

# Comparative evaluation of different fixation techniques of the sagittal split ramus osteotomy in 10 mm advancements: Mechanical testing and screw insertion torque

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**Purpose:** To compare the mechanical characteristics of five techniques for the functionally stable fixation of simulated sagittal split ramus osteotomy with 10 mm of advancement and to evaluate the screw insertion torque. **Materials and methods:** Fifty polyurethane hemimandibles with sagittal split ramus osteotomy and containing an advancement of 10 mm fixed and distributed as follows:

**Customized 3D Plate Group:** 1 customized 3D miniplate; **4-Hole Plate Group:** 2 miniplates with 4 holes; **6-Hole Plate Group:** 2 miniplates with 6 holes; **Hybrid Group:** 1 flat miniplate with 4 holes and 1 bicortical screw; and **Bicortical Screw Group:** 3 bicortical screws. We conducted a mechanical test using vertical linear loading with a displacement velocity of 1 mm/min on a universal testing machine and assessed the screw insertion torque using a digital torque wrench. **Results:** The means of strength for the 1-, 3- and 5-mm displacements were determined by a one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by the post hoc Tukey test. Statistically significant differences were observed only for the 5-mm displacement ( $F = 3.36$ ;  $p = 0.01$ ). There was a difference between the 4-H2P and HG groups ( $p = 0.04$ ). **Conclusion:** The customized miniplate, the fixation methods with three bicortical screws, or with two straight miniplates with either 4 or 6 holes, all offer a similar mechanical resistance suitable for fixation. © 2018 European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial

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