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A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW STUDYING THE EFFECT OF DIFFERENT FRAMEWORK MATERIALS ON THE RETENTION OF IMPLANT TELESCOPIC OVERDENTURES.

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to systematically evaluate and compare between implant-supported telescopic retained overdentures reinforced by framework made of different materials in terms of retention. Search was made in 3 databases including PubMed, Ebscohost and Google scholar, title and abstract were screened to select studies related to telescopic overdenture and measuring its retention. Articles which did not follow the inclusion criteria were excluded. Included papers were then read carefully for a second stage filter, this was followed by manual searching of bibliography of selected articles. The search resulted in 15 included papers. These studies aimed to study the impact of the manufacturing technique and the recently introduced variable materials of the telescopic crowns on the retentive forces.

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Introduction:-

Patients with conventional denture mostly complain from poor denture retention and stability especially in the mandibular denture. Problems with complete denture prostheses arise from the inability to function with the mandibular prostheses. Reasons that affect successful use of a complete denture in the mandible include; the mobility of the floor of the mouth, alveolar ridge lined with thin mucosa, decreased support area and the mobility of the mandible.^[1]

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Implant-supported overdentures are an accepted and reliable treatment for edentulous jaws. Clinical studies have revealed high implant and prosthesis survival rates over observational periods of up to 10 years and a high level of patient satisfaction, as well as an improvement in quality of life compared to conventional dentures. [2]

Attachments used in conjunction with implants were found to enhance the retention, stability and support of overdentures. The commonly used attachment systems connecting overdentures and implants have included bars of different designs, studs and telescopic systems. The concept of implant retained telescopic overdentures has been shown to be effective in prosthesis stabilization with regard to horizontal forces in cases of advanced atrophy of the alveolar crest.

The focus of attention in implant dentistry is shifting from "survival" to "quality of survival." Highly aesthetic restorations are becoming important criteria for the definition of success, thus non-metallic materials are now available, which imply the use of new technology and all with the advantages of superior esthetics and reduced potential for allergic reactions.^[3]

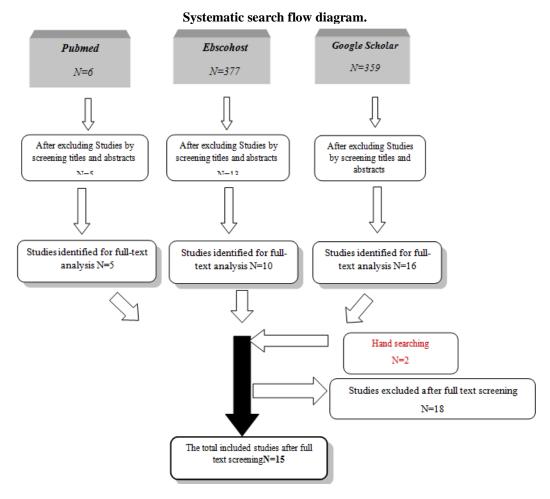
Our arising question will be in completely edentulous patient, will the material of telescopic implants overdenture have an impact on the retention?

Materials and Methods:-

Search Strategy:-

An Electronic Search of the literature was performed on PubMed,Ebscohost and Google scholar, using the following search terms :

- 1. Dental implants (Dental implants, Implants, Osseointegrated dental implants, Toothless overdenture, Implant supported overdenture, Osseointegrated implants)
- 2. Telescopic overdenture(Konus crown, Conus crown, Dental telescopic retainer, Dental telescope, Denture retention, Prosthesis retention, Denture prosthesis retention)
- 3. Retention (Retention denture, Denture dislodgment, Denture retentivity, Dental telescopic retainer, Denture retention, Prosthesis retention, Dental prosthesis retention, Dental prosthesis displacement)
- 4. Hand search was done on the bibliography of the included papers. Last hand search was performed on the 19th of February 2017.



Selection criteria:Inclusion criteria:-

- 1. Completely and partially edentulous patient
- 2. Mandibular and maxillary telescopic overdenture.
- 3. In vivo and in vitro studies.

Exclusion criteria:-

- a. Medically compromised patient.
- **b.** Studies on animals.

Study Selection:-

Retrieved titles were all screened, and all papers that met the inclusion criteria were selected. Abstracts of all headings chosen were screened and obtained for inclusion criteria. After abstracts were screened, full text studies were retrieved for the selected papers. In case both the heading and the abstract of an article wasn't enough to obtain data needed to make a decision regarding inclusion criteria , full texts were retrieved. Full text papers meeting inclusion criteria were screened upon their methodology and results. Two reviewers performed the screening procedure.

Results:-

A total of 742 titles were identified by the electronic search. After initial titles and abstracts screening, 701 irrelevant articles were excluded and a total of 41 articles were selected for full-text screening, 2 additional articles were found through hand searching [4, 5]. After full text screening, 15 articles [4-18] were included in the present analysis.

The 15 articles included in this study were published in a period ranging from 2003-2016 except one article at 1996^[8]. They differed widely with respect to methodology, study designs and outcomes. So the possibility of attempting a meta-analysis was eliminated.

The demographic data of the included articles were presented in (Table 1). The included studies showed the variability in the manufacturing method of the telescoping crowns (CAD/CAM milling, casting, electroforming, electroplating) as well as the difference of the materials of the primary and the secondary copings. The variable materials used in the following studies were zirconium, gold, PEEK (polyetheretherketone), titanium and cobalt chromium interchangeably. Surface roughness and the degree of taper were also revealed (Table 2).

The specifications of the copings beside the variation in the materials used between the primary and the secondary copings had an influence on the retentive forces during the follow up period (Table 3).

Table 1:-Table of demographic findings.

Studies	Age range	Sex	Settings	Mandible or Maxilla
Grossman AC. Et al. 2007 Treatment with Double Crown–Retained	Mean age 65	63.3% m 37.7 % f	Prosthodontic department of the university of Heidelberg, Germany	Mandible and maxilla
Removable PartialDentures and Oral Health–Related Quality of Life in Middleand			riedciberg, Germany	
High-Aged Patients	50	c 1		26 171
Uludag B. et al. 2008 Fabrication of Zirconium Primary Copings to Provide retention for a Mandibular Telescopic Overdenture	58	female	Department of prosthodontics Ankara university	Mandible
Besimo C et al. 1996 Retention force changes in implant-supported titaniumtelescope crowns over long-term use in vitro				
Bayer S et al. 2012 Telescopic crowns: Extraoral and intraoral retention force measurement-In vitro, in vivo correlation	Meanage59	23 partially edentulous patients	University of Bonn, Germany	15 maxillary and 10 mandibular

Singh K & GuptaN 2012 Telescopic Denture- A treatment modality for minimizing the conventional removable complete denture problems Kwon H B & Lee SH 2006 The Comparison Of Initial	52 years old	male	private dental center	maxillary telescopic denture mandibular bar supported overdenture N/A
Retentive Force in Different Double Crown Systems				
Jin Yi Y & Park JC 2003 Cause Of Technical Failures Of Conical Crown-Retained Denture (CCRD)	43 – 66 years old	Males	Department of prosthodontics and research institute of oral science, College of dentistry, Kangnung National University	Mandible
Sakai Y et al. 2011 Effects of surface roughness and tapered angle of cone crown telescopic system on retentive force	N/A	3 models were prepared:- 1 st group :-2 of them with same surface roughness (smooth) and taper (4, 5 degrees) 2 nd group:- with different roughness (rough) than the 1 st group and taper 6 degrees made of two different cone crown :- a)prefabricated b)CAD/CAM miled	N/A	N/A
Mansour S etal. 2016 All-ceramic one-piece telescopic abutments for implant-supported overdentures	N/A	females	Martin-Luther university Hollo-Weitenbergcentre for Dentistry and Oral Medicine/ Department of prosthodontics	1 st case: Edentulous maxilla Partially edentulous mandible 2 nd case: Edentulous maxilla Partially edentulous maxilla
Gurbulak AG et al. 2012 Evaluation of the Retention Force of Double Conical CrownsUsed in Combination with a Galvanoforming and CastingFabrication Technique				

Riera JJG et al. 2006 Alternative Designs in Implant-Retained Maxillary Overdentures: The Telescopic Approach	60-year-old	male	N/A	-restore the maxilla with an implant-supported overdenture, using seven implants -The mandibular archwould have an implant-supported fixed ceramometal restoration (8 implants
				in the
D G (1.0010	40	27/4	D	mandible)
Bayer S et al. 2010 Retention force	43 patient	N/A	Department of Prosthodontics, Preclinical	N/A
measurement of telescopic			Education and Dental	
crowns			Materials Science	
Stock V et al. 2016		90 double crowns	N/A	
PEEK Primary Crowns		(i) 30CoCr-crowns		
with Cobalt-Chromium, Zirconia and Galvanic		milled (ii) 30 ZrO2-crowns		
Secondary Crowns with		milled from Ceramill ZI		
Different Tapers—A		(iii) 30 GAL-crowns		
Comparison of Retention		made using		
Forces		electroforming		
Turp I et al. 2014 Retention and surface		12groups, each containing six samples,		
changes of zirconia primary		consisting of:		
crownswith secondary		(i) gold alloy 1ry		
crowns of different		crownelectroformedgold		
materials		2ry crowns		
		(ii) zirconia 1rycrown- electroformed gold 2ry		
		crowns		
		(iii)zirconia 1ry crown-		
		casted non-precious		
		alloy 2ry crowns conus angles of 0°, 2°, 4°, and		
		angles of 0° , 2° , 4° , and 6° .		
Pietruski J K et al. 2013		12 crown pairs of two		
Retention force assessment		different connections:		
in conical crownsin different		(i)gold casting		
material combinations		alloy/gold casting alloy (ii) gold casting		
		alloy/gold		
		electroforming alloy.		
		with the cone angles of		
		2° , 4° and 6° .		

Tables 2 & 3:- showing Methodology and Results

STUDIES	Methododology	ASESSEMENT
Grossman AC et al.	2 groups: 1- 2ry crowns made by galvanoforming technique with 0 degree 1ry crown 2- 1ry crown with 6 degrees	He measures retention which has an impact on the Oral Health Related Quality of Life (OHRQoL) with oral health impact profile (OHIP)
Uludag B et al.	A mandibular telescopic overdenture retained by electroformed 2ry copings with zirconia 1ry coping	
Besimo C et al.	2 groups The experiment is made on 40 specimens which are divided into 2 groups (20 each) in the first group the primary coping was made from gold while the second group made of pure titanium. Each twenty were divided into two equal groups. In the first group the cone angle was 5.5 degrees while the second group was 6.5 degrees. Five of the secondary copings ware fabricated from Cr-Co and the other five from gold alloys. The secondary coping was placed on the inner coping with a force of 20 N which correspond to the average masticatory force. Insertion separation cycled was 10000. Saliva substitute was used.	Retention
Bayer S et al 2011	In vitro part: he used artificial saliva In vivo measurements were performed 4-6 weeks after the denture insertion. The attachment was cast into type IV gold alloy. The specifications of the secondary coping: 0.4-0.5 mm-sand blasted-further finishing of the inner surface was performed using burnishers with different levels of roughness. Tapering was 1-2degrees Before measurement the telescopic crowns were cleaned of adherent food or plaque. The point of measurement should not be located further than the distal surface of the second premolar. The retentive force was measured for the inicial separation of the telescopic crowns approximately from the first 0.1 mm of separation	Retention
Singh K & Gupta N	Maxillary right and left canine, mandibular right and left canine and mandibular right premolar- Intentional RCT then long abutments were prepared 2-5 degrees, while short abutments parallelsecondary coping with metalprojections (retention beads) for mechanical interlocking to denture surface.	
Kwon H B & Lee SH	10 dies for double crowns were fabricated. Two kinds of inner crown were fabricated. Five inner crowns were fabricated for hybrid crowns and 5 others were made for conus crowns. Five inner crowns for hybrid crowns had a 3 mm parallel axial wall gingivally and a 3 mm inclined plane, which conformed to the outer contour of prepared teeth occlusally. Five inner crowns for conus crowns with heights of 6mm and	

Jin Yi Y & Park C	a cone angle of 2 degrees were fabricated. An inner crown was placed into the holding apparatus of a universal testing machine, and the outer crown was placed onto the inner crown and connected to the holding apparatus of a universal testing machine. Compressive force was applied to the inner-outer crown assembly at a cross head speed of 100cm/min until full seating was achieved, and then tensile strength was measured at the same cross head speed. For all measurements, artificial saliva was introduced between the outer and inner crowns. 1st group:- When inner copings were luted to the abutments,	Problems were
	it was found that excessive force was required for insertion and removal of the denture. The patient complained of the pain and difficulties of insertion and removal of a denture. 2 nd group:- internal gaps were found both between the outer and inner crown ofright first premolar, and between the residual ridge and free-end denture base. Even after relining procedure, fit and retentive force of retainers were still insufficient.	experienced with overdenture especially those related to retention.
Sakai Y et al.	-The average surface roughnesses of the smooth and rough surfaces of the inner crown were 0.1 and 1.5 μm, respectively; those of the outer crown were 0.1 and 1.2 μm, respectively. The 4 and 5° inner and outer crowns were prepared only with a smooth surface. - During measuring the retentive force the piston of the test machine applied a 100-N load on the test assembly, moved 2.5 mm upward to separate the outer crown at a separation speed of 50 mm/min, and then returned downward to insert the outer crown until 100-N load applied. - One thousand consecutive cycles of separation and insertion were performed at 10 cycles/minute. This test set-up permitted separation to be performed and evaluated in the axial direction only.	This study evaluated the effect of surface roughness and tapered angle of cone crowns on retentive force.
Mansour S et al.	1 st case:- 6 implants in maxilla 3 implants in mandible to complete unilateral arch -One piece abutment (highly electroplated) and framework were milled into zirconium by a special CAD/CAM system then cemented as a 1ry coping. 2 nd case:combined teeth and implant -coping are milled with CAD/CAM then cemented	The aim of this study was to present the application of all ceramic CAD/CAM milled zirconia one piece implant telescopic abutments in complex clinical situations.
Gurbulak AG et al.	The maxillary right second premolar was prepared using commercially available models. -A tapered conus angle of 3° and a chamfer width of 1 mm were created using a parallelometer for the master metal die10 models were used for each group inner surfaces of the 1ry crowns and outer surfaces of the 2ry crowns were sandblasted with 110µm aluminum oxide particles for the evaluation of the initial retention force and weight. To simulate wear, specimens were inserted in specially designed wear equipment (The crowns were inserted and separated 3285 times in a horizontal direction,	To measure an in vitro retention force of doubleconical crowns fabricated using primary galvanoforming and secondary castingtechniques and those fabricated using primary casting and secondary galvanoforming techniques under simulated clinical

	to simulate a patient's removal and replacement of the denture three times daily for 3 years.) The tests were performed in artificial saliva to lubricate the double crowns during the wear process. GROUP A 1ry coping:- galvanoformed (gold) 2ry coping:- non-noble (nickel chromium) After the wear test retention decreased by 66%. GROUP B 1ry coping:- non-noble (nickel chromium) 2ry coping:-galvanoformed (gold) Refore the wear test it is three times higher in retention After the wear test retention increased by 134%.	conditions before and after a wear test.
Riera JJG et al.	-Minimum milling height and taper would have to exceed 4 mm with a 2-degree taper for long-term stabilityThe abutments (primary structures) and the Galvanocopings (secondary structures) were placed on the master cast and a 1-mm coat of wax was placed on the external surface of the coping to provide a relief for cement.	Alternative prosthetic retentive means were assessed.
Bayer S et al.	The double crowns were fabricated from high-gold-content Type 4 alloys. The crowns had a preparation of 1–2°. A specifically designed measuring device was used. The retentive forces were measured with and without lubrication by a saliva substitute. The measured values were analyzed according to the type of tooth (incisors, canines, premolars, and molars). Thermoplastic material was filled into the primary telescopic crowns to provide an adequateretention on the inside of the crown. Spring-hard steel wires were provided with retentionand fixed in position in the thermoplastic material. The wires were manually aligned parallel to the milling or withdrawal direction of the telescopic crown. The surfaces of primary and secondary telescopic crowns were cleaned with alcohol. The primary crowns were inserted intothe secondary crowns using a ball plugger, which was pressed onto the Kerr material. The retention force was then measured by inserting the measuring stylus into the wire retention and by withdrawing the telescopic crown axially. Additionally, a comparison between lubricated and non-lubricated telescopic crowns was done.	
Stock V et al.	Retentive Force was measured in a pull-off test (20 pull-offs/specimen)	To measure an in vitro retention force of doubleconical crowns fabricated using different materials primary and secondary crowns with different taper (0, 1, and 2 degrees).
Turp I et al.	Samples were subjected to 10,000 insertion—separationcycles in artificial saliva and retention force wasmeasured. X-ray diffraction and scanning electron	To evaluate zirconia as a substitute for gold alloyin primary crowns facing

	microscopeanalysis were performed on the sample surfaces.	secondary crowns manufacturedwith different materials, in terms of long-term retention force changes, wear, and phase transformation.
Pietruski J K et al.	Experiment of 10.000 in-and-out cycles was performed using a new device which allows the retentive force to be measured in continuous way without necessity of moving the samples to another device.	To measure an in vitro retention force of double conical crowns fabricated using different materials primary and secondary crowns with different taper (2°, 4° and 6°).

Studies	Results	Histomorphometric Analysis
Grossman AC. Et al.	The difference in OHIP before treatment and 6 and 9 months later was significant (was better after treatment) The author mentioned that treatment planning should be based on objective factors including not only solid evidence for clinical performance but also patient satisfaction and OHRQoL.	-Patients in the Galvanoformed group rated the retention ($P = .04$)The difference between the groups was not significant at any time. With the exception of assessment of overall denturefunction in the Galvanoformed group, all other ratings had a median of 10, indicating a very high satisfaction of patients in both groups.
Uludag B. et al.	He mentioned that the electroformed crowns had a superior fit in comparison to conventional cast crown. Also he mentioned that the main advantage of zirconia copings lies in the elimination of the galvanic currents and thermal protection of the abutment teeth. However they are bulky compared to the conventional casted copings.	N/A
Besimo C et al.	The mean initial retentive force of the pure titanium telescopic crowns didn't differ statistically from the values obtained from samples with secondary crowns cast in a gold or a cr-co alloy. Retention increased in the pure titanium and gold unlike cr-co regardless of the angle. This is attributed to the mechanical adaptation at the interface between the inner and outer crowns. Such force characteristics might be the result of different physical properties of the various materials used (elastic modulus) The delayed wear of the telescopic crowns might also have been associated with the low force used to seat the outer crown onto the inner crown	N/A
Bayer S et al.	The retention force measured intraorally is higher than the extra oral values measured	-The in vitro median value of 1.97 N to the in vivo median value of 4.70 N by the Mann–Whitney test showed a significant

Singh K &	Tooth supported removable overdentures with telescopic	difference(p < 0.0001). -To compare the data of both groups, a Spearman test was performed. The result of the test showed a Spearman's $q=0.5052$. This means that the values are highly correlated with each other.
Gupta N	crowns provide better retention, stability, support, stable occlusion, decrease in the forward sliding of the prosthesis and better proprioceptive reflexes allowing better control of mandibular movements which increase chewing efficiency and phonetics. Also the rate of the residual ridge resorption was decreased.	
Kwon H B & Lee SH	The initial retentive force of double crown was affected by the type of the double crown system. Conus was better than the hybrid regarding the retention.	The average retentive force in group 2 (CONICAL), in which the hybrid outer crowns was used showed higher value than those of group 1 (HYBRID) $(p=.0198)$.
Jin Yi Y & Park C	Insufficient or excessive retention in conical crown retained denture is common. Gap between inner coping and outer crown or removal difficulty, besides incomplete seating of denture found in conical crown-retained denture were assumed from the laboratory processing error occurred during coping transfer procedure from the mouth to the model. To prevent this problem, secure anchoring of inner coping and re-examination and milling of convergence angle was recommended on the master model from pick-up impression.	N/A
SAKAI Y et al.	-Regarding the effect of tapered angle on retentive force, the smaller the tapered angle of the cone crowns the greater the retentive force was. -The retentive force in the cone crown telescopic system is considered to be generated mainly by the residual elastic strain in the outer crown. This elastic strain occurs due to the deformation of the outer crown on the inner crown when occlusal force is applied firmly, and remains when the occlusal force is separated because of the existence of the inner crown. -The retentive force of the cone crown telescopic system is produced by not only residual elastic strain due to friction but also other factors such as the micro interlocking effect especially when it is metal to metal. -The wear resistance of gold alloy was 3.4 times greater than that of pure titanium, therefore the wear resistance of (titanium alloy with 6% aluminum and 7 % niobium is) not better than that of gold alloy. -The experimental cone crown telescopic system was designed for dental implants. The greater retentive force of the cone crown telescopic system has been suggested to	The effects of tapered angle on retentive Forces were analyzed by nested 2-way ANOVA, selecting combinations of tapered angle and number of cycles of insertion and separation, and Tukey's HSD test using statistical software. The significance level was set at 0.05.

	bind implant to the abutments tightly; consequently, a secondary splinting effect could benefit the Osseo-integration of immediately loaded implants.	
Mansour S et al.	It was demonstrated that there are applications of zirconia in implants dentistry while cementing of telescopic crowns to implants' abutments which is controversial to the one- piece milled telescopic abutments as an alternatives and economically treatment option. Longitudinal studies have to	N/A
Gurbulak AG et al.	prove the success of this method. - The retention force of a telescopic crown is influenced by factors of abutment tooth preparation, such as taper angle, height, and marginal design, and also by factors associated with the fabrication process, such as milling speed, degree of cutter wear, polishing, casting technique, and setting method also the contact surface pressure ,surface roughness and the static frictional coefficient (SFC) have a great influence on the retention <i>thus</i> it could be controlled by	In group A, the wear test had a significant influence on the retentive force $(p < 0.05)$, but wear produced no significant difference in weight $(p>0.05)$. In group B, the wear test had a significant
	changing the taper angle of the double crown and the thickness of the secondary crown. The reasons that group B is higher in retention after the wear test than group A is:- 1-Galvanoformed crowns fit precisely to dental restorations and also improve marginal fitting due to the elastic deformation. 2- Contact surface pressure and cone angle did not vary, but the difference in crown materials caused a variation in SFC. Retentiveforces in conical double crowns are generated by	influence on the retentive force $(p < 0.05)$, and wear produced a significant difference in weight $(p < 0.05)$.
	the residual elastic strain in the secondary crown, which correlates with the SFC. 3-Change in weight after the wear test. 4-Smooth surface of 2ry coping (after the wear test) in group B increased contact unlike internal beads in group A. 5-Plastic deformation occurring increased the actual contact area. As a conclusion secondary coping is more influential in the retention beside the advantages of the galvanoforming technique weremanifested in the secondary crown but not in	
Riera JJG et al.	the primary crown. -Prosthetic restoration of the edentulous maxilla with osseointegrated implants and a telescopic detachable prosthesis using Galvanic copings was presented as an alternative to traditional retention techniques for overdentures. -The use of basic parallel-milling techniques and electroforming permitted the fabrication of a prosthesis with significant retention and few moving parts, further minimizing potential maintenance.	N/A
Bayer S et al.	-No statistically significant difference between lubricated and unlubricated specimens was foundThe results indicate that retention force values of telescopic crowns, measured in clinical practice, are often much lower than those cited in the literatureThe measurements also show a wide range. Whether this proves to be a problem for the patient's quality of life or not can however only be established by a comparison of the presented results with a follow-up study involving	-The median retention force value was calculated for each telescopic crown and differentiated according tothe type of tooth showed that the measurements do not differ significantly (Kruskal–Wallis test,p=0.6334). -The statistical analysis was

	measurement of intraoral retention and determination by e.g. oral health impact profile	performedby a Mann–Whitney test. It showed that there was nosignificant difference between the measurements with and without saliva lubrication (p=0.0506).
Stock V et al.	CoCr and ZrO2 mainly adhere through friction and wedging, whereas galvanic crowns basically adhere by hydraulic adhesion. It can be assumed that the variation in the results is not only material related, but also especially related to the manufacturing techniques. The viscosity of the applied saliva, as well as the chamfer design, may influence the hydraulic adhesion and, thus, the retention force as well.	Cobalt Chromium CoCr and Zirconium dioxide ZrO2 both present a high elastic modulus (200 GPa) and are rigid and stable (280 HV 10; 1200 HV 10). PEEK, in contrast, is soft and ductile (110 HV 5/20) and shows a low elastic modulus (4 GPa). Putting a CoCr or ZrO2 secondary crown on a PEEK primary crown could lead to a strong wedging due to the flexibility of PEEK and the differences in elastic modulus. This could be a possible explanation as to why 2 degree tapered crowns show higher retention force values than 0 degree tapered crowns.
Turp I et al.	A more predictable and less excursive retentionforce can be obtained using a hard and rigid primary crownmaterial like zirconia.	Zirconia (1,250 HV) is a harder material than the gold alloy (295 HV), theadaptation of the double crown takes place with the deformation of the secondary crown to fit the primary crown, without anywear on the primary crown. Therefore, the use of a hard andwear-resistant primary crown material against a less hard secondarycrown materialmay be advantageous.
Pietruski J K et al.	It appears that the strength of this correlation is determined by the type of the material pair and also the coping fabrication technique.	Dispersion of retention values is similar in material combination casting alloy/electroforming as compared to casting alloy/casting alloy, but when cone angle was 2°or 4°, stability of retention force with the passage of time was higher in combinations with electroformed copings.

Discussion:-

The cardinal aim of the review is to investigate how strong the value of retentive force of telescopic crowns in an implant-supported overdenture is in clinical practice.

In the field of the double crown technique, studies regarding PEEK on implants are scarce. Telescopic crowns on implants are effective in prosthesis stabilization with regard to horizontal forces in cases of advanced atrophy of the alveolar crest [4, 19].

It was revealed that the variation in the results is not only material related, but also related to the manufacturing techniques^[4].

(PEEK) showed higher values of retention compared to (metal). In cases where the primary crown is made of metal and the secondary crown is made of PEEK and it was proven that the secondary crown is the determinant of the retentive forces^[15]. Whereas the hardness of 1ry crown (metal) (455.88 HV) is more than that of the 2ry crown (PEEK) (110 HV), therefore, the use of a hard and wear-resistant primary crown material against a less hard secondary crown material is advantageous. Thus, the adaptation between primary and secondary crowns will be achieved by the changes in the fitting surface of the secondary crown^[4, 5].

Another potential explanation is that PEEK is a soft and ductile material that yields and adapts well. The adaption process resulted in a good marginal fit.

Persistence of retentive forces in conical crowns with the passage of time is higher in combinations of materials between the primary and secondary crowns^[18].

It was also claimed that the casting methods caused the formation of very minute microscopic casting beads on the internal and external surfaces of the primary and secondary crowns. Unfortunately, it is technically impossible to remove these casting beads from the surfaces of the cast crowns which apparently affect the retention by time^[15].

Conclusion:-

Implant retained mandibular overdenture with telescopicattachments is a successful treatment option regarding the retention and improved overall function.

The retention force of a telescopic crown is influenced by factors of abutment preparation, such as taper angle, height, and marginal design, and also by factors associated with the fabrication process, such as milling speed, degree of cutter wear, polishing, casting technique, and setting method also the contact surface pressure ,surface roughness in addition to the static frictional coefficient (SFC) have a great influence on the retention thus it could be controlled by changing the taper angle of the double crown and the thickness of the secondary crown.

The use of a harder and more wear-resistant primary crown material against a less hard secondary crown material is advantageous because the adaptation between primary and secondary crowns is increased by the changes in the fitting surface of the secondary crown. Unfortunately this conclusion is based on a limited number of articles, indicating the need for more clinically controlled randomized studies.

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