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Influence of CO<sub>2</sub> Laser Irradiation and CPP-ACP Paste Application on Demineralized Enamel Microhardness

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**Abstract Introduction:** It has been suggested that the application of casein phosphopeptide-amorphous calcium phosphate paste (CPP-ACP) and CO<sub>2</sub> laser irradiation on enamel could increase the resistance of enamel to caries and acid attacks. The aim of the current study was to compare the influence of CPP-ACP paste application and irradiation of CO<sub>2</sub> laser on microhardness of demineralized enamel. **Methods:** Thirty sound maxillary extracted premolars were selected. The crowns were cut at the cervical line and were split into facial and palatal halves. Specimens were mounted in self-cure acrylic blocks in such way that the enamel surface was exposed to 4×4 mm. After a pH cycling of the specimens, they were randomly divided into 4 groups (n = 15), as follows: CG: Control group, LAS: CO<sub>2</sub> laser, CP: CPP-ACP and LASCP: laser combined CPP-ACP treatment. The Vickers microhardness of the specimens was measured (500 g load, 5 seconds, 3 points). Data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA and post hoc Tukey tests ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). **Results:** The lowest mean Vickers microhardness value was observed in CG group ( $192.57 \pm 50.87$  kg/mm<sup>2</sup>) and the highest in LASCP group ( $261.86 \pm 22.22$  kg/mm<sup>2</sup>). There were significant differences between groups ( $P < 0.001$ ). The pairwise comparison of the groups revealed that there were significant differences between these groups: CG versus LAS, CP, LASCP ( $P < 0.05$ ) and LASCP versus LAS and CP ( $P < 0.05$ ). No significant difference between LAS group versus CP group ( $P > 0.05$ ) was observed. **Conclusion:** The results of the current study revealed that CO<sub>2</sub> laser and CCP-ACP were effective for improvement of enamel hardness value after demineralization. Incorporation of CO<sub>2</sub> laser irradiation and CCP-ACP paste application provides additional remineralizing potential for demineralized enamel. **Keywords:** CO<sub>2</sub> laser Casein phosphopeptide-amorphous calcium phosphate nano complex Enamel microhardness

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