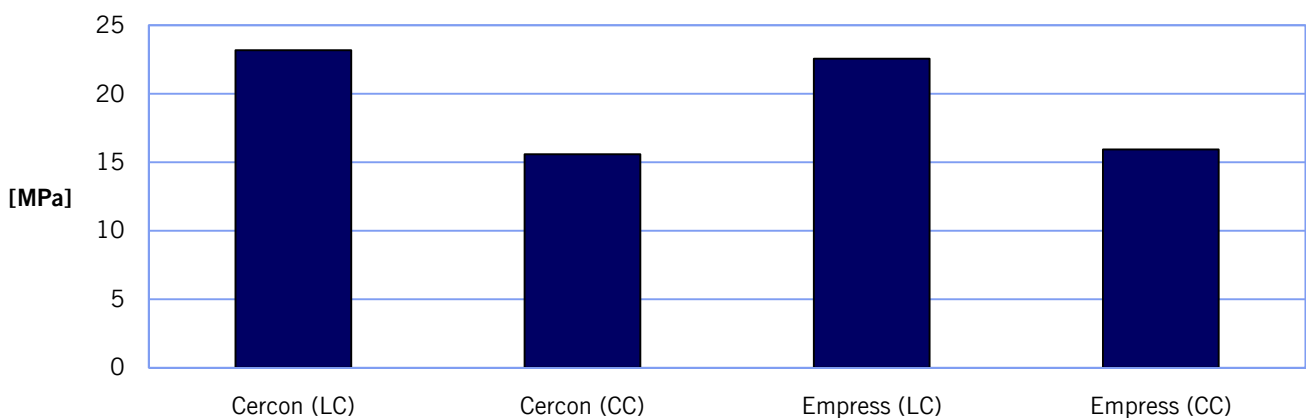


Figure 1: **Microtensile strength [MPa] on Cercon and Empress (LC = light-cured, CC = chemical- cured)**

The adhesion values are outstanding on both materials, and chemical curing also achieved a secure bond in the areas inaccessible to light.

Conclusion: The combination of Futurabond DC and Bifix QM is a safe way to permanently mount ceramic restorations.

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