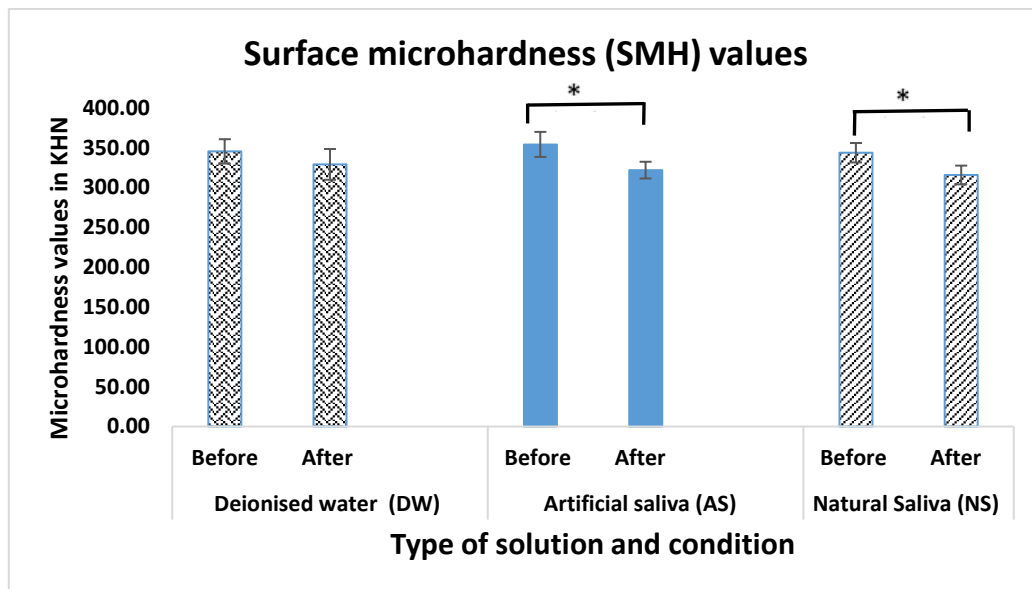


## The presence of acquired enamel pellicle changes acid-induced erosion from a dissolution- to a softening- process

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### Appendix

Surface microhardness (SMH) values before and after immersing enamel specimens in solutions before exposure to citric acid.



Mean (SD) surface microhardness (SMH) values in Knoop microhardness units (KHN) for three groups according to the solutions used (NS, AS, DW). Each group (n=10) is represented by two bars: before and after 24 h immersion in the pertaining solution (no acid exposure). NS and AS groups exhibited significant SMHC whereas DW group did not. Paired t tests,  $p < 0.05$ . Asterisks indicate significant differences.