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# *Resumo*

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Objetivo: Este estudo avaliou o efeito de dentifrícios contendo 1100 ppm F associado a nanopartículas de hexametáfosfato de sódio (HMPnano) sobre a desmineralização do esmalte *in vitro*, utilizando um modelo de ciclagem de pH.

Desenho: Blocos de esmalte bovino (4 mm x 4 mm, n=72) selecionados pela dureza de superfície inicial (SHi), foram alocados em seis grupos (n=12), de acordo com os dentifrícios teste: sem flúor ou HMPnano (Placebo), 550 ppm F (550F), 1100 ppm F (1100F), 1100F acrescido de HMPnano nas concentrações de 0,25% (1100F/0,25%HMPnano), 0,5% (1100F/0,5%HMPnano), e 1,0% (1100F/1,0%HMPnano). Blocos foram tratados 2x/dia com suspensões de dentifrícios e submetidos a cinco ciclagens de pH (soluções desmineralizante/remineralizante) a 37 °C. A seguir, dureza de superfície final (SHF), perda integrada de dureza de subsuperfície ( $\Delta$ KHN), concentração mineral ( $g_{HAp} \times cm^{-3}$ ) e concentração de fluoreto (F) no esmalte foram determinadas. Os dados foram submetidos à ANOVA seguido pelo teste Student-Newman-Keuls ( $p < 0,001$ ). Resultados: Dentifrício com 1100F/0,5%HMPnano levou à menor perda mineral e maior concentração mineral em relação aos demais grupos ( $p < 0,001$ ), que foram de 26% (SHF) e 21% ( $\Delta$ KHN) inferior e ~ 58% maior ( $g_{HAp} \times cm^{-3}$ ) quando comparado ao 1100F ( $p < 0,001$ ). Foram observados valores similares de F no esmalte para todos os dentifrícios

fluoretados ( $p > 0,001$ ). Conclusão: A adição de 0,5%HMPnano ao dentifrício 1100F aumenta significativamente os seus efeitos anticárie quando comparado com o seu equivalente sem HMPnano.

**Palavras-chave:** Desmineralização, Esmalte dental, Dentifrício, Fosfatos, Dentifrícios, Nanopartícula.

*Abstract*

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**Keywords: Demineralization; Dental enamel; Phosphates; Toothpastes; Nano-size.**

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## LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS

<b>ANOVA</b>	Análise de variância
<b>°C</b>	Graus Celsius
<b>Ca</b>	Cálcio
<b>Ca<sup>+2</sup></b>	Íon cálcio
<b>CaF<sup>+</sup></b>	Íon Fluoreto de cálcio
<b>CaHPO<sub>4</sub><sup>0</sup></b>	Fosfato de cálcio neutro
<b>SD</b>	Desvio padrão
<b>F</b>	Fluoreto
<b>g</b>	Gramas
<b>g<sub>HAp</sub>×cm<sup>-3</sup></b>	Concentração mineral
<b>h</b>	Hora
<b>HCl</b>	Ácido clorídrico
<b>HF<sup>0</sup></b>	Fluoreto de hidrogênio neutro
<b>HMP</b>	Hexametáfosfato de sódio
<b>HMPnano</b>	Hexametáfosfato de sódio nanoparticulado
<b>ie</b>	Ou seja
<b>IF</b>	Fluoreto iônico
<b>IML</b>	Perda mineral integrada
<b>KCl</b>	Cloreto de potássio
<b>kV</b>	Quilovoltagem
<b>KHN</b>	Unidade de dureza Knoop
<b>L</b>	Litro
<b>mA</b>	Miliamper
<b>MEV</b>	Microscopia eletrônica de varredura
<b>MicroCT</b>	Microtomografia computadorizada
<b>mL</b>	Mililitro
<b>mL/mm<sup>2</sup></b>	Mililitro por milímetro ao quadrado
<b>mm</b>	Milímetro
<b>mm<sup>2</sup></b>	Milímetro quadrado
<b>mol L<sup>-1</sup></b>	Mol por litro
<b>mmol L<sup>-1</sup></b>	Milimol por litro

<b>n</b>	Número de amostra
<b>Na<sup>+</sup></b>	Íon sódio
<b>NaF</b>	Fluoreto de sódio
<b>NaOH</b>	Hidróxido de Sódio
<b>nm</b>	nanométrico
<b>P</b>	Fósforo
<b>pH</b>	Potencial de Hidrogênio
<b>ppm F</b>	Partes por milhão de fluoreto
<b>s</b>	Segundo
<b>SEM</b>	Microscopia eletrônica de varredura
<b>SHi</b>	Dureza de superfície inicial
<b>SHf</b>	Dureza de superfície final
<b>TISAB II</b>	Tampão ajustador de força iônica total
<b>TMP</b>	Trimetafosfato de sódio
<b>SD</b>	Desvio padrão
<b>µg</b>	Micrograma
<b>µg/mm<sup>3</sup></b>	Micrograma por milímetro cúbico
<b>µg F/mL</b>	Micrograma de fluoreto por mililitro
<b>XRD</b>	X-ray diffraction/Difração de raio-x
<b>µm</b>	Micrômetro
<b>ΔKHN</b>	Perda integrada de dureza de subsuperfície

# *Sumário*

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# *Capítulo 1*

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**Effect on the addition of nano-sized sodium hexametaphosphate in fluoride toothpastes on tooth demineralization: an *in vitro* study**

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## ABSTRACT

Objective: This study evaluated the effect of toothpastes containing 1100 ppm F associated with nano-sized sodium hexametaphosphate (HMPnano) on enamel demineralization *in vitro*, using a pH-cycling model. Design: Bovine enamel blocks (4 mm x 4 mm, n=72) selected by the initial surface hardness (SHi), were allocated into six groups (n=12), according to the test toothpastes: without fluoride or HMPnano (Placebo), 550 ppm F (550F), 1100 ppm F (1100F), 1100F plus HMPnano at concentrations of 0.25% (1100F/0.25%HMPnano), 0.5% (1100F/0.5%HMPnano), and 1.0% (1100F/1.0%HMPnano). Blocks were treated 2x/day with slurries of toothpastes and submitted to five pH cycles (demineralizing/remineralizing solutions) at 37 °C. Next, final surface hardness (SHf), integrated loss subsurface hardness ( $\Delta$ KHN), enamel mineral concentration ( $g_{HAP} \times cm^{-3}$ ) and enamel fluoride (F) concentration were determined. Data were analyzed by ANOVA and Student-Newman-Keuls' test ( $p < 0.001$ ). Results: Toothpaste with 1100F/0.5%HMPnano led to the lowest mineral loss and the highest mineral concentration among all groups, which were 26% (SHf) and 21% ( $\Delta$ KHN) lower and ~58% higher ( $g_{HAP} \times cm^{-3}$ ) when compared to 1100F ( $p < 0.001$ ). Similar values of enamel F were observed for all fluoridated toothpastes ( $p > 0.001$ ). Conclusion: The addition of 0.5%HMPnano to a 1100F toothpaste significantly enhances its anticaries effects when compared to its counterpart without HMPnano.

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## INTRODUCTION

Dental caries is still a very common preventable chronic oral disease worldwide. Despite the widespread use of fluorides (F) in different vehicles and modes of application, dental caries is still a very common chronic disease during childhood [Melinda et al., 2014], affecting approximately a quarter of all children and negatively influencing their oral and general health and their quality of life [Ferreira et al., 2007; Tomar & Reeves, 2009]. This significant increase has been followed by the polarization phenomenon, according to which a high prevalence of the disease is observed in a small segment of the population [Ferreira et al., 2007]. This indicates an imbalance of preventive strategies, therefore resulting in individuals with high caries risk [Dye et al., 2007; Ditmyer et al., 2011]. This phenomenon is frequently connected to social-economic factors and to high consumption of sucrose [Ferreira et al., 2007; Nunes et al., 2014; Hennessy et al., 2015].

Giving the benefits and widespread use of F toothpastes [RØlla et al., 1991; Vanichvatana & Auychai, 2013], the increase of their efficacy would be extremely advantageous, especially for individuals with high caries experience [Danelon et al., 2015; Takeshita et al., 2015]. Among the strategies available, the supplementation of toothpastes with organic and inorganic phosphates has been intensively investigated over recent years. Takeshita et al. [2009, 2015] evaluated the protective effect of a low-fluoride toothpaste supplemented with sodium trimetaphosphate (TMP) on enamel demineralization *in vitro* and *in situ*, verifying a similar benefit when compared to conventional toothpastes (1100 ppm F). The synergistic effect of F and TMP was also verified for a conventional toothpaste *in vitro* when adding 3% TMP to a 1100 ppm F formulation [Castro et al., 2015].

Besides TMP, sodium hexametaphosphate (HMP) has also been shown to enhance the effect of toothpastes containing 250 ppm F [da Camara et al., 2014] or 1100 ppm F [da Camara et al., 2015]. Such effects occur due to specific characteristics of this phosphate, such as its capacity to form complexes with cations and its ability of reducing enamel solubility. This phosphate (HMP) is also highly used in the food industry as an antimicrobial agent for increasing permeability of the exterior of the membrane [van Dijk et al., 1980; Vaara, 1992; Andreola et al., 2004; Castellini et al., 2005].

Currently, nano-sized phosphates emerge as an innovative method, aiming to optimize the effect of the F toothpaste on demineralization and remineralization processes [Karlinsky & Zero, 2006]. The effect of nano-sized is a result of their physical and chemical properties that are superior when compared to the above-mentioned micrometric phosphates [Xu et al., 2010]. In addition, nanocomposites of several phosphates were shown to have effect on the metabolic activity of the dental biofilm and, consequently, in reducing acid production [Cheng et al., 2012]. In this sense, it was recently shown that the addition of 3% of nano-sized TMP was more effective to promote enamel remineralization *in situ* when compared to formulations supplemented with micrometric phosphates or not supplemented with any phosphate [Danelon et al., 2015].

Given the positive results obtained by the addition of nano-sized TMP on enamel remineralization and considering the absence of studies assessing the effects of nano-sized sodium hexametaphosphate (HMPnano), the aim of this study was evaluated the effect of toothpastes containing 1100 ppm F associated with HMPnano on enamel demineralization *in vitro*, using a pH cycling model.

The study's null hypothesis was that the effect of the toothpastes on enamel demineralization would not be influenced by the addition of HMPnano.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### *Experimental Design*

Enamel blocks (4 mm × 4 mm, n=72) were obtained from bovine incisors kept in formaldehyde 2% pH 7.0 for 30 days prior to experimental procedures [Delbem & Cury, 2002] (Anexo B). Blocks were sequentially polished, selected by initial surface hardness test (SHi; 320.0 to 380.0 KHN) and randomly divided in six experimental toothpastes (n=12 each) They were submitted to a pH-cycling regimen (5 days) and to treatments (twice a day) with the following toothpastes: without fluoride or HMPnano (Placebo), 550 ppm F (550F), 1100 ppm F (1100F), 1100F plus HMPnano at concentrations of 0.25% (1100F/0.25%HMPnano), 0.5% (1100F/0.5%HMPnano), and 1.0% (1100F/1.0%HMPnano). Next, final surface hardness (SHf), integrated loss subsurface hardness ( $\Delta$ KHN), enamel mineral concentration ( $g_{\text{HAP}} \times \text{cm}^{-3}$ ) and enamel fluoride (F) concentration were determined.

### *Synthesis and characterization of nano-sized sodium hexametaphosphate*

The synthesis and characterization of nano-sized HMP was based on study of Danelon et al. [2015]. In short, 70 g of pure sodium hexametaphosphate ( $((\text{NaPO}_3)_6)$ , Aldrich, purity  $\geq 95\%$  CAS 7785-84-4, United Kingdom) was ball milled using 500 g of zirconia spheres (diameter of 2 mm) in 1 L of hexane. After 48 h, the material was filtered and sealed with aluminum foil, and the vials were dried at 75°C to evaporate the hexane (Anexo C).

X-ray diffraction (XRD) was used to identify the crystalline structure and estimating crystallographic coherency domain HMP and milled for 48h (HMPnano). The X-ray diffractograms were obtained from samples in powder form, using Shimadzu XRD 6000 equipment with CuK radiation source ( $\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$ ), voltage 30 kV and current of 30 mA. Measurements were made continuously, in the range of  $10^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 80^\circ$ , a  $2^\circ$  sweep speed/min. The structural identification of the samples was done by comparing the diffraction patterns obtained with tabulated patterns available in databases "Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards - Powder Diffraction File (JCPDS - PDF)". The particle morphology of HMP and HMP milled for 48h (HMPnano) was analyzed by scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The SEM images were collected using a Philips XL-30 FEG.

#### Toothpaste formulation and fluoride and pH assessment

Toothpastes were produced in the laboratory of Pediatric Dentistry Araçatuba Dental School (UNESP, Brazil) with the following components: titanium dioxide, carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate, sucrose, mint oil, glycerine, abrasive silica, sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium sulfate and water [da Camara et al., 2015]. Toothpastes containing 1100 ppm F (as NaF, Merck, CAS 7681-49-4, Germany) and nano-sized HMP at concentrations of 0.25%, 0.5% and 1.0% were prepared. Also, a Placebo toothpaste (without F or HMPnano), and toothpastes with 550 ppm F (550F) and 1100 ppm F (1100F) were prepared with the same as the other toothpastes. F concentrations [Delbem et al., 2009] and pH [Moretto et al., 2010] of the all toothpastes were checked prior to the beginning of the study (Anexo D).

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### pH-cycling and treatment with toothpastes

The blocks were submitted, in individual vials, to five pH cycles during five days (one cycle/day), and immersed in a fresh remineralizing solution for two additional days [Vieira et al., 2005]. They were immersed under constant stirring in suspensions of toothpastes and deionized water (1:3-weight:weight) when removed from the demineralizing (6 hours – Ca and P 2,0 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> in acetate buffer 0,075 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, 0,04 µg F/mL in pH 4,7 – 2,2 mL/mm<sup>2</sup>) and from the remineralizing solutions (18 hours – Ca 1.5 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>, P 0.9 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>, KCl 0.15 mol L<sup>-1</sup> in sodium – buffer 0.02 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, 0. 05 µg F/mL in pH 7,0 – 1,1 mL/mm<sup>2</sup>). The blocks were washed with jets of deionized water for 30 seconds whenever blocks were removed from pH-cycling solutions or from toothpaste suspensions (Anexo E).

### Analysis of enamel hardness

Surface hardness was determined with Micromet 5114 hardness tester (Buehler, Lake Bluff, USA) and Buehler Omni Met software (Buehler, Lake Bluff, USA) with a Knoop diamond indenter under a 25 g load for 10 s. Five indentations, separated by a distance of 100 µm, were made in the center of each block to analyze initial surface hardness (SHi). After the pH-cycling, final surface hardness (SHf) was calculated by producing five other indentations (100 µm from the baseline indentations). For cross-sectional hardness measurements, blocks were sectioned at the center and one of the halves was included in acrylic resin and gradually polished until the enamel was totally exposed. One sequence of 14

indentations were created at different distances (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 70, 90, 110, 130, 220, and 330  $\mu\text{m}$ ) from the surface of the enamel, in the central region of the blocks, using a Micromet 5114 hardness tester (Buehler Lake Bluff, IL, USA) with a Knoop diamond indenter under a 5-g load for 10 s. Integrated hardness ( $\text{KHN} \times \mu\text{m}$ ) for the lesion into sound enamel was calculated by the trapezoidal rule (GraphPad Prism, version 3.02) and subtracted from the integrated hardness for sound enamel to obtain the integrated area of the subsurface regions in enamel, which was named integrated loss of subsurface hardness ( $\Delta\text{KHN}$ ;  $\text{KHN} \times \mu\text{m}$ ) [Spiguel et al., 2009] (Anexo F).

#### Analysis of enamel mineral concentrations

Samples ( $n=10/\text{per group}$ , 1 mm x 1 mm) of each group were analyzed by micro computed tomography (MicroCT) operated at 70 kV, 142 mA, aluminum filter of 0.5 mm, at 1.5 mm of spatial resolution, rotation step at  $0.400^\circ$  and random movement at 10. The projections of the images were rebuilt using the NRecon software (version 1.6.10.2, Skyscan1272, Bruker Micro-CT) and smoothing at 5, ring artifact correction at 7, beam hardening correction at 50%. Following image reconstruction, two-dimension virtual slices in the sagittal and coronal plane were acquired using the Data Viewer software (Skyscan1272). The stacked 2D was imported into ImageJ software to produce an overall mineral concentration ( $g_{\text{HAp}} \times \text{cm}^{-3}$ ) profile in function of the depth ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) based in the mass attenuation coefficients of inorganic (hydroxyapatite) [Dowker et al., 2003; Dowker et al., 2004].

The integrated area above the curve (cross-sectional profiles of mineral concentration into the enamel), using the mineral concentration values ( $g_{\text{HAp}} \times \text{cm}^{-3}$



<sup>3</sup>), was calculated by trapezoidal rule (GraphPad Prism, version 3.02) in each depth ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) from the lesion up to sound enamel. This value was subtracted from integrated area of sound enamel, to obtain the integrated area of the subsurface regions in enamel, which was named integrated mineral loss (IML) (Anexo G).

#### Analysis of F concentration in the enamel

Blocks ( $n=12/\text{per group}$ ,  $2\text{ mm} \times 2\text{ mm}$ ) were obtained from the halves of the original  $4\text{ mm} \times 4\text{ mm}$  specimens not embedded, and fixed with adhesive glue on a mandrel for straight. Self-adhesive polishing discs (diameter,  $13\text{ mm}$ ) and 400-grit silicon carbide (Buehler) were fixed to the bottom of polystyrene crystal tube (J-10; Injeplast, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil). One layer of  $50.0 \pm 0.03\ \mu\text{m}$  each enamel block was removed. The vials, after the addition of  $0.5\text{ ml HCl } 1.0\text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , were kept under constant stirring for 1 hour [Weatherell et al., 1985, modified by Alves et al., 2007]. For F analysis, specific electrode 9409BN (Thermo Scientific, Beverly, MA, USA) and microelectrode reference (Analyser, São Paulo, Brazil) coupled to an ion analyzer (Orion 720A+, Thermo Scientific, Beverly, MA, USA) was used. The electrodes were calibrated with standards containing from  $0.25$  to  $4.00\ \mu\text{g F/mL}$ , under the same conditions as the samples. The readings were going to be conducted at rates of  $0.25\text{ ml}$  of the biopsy of the solution with the same volume of TISAB II modified  $\text{NaOH } 1.0\text{ mol L}^{-1}$ . The results were expressed in  $\mu\text{g/mm}^3$  (Anexo H).

#### Statistical analysis

For statistical analysis, SigmaPlot software version 12.0 (SigmaPlot, Systat Software Incorporation, San Jose, CA, USA) was used, and the significance limit

was set at 5%. The data presented normal (Shapiro-Wilk test) and homogenous (Cochran test) distribution. Data from SHf,  $\Delta$ KHN and F (log transformation) and  $g_{\text{HAP}} \times \text{cm}^{-3}$  (square root transformation) were submitted to 1-way analysis of variance followed by Student–Newman–Keuls test. Pearson's correlation coefficients between  $\Delta$ KHN and  $g_{\text{HAP}} \times \text{cm}^{-3}$  were also calculated.

## RESULTS

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of nano-sized HMP 48h (HMPnano) after milling shows broader peaks due to the smaller crystallites (Figure 1). Grinding altered HMP, causing particles to fragment and by reducing their specific surface area and size distribution, but also by inducing structural changes such as crystallization of the material, as can be seen in Scanning electron micrographs of samples in Figure 2a shows the SEM images of HMP with large aggregates and particles of smaller sizes (average size of  $31 \pm 33 \mu\text{m}$ ). Figure 2b shows MEV images of HMPnano particles with low size distribution and average size of  $91 \pm 34 \text{ nm}$ .

Mean (SD) total (TF) and ionic (IF) F concentrations in the toothpastes were 10.0 (1.23) and 10.5 (0.91); 557.3 (11.41) and 546.1 (6.47); 1102,4 (28.54) and 1186,0 (33.19); 1136,5 (42.61) and 1168,3 (5.88); 1100,9 (27.16) and 1156,6 (19.74); and 1100F 1127,3 (19.71) and 1131,5 (8.41), respectively for Placebo, 550F, 1100F, 1100F/0.25%HMPnano, 1100F/0.5%HMPnano and 1100F/1.0%HMPnano. Mean pH of toothpastes was 7.3 (0.3), ranging from 6.8 to 7.7. Mean (SD) SHi considering all blocks was 374.8 (1.2) KHN. No significant differences were observed among the groups after random allocation ( $p = 0.474$ ).

SHf of blocks treated with 550F and 1100F were approximately 182% and 306% higher compared to Placebo ( $p < 0.001$ ); The addition of 0.5% HMPnano to 1100F further increased SHf by ~26% when compared with 1100F ( $p < 0.001$ ), while concentrations of 0.25% and 1.0% promoted similar ( $p = 0.542$ ) or lower ( $p < 0.001$ ) SHf values, respectively, compared to 1100F (Table 1).

The integrated loss subsurface hardness ( $\Delta$ KHN) was approximately 17% and 60% lower in the presence of F (Placebo  $\times$  550F toothpastes; Placebo  $\times$  1100F toothpastes, respectively). The association 0.5% HMPnano reduced the  $\Delta$ KHN when compared with fluoride toothpaste without HMPnano (1100F) ( $p < 0.001$ ). HMPnano at concentrations of 0.25% and 1.0% further increased subsurface hardness loss by approximately 13% and 34% compared to 1100F ( $p < 0.001$ ), while the addition of 0.5% HMPnano reduced mineral loss by ~ 21% compared to 1100F ( $p < 0.001$ ) (Table 1).

Table 1 and Figure 3 show the mean mineral concentrations ( $g_{HAp} \times cm^{-3}$ ) for the different treatments. Significantly higher  $g_{HAp} \times cm^{-3}$  (~58%) was observed in enamel treated with 1100F/0.5% HMPnano compared to 1100F ( $p < 0.001$ ); no significant differences were observed among groups treated with 550F, 1100F/0.25% HMPnano and 1100F/1.0% HMPnano ( $p > 0.001$ ). Positive and significant correlations were observed between  $\Delta$ KHN and  $g_{HAp} \times cm^{-3}$  (Pearson's  $r = 0.874$ ;  $p < 0.0001$ ) (Figure 4).

A dose-response pattern was observed between F concentrations in the enamel in toothpastes not supplemented with HMPnano and enamel fluoride uptake. The supplementation of 1100F with HMPnano did not significantly alter enamel fluoride levels ( $p > 0.001$ ) (Table 1).

## DISCUSSION

Fluoride toothpastes have been used as an auxiliary method for the control of dental caries, as the incorporation of F into the enamel crystals leads to the formation of fluohydroxirapatite, which is more resistant to acid attacks [Browne et al., 2005; Meyer-Lueckel et al., 2010], besides the ability to form CaF<sub>2</sub> reservoirs [Buzalaf et al., 2011]. The greatest advantage of using F toothpastes when compared to other forms of topical application is the regular delivery of F [Mellberg et al., 1985], along with removal or disorganization of the dental biofilm [Pessan et al., 2006].

Due to the limited effect of these products in caries control, new strategies have been considered to enhance their effects in reducing caries in the most affected population groups [Clifton et al., 2014]. To optimize conventional F toothpastes (1100 ppm F), this study evaluated the efficacy of a 1100 ppm F toothpaste, associated with different concentrations of HMP administered as nano-sizeds, in reducing tooth enamel demineralization. The results showed that HMPnano added at concentration of 0.5% promoted a superior efficacy against enamel demineralization when compared with a conventional toothpaste, leading to the rejection of the study's null hypothesis.

The evaluation of the dose-response relationship is an important step in assessing the effects of any supplement added to toothpastes, as well as to validate the experimental protocol used [ten Cate & Mundorff-Shrestha, 1995]. Such relationship was indeed confirmed, given that data from Placebo, 550F and 1100F were dose-dependent for all variables assessed (Table 1). Anbar et al. [1979] explained that the adsorption of a polyphosphate by the enamel surface is highly fast and can compete with the absorption of IF, which would, in turn,

decrease F diffusion into the enamel, thus leading to greater mineral loss. However, the addition of HMPnano at concentrations of 0.25% to 1.0% did not affect the concentration of IF in 1100F toothpaste, suggesting no changes in the availability of F and the effect of caries was maintained, in opposition to the findings of Anbar et al. [1979].

HMPnano concentrations tested in this study were based on HMP/F ratio from previous studies showing that the addition of micrometric particles of HMP at 0.5% and 1.0% significantly increased the anticaries effect of a 250 ppm F toothpaste to levels comparable to those of a 1100 ppm F toothpaste [da Camara et al., 2014; da Camara et al., 2015]. In the present study, the addition of 0.5% HMPnano to a 1100 ppm F toothpaste significantly increased surface hardness (~ 26%) and reduced subsurface hardness (~ 21%) in comparison with 1100F, justifying the use of nano-sized rather than HMP. The most spoken effect of 0.5% HMPnano concentration by  $\Delta$ KHN suggests that, under clinical conditions, the subsurface lesion would take longer to develop when compared to conventional toothpaste. This is extremely desirable in a clinical perspective, as cavity could take longer to occur or would not even occur when using the formulation tested in this study. The use of nano-sized cyclic phosphate in this study, and the positive results, also agree with Danelon et al. [2015], who evaluated the addition of a nano-sized phosphate, as well cyclic sodium trimetaphosphate (TMP), in promoting remineralization of initial caries lesions *in situ*, by finding optimal and superior outcomes when compared to conventional fluoride toothpaste.

The procedure used to synthesize HMPnano promoted more reactive particles with an increase in adsorption into the enamel, due to the reduction in

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size and increase in surface area (in proportion to its volume), which leads to a higher number of atoms on the surface and, therefore, best results (Figure 2). However, hardness data (SHf and  $\Delta$ KHN) show that, only at concentration of 0.5%HMPnano, this effect is higher than other toothpastes to reduce mineral loss, ie, there must be an adequate molar ratio of F/HMPnano for optimal anticaries effect.

Besides the analysis of enamel by traditional hardness measurements (surface and cross sectional), the use of micro computed tomography after pH-cycling was of great importance to explain how treatments modified the mineralization patterns throughout the subsurface lesions and how these patterns were influenced by treatments with F, especially when associated with HMPnano. In the analysis of mineral concentration ( $g_{\text{HAP}} \times \text{cm}^3$ ) through MicroCT at different depths, mineral profiles were very different between treatment groups, and the findings showed that, the 1100F 0.5%HMPnano toothpaste had the highest mineral concentration, with approximately 58%, compared to the toothpaste 1100F (Table 1 and Figure 3). The mineral profile of the lesion was also different, confirming previous findings that the F and HMP have a different action mode of the dynamics of caries process (Figure 3) [da Camara et al., 2014; da Camara et al., 2015].

Furthermore, the addition of HMPnano 1100F toothpaste has not increased the incorporation of F into the enamel, therefore, its effect was similar to 1100F toothpaste. The incorporation of F in areas of artificially demineralized lesions may be a positive indication of anticariogenic activity of the toothpaste, but it is not the only reason which a compound may inhibit demineralization or increase remineralization of enamel [Pfarrer et al., 2002]. The analysis of F content in the

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enamel showed that, the F levels (Table 1) after the treatment with supplemented 1100F toothpastes, were similar to the 1100F toothpaste without HMPnano. This suggests that the presence of HMPnano does not interfere the incorporation of F, (ie: it can be concluded that the action of fluoride toothpastes with the HMPnano mechanism is somewhat different from what it is described for toothpastes containing F as the only active anticaries ingredient).

This study's findings can also be explained by the characteristics of the studied salt. The studied HMP is considered a non-hydrolyzable and cyclic phosphate [Choi et al., 1993; Castellini et al., 2005]. This type of cyclic phosphate form strong complexes with metal ions [Andreola et al., 2004; Cochrane et al., 2008] in the oral environment. These ions are absorbed into the enamel surface and retain the charged ions  $\text{CaF}^+$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  through the replacement of  $\text{Na}^+$  in the cyclic structure, leading to reticular formation [van Wazer & Campanella, 1950] through the binding of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  with one or more HMP molecules. As a result of these multiple connections, HMP molecules form a layer of condensed phosphates changing the selective permeability of the enamel [van Dijk et al., 1980] and, in this case, increasing the cations selectivity. These data are in agreement with findings of da Camara et al. [2015], where the ionic activity of species such as  $\text{CaF}^+$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , as well as neutral species of  $\text{HF}^0$  and  $\text{CaHPO}_4^0$  levels, significantly increased when compared to the 1100 ppm F toothpaste. There will be an increased calcium flow within the lesions, adding the mineral content into deeper layers of the lesion. According to van Dijk et al. [1980], compounds which alter the selective permeability of enamel can interfere in two processes that determine the progression of caries: the longitudinal diffusion through the enamel

pores due to their influence on ion selectivity and, somehow, in the dissolution of crystals of apatite.

Although it is known that the pH-cycling models are appropriate for evaluating the impact of new active ingredients in fluoride toothpastes as well as their association with other anticaries treatments, *in vitro* protocols have limitations: 1) as they do not address the impact of saliva/biofilm on the interaction of HMPnano with the enamel surfaces, 2) not just reproducing the intraoral conditions, 3) there is not the presence of saliva and plaque as found *in vivo*, 4) periods of des/re are faster than *in vivo* and 5) the reactivity of fluoride is lower than *in vivo*, which may result in incorrect evaluations or conclusions on the anticaries potential of toothpastes [Buzalaf et al., 2010]. Therefore, the results should be evaluated with caution, and, *in situ* study models of dental caries and clinical studies, in order to elucidate the effect on des/remineralization process, are recommended.

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**Table 1:** Mean (SD) values of hardness and fluoride analysis according to the toothpastes

Toothpastes	Variables			
	<sup>1</sup> SHf (KHN)	<sup>2</sup> ΔKHN (KHN x μm)	<sup>3</sup> Min. conc. (g <sub>HAp</sub> ×cm <sup>-3</sup> )	<sup>4</sup> F (μg/mm <sup>3</sup> )
Placebo	61.2 (8.8) <sup>a</sup>	7373.4 (958.3) <sup>a</sup>	45.5 (10.3) <sup>a</sup>	0.6 (0.2) <sup>a</sup>
550F	172.6 (8.1) <sup>b</sup>	6096.1 (669.7) <sup>b</sup>	22.2 (3.6) <sup>b</sup>	0.9 (0.4) <sup>b</sup>
1100F	248.6 (9.1) <sup>c</sup>	3003.3 (403.4) <sup>c</sup>	8.7 (3.4) <sup>c</sup>	1.4 (0.8) <sup>c</sup>
1100F/0.25%HMPnano	240.5 (7.7) <sup>d</sup>	3390.6 (308.8) <sup>d</sup>	21.4 (4.0) <sup>b</sup>	1.1 (0.5) <sup>b,c</sup>
1100F/0.5%HMPnano	312.9 (7.3) <sup>e</sup>	2383.6 (282.9) <sup>e</sup>	3.7 (2.2) <sup>d</sup>	1.3 (0.4) <sup>c</sup>
1100F/1.0%HMPnano	238.7 (9.4) <sup>d</sup>	4024.5 (592.0) <sup>f</sup>	18.4 (7.2) <sup>b</sup>	0.9 (0.3) <sup>b,c</sup>

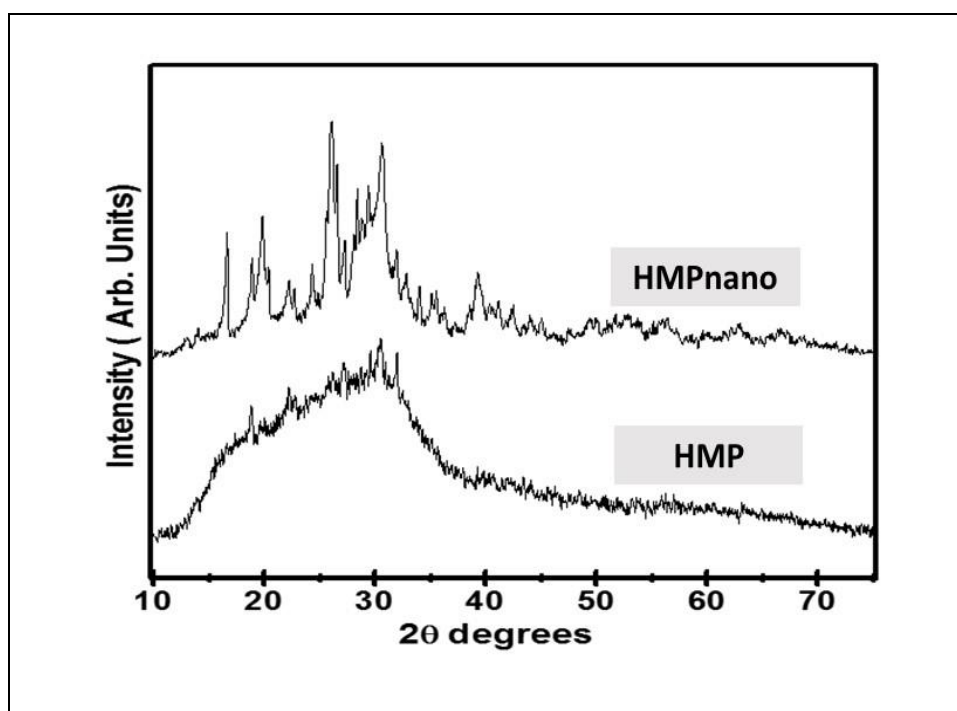
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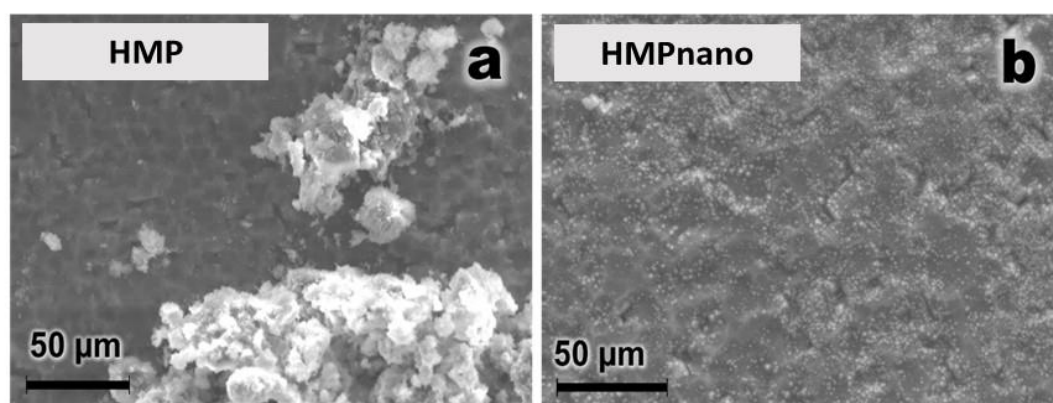
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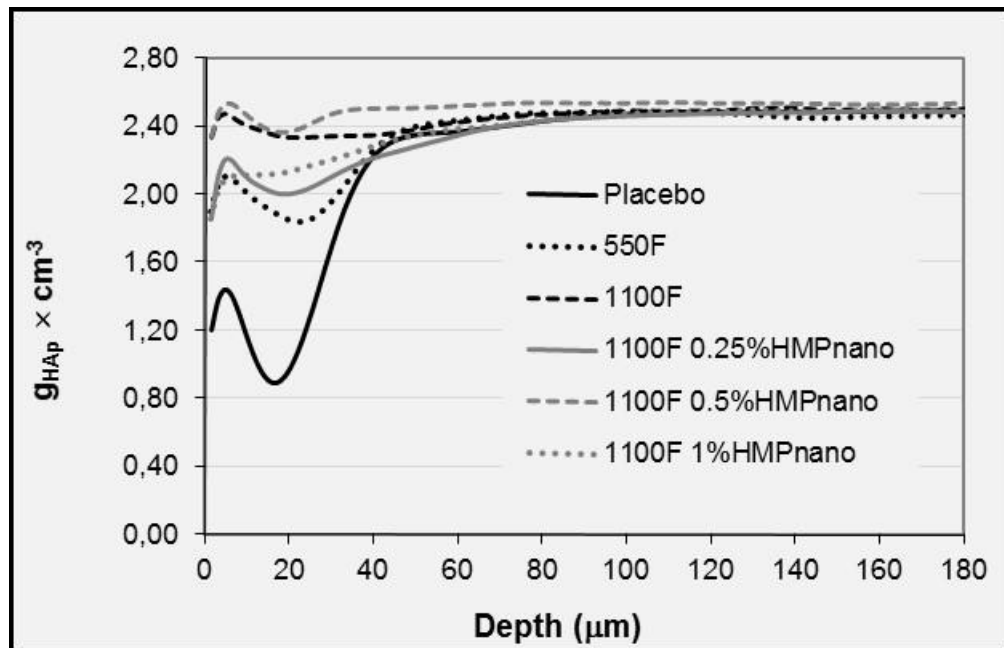
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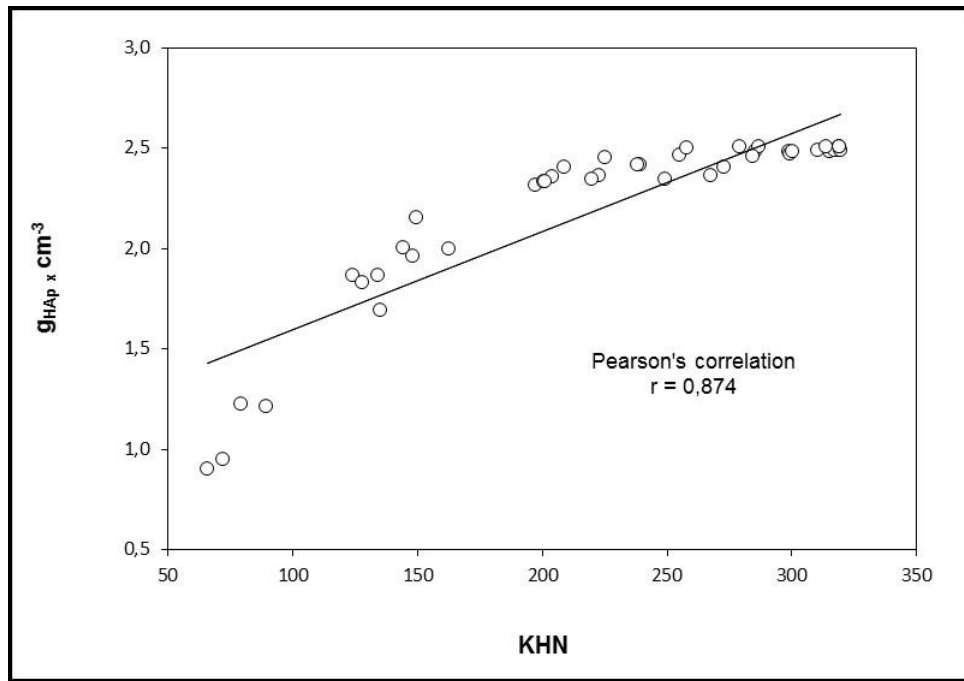
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*ANEXO A*

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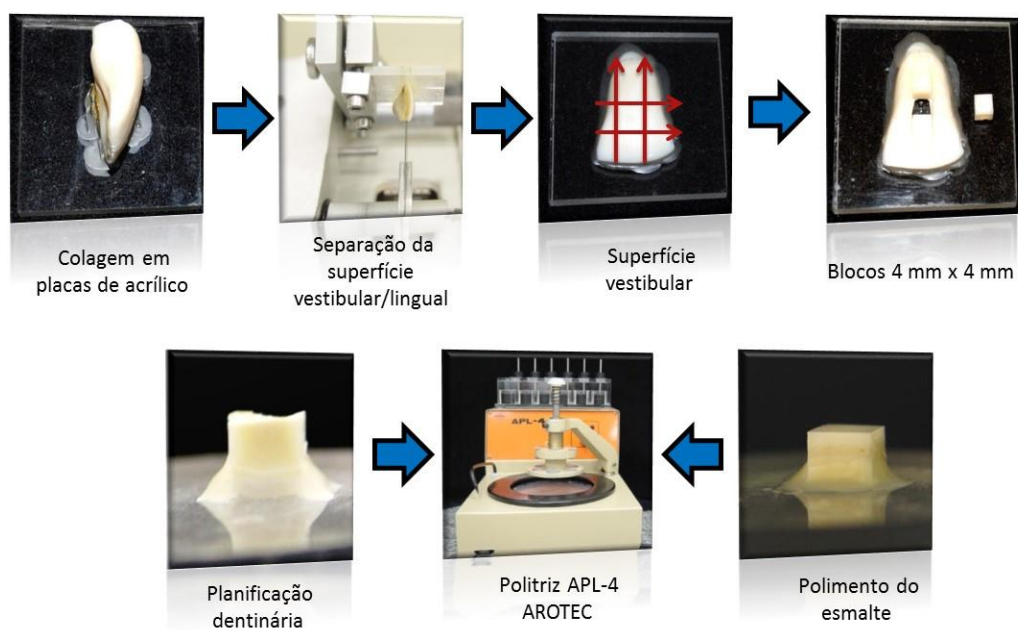
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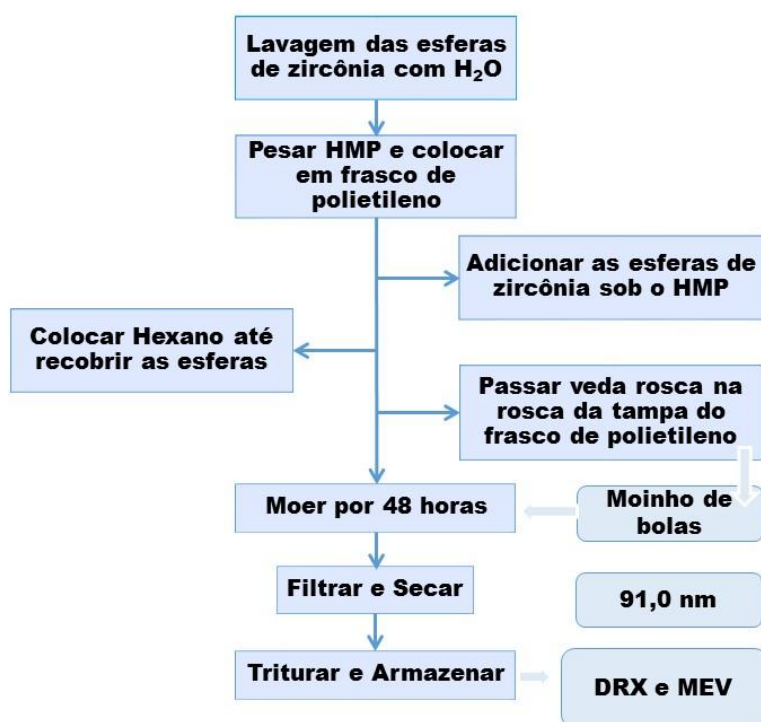
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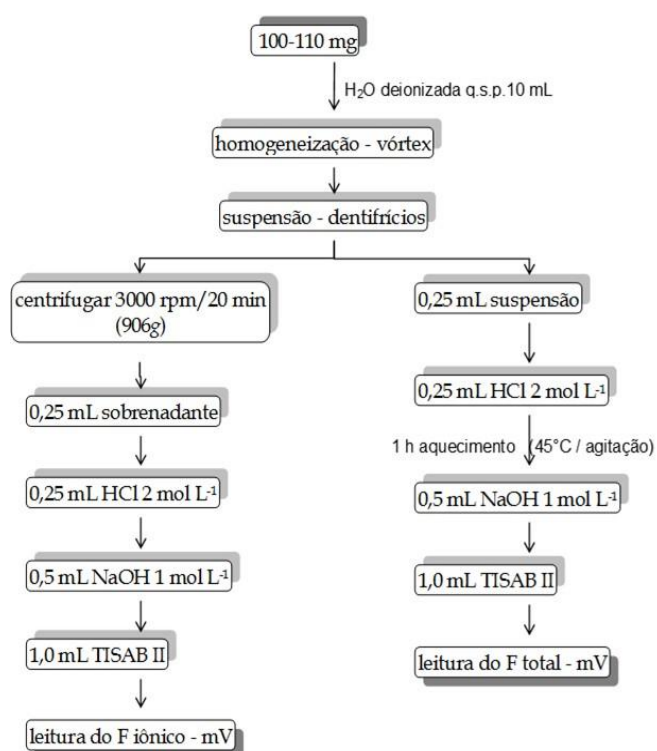
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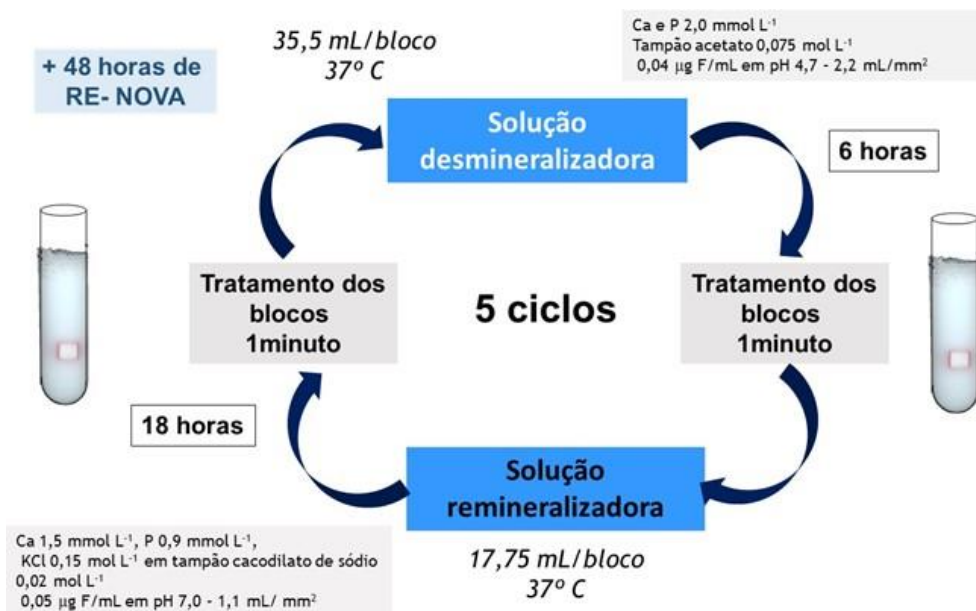
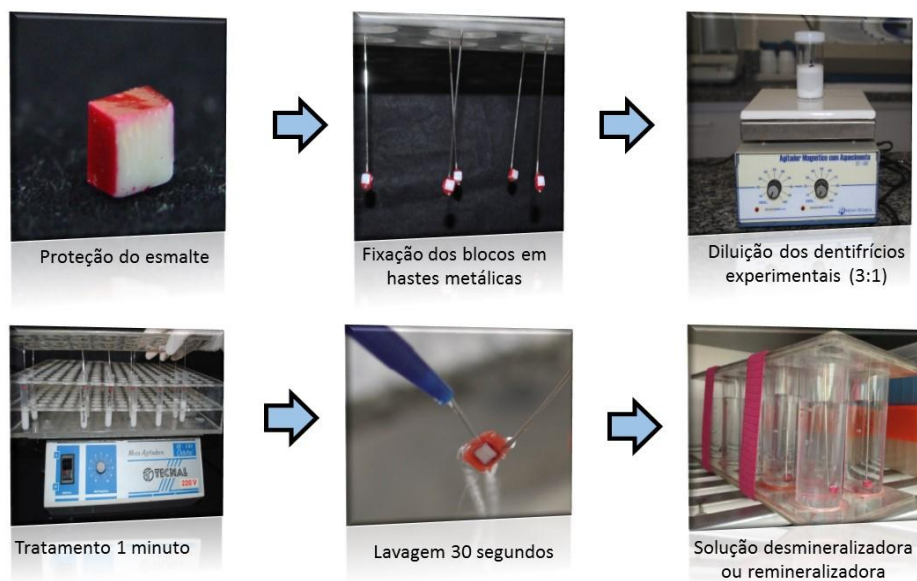
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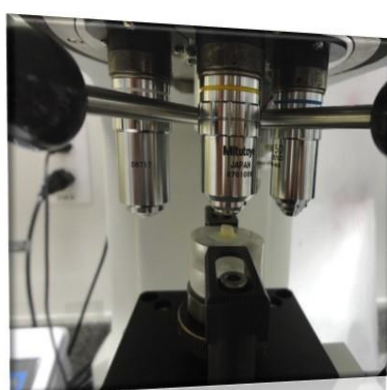
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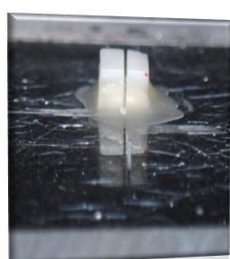
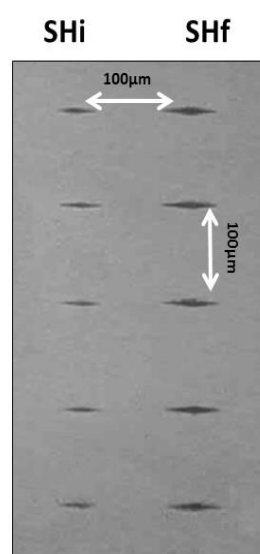


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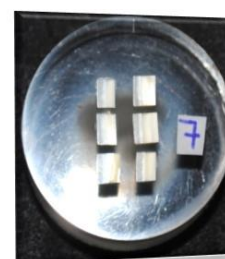
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Secção dos blocos de esmalte no sentido longitudinal



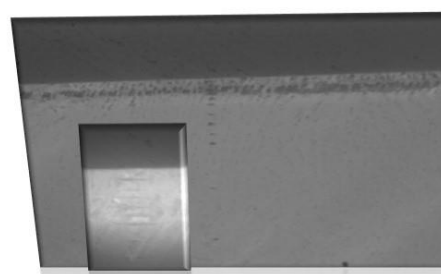
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Aspecto final dos blocos de esmalte



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Análise da Lesão em Profundidade

## ANEXO G

### ANÁLISE DA CONCENTRAÇÃO MINERAL DO ESMALTE PELA MICROTOMOGRÁFIA COMPUTADORIZADA



Blocos com espessura de 1 mm



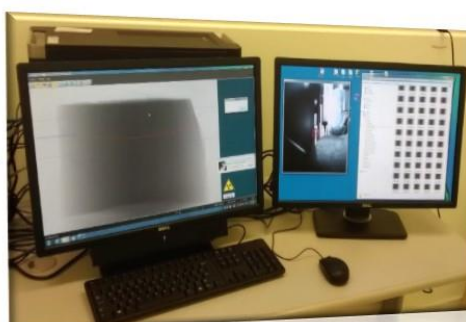
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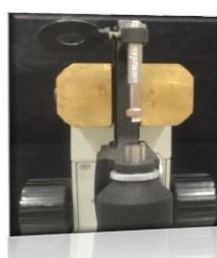


## ANEXO H

### ANÁLISE DE FLUORETO NO ESMALTE



Micrômetro eletrônico digital com saída acoplado a uma base de microscópio e blocos fixados



Desgaste 50 µm Lixa 400 (CARBIMET – BUEHLER)



0,5 mL de HCl 1,0 mol/L

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