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## Dynamic viscoelastic properties of experimental silicone soft lining materials

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## Abstract:

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the dynamic viscoelastic properties of experimental silicone soft lining materials, Silastic<sup>®</sup> MDX 4-4210 reinforced with silica fillers. Storage modulus (*E*'), loss modulus (*E*'') and damping factor (tan  $\delta$ ) were determined using a dynamic mechanical analyzer under a deformation strain level of 0.27% at test frequency and a temperature range of 1 Hz and 0 to 60°C, respectively. The degree of silica dispersion was also studied using a field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM). One-way ANOVA and Tukey's HSD test results indicated that the prepared silicone elastomers provided a significantly greater damping factor, but less storage modulus than GC Reline Soft and Tokuyama Sofreliner Tough (*p*<0.001). The storage moduli, loss moduli and damping factor of the experimental silicone elastomers revealed acceptable dynamic viscoelastic properties to be used as denture soft lining materials.

## Key words:

Dynamic viscoelastic properties, Silicone elastomer, Soft lining material

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