

Table 1. Total bacterial and *S. mutans* activity per bacterial cell (RNA/DNA ratio) at baseline and reentry, and p values of comparison between baseline and reentry

Treatment of affected dentin	RNA/DNA ratio		
	baseline	reentry	p
<i>Total bacteria</i>			
E (n = 13)	0.047 ± 0.058	0.066 ± 0.065	0.3012
NE (n = 15)	0.059 ± 0.076	0.031 ± 0.020	0.4970
<i>S. mutans</i>			
E (n = 13)	0.114 ± 0.116	0.101 ± 0.107	0.7365
NE (n = 15)	0.058 ± 0.033	0.099 ± 0.041	0.0010*

Values denote means ± SD unless specified otherwise.

* Statistically significant difference.