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## Biometric analysis of the clinical crown and the width/length ratio in the maxillary anterior region



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The demand for an esthetic smile has increased in recent decades. Any dental treatment should aim to provide both a natural and esthetic appearance, especially in the fields of prosthodontics and restorative dentistry.<sup>1,2</sup> However, the patient's perception of dentofacial esthetics does not necessarily match the dentist's perception, which highlights the importance of establishing an esthetic diagnosis prior to treatment.<sup>3-5</sup>

Esthetic dentistry often involves correcting tooth size discrepancies either in length or width. As a result, dental biometrics is a key aspect of esthetic restorations. The proportion of each individual tooth within the maxillary anterior maxilla region is the percentage obtained by dividing its width by its length. Many authors have tried to establish a set figure for this proportion in order to facilitate the esthetic restoration of a smile.<sup>6-9</sup> The current interest in esthetics has led to the publishing of different guideline figures for restorative treatment, but the existence of several different guidelines is confusing when clinicians must select the

### ABSTRACT

**Statement of problem.** Restorative dentistry often involves correcting tooth size discrepancies. Therefore, dental biometrics should play an important role in the planning of an esthetic restoration.

**Purpose.** The purpose of this study was to analyze the clinical crown width, length, and width/length ratio of maxillary central incisors, lateral incisors, and canines in an adult population. The study also aimed to determine whether a correlation exists between natural tooth dimensions and the optimal tooth dimension guidelines suggested for planning esthetic restorations.

**Material and methods.** Stone casts were poured from irreversible hydrocolloid impressions of 412 healthy adult participants. These casts were used to measure the maximum mesiodistal width and maximum crown-root length of the maxillary central incisors, lateral incisors, and canines with a digital precision caliper (0.01 mm). The width/length ratio was calculated for each tooth, and 40 casts were selected to test the reliability of the measuring method.

**Results.** The mean age of the participants in the sample was 33.94 years; 60.7% were women and 39.3% were men. The mean width value was 8.71 mm for central incisors, 6.75 mm for lateral incisors, and 7.81 mm for canines. The mean length was 10.23 mm for central incisors, 8.59 mm for lateral incisors, and 9.93 mm for canines. The average width/length ratio was 85% for central incisors and 79% for lateral incisors and canines.

**Conclusion.** The data obtained from the population studied are similar to those from previous research studies with similar methodology. However, great discrepancies in the absolute values were found when compared with other studies of ideal tooth dimension guidelines on the personal preferences and the esthetic perception of dentists. The perception of what is considered natural seems to differ from what is considered esthetically perfect. (*J Prosthet Dent* 2015;113:565-570)

most appropriate tooth size and shape and determine their relation.

Several methods have been used to measure the size of the maxillary anterior teeth.<sup>13-18</sup> Sterrett et al<sup>6</sup> studied the width/length ratio of the clinical crowns of the maxillary anterior teeth by using diagnostic casts of a sample of 71

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## Clinical Implications

This study documents tooth dimensions and proportions that may serve as useful guidelines in the diagnosis and treatment planning of esthetic restorations to achieve a natural-looking dental appearance that is also esthetically pleasing.

individuals and obtained a mean value for the 3 types of teeth of 81% and a mean value for maxillary central incisors of 85%. A similar study at the University of Geneva in 2003 made the measurements from photographs of extracted teeth and obtained an average value width/length ratio for the clinical crowns in the 3 types of teeth of approximately 75%.<sup>7</sup> In 2007, Chu and Hochman<sup>10</sup> introduced an innovative esthetic measurement gauge with the purpose of enabling the clinician to perform esthetic surgical and restorative dentistry with predictability. These authors set the width/length ratio at 78%.<sup>8,10</sup> Others have reported that the ideal width/length ratio for the central incisor should be between 75% and 80%.<sup>11</sup> Rosenstiel et al<sup>12</sup> evaluated dentists' preferred maxillary anterior tooth proportions and found that the majority chose smile proportions that resulted in central incisors that were closer to 75% and 78% width/length ratios.

Lombardi<sup>19</sup> was the first to suggest applying the golden proportion to dentistry; he also described the use of a "repeated ratio" in the maxillary anterior teeth. Levin<sup>20</sup> agreed that the golden proportion (62%) was the most harmonious recurrent tooth-to-tooth ratio from a frontal view. However, conflicting reports indicate that the proportion of the majority of beautiful smiles did not agree with the golden proportion formula.<sup>12,21</sup> Ward<sup>21</sup> recommended using other tooth-to-tooth ratios, such as 70% for normal length teeth, 62% for very long teeth, and 80% for very short teeth. He had asked several North American dentists about their esthetic preferences when looking at pictures of smiles with different proportions.

The definition of ideal tooth dimensions remains a difficult task because of individual variations. This study aimed to obtain dimensional data of the clinical crowns of the maxillary central incisors, lateral incisors, and canines of an adult population with respect to width, length, and width/length ratios and to determine whether a correlation exists between natural tooth dimensions and the guidelines of ideal tooth dimensions for treatment planning suggested for esthetic restorative dentistry.<sup>10,12,21</sup>

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The sample used in this study consisted of 412 healthy participants, chosen from a population of European origin that met the following requirements: adults with

all of the 6 maxillary anterior teeth present, anatomically whole, without restorations that altered their dimensions, from which good diagnostic casts could be obtained, and where the anatomic elements were well defined. Exclusion criteria were as follows: children (younger than 18 years); those with signs of gingival alteration, hyperplasia, inflammation, altered passive eruption, or gingival recession; history of periodontal surgery or clinical evidence or history of alteration of the incisal or proximal surfaces of the tooth; and those with restorations, traumatism, attrition, occlusal adjustment, dental malformation, malposition or diastema, or previous orthodontic treatment.

Maxillary impressions were made with irreversible hydrocolloid material (VIVAL NF, Ivoclar Vivadent AG), and improved stone (Kromotipo Type 4, LASCOD Spa) was poured to obtain the diagnostic casts on which to make the measurements. An extra-fine end digital caliper (Tesa Digit-Cal SM) was used to obtain the measurements, with a precision of 0.01 mm. The measurements were all recorded in millimeters by a previously trained examiner (A.O.V.). The maximum mesiodistal width (perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tooth) and the maximum crown-root length, (parallel to the longitudinal axis of the tooth and between the most apical point of the gingival margin and the most incisal point of the anatomic crown) of the maxillary central incisors, lateral incisors, and canines was recorded for each tooth and the scores arranged in a table. The age and sex of each participant was also recorded.

The descriptive statistical analysis was carried out with software (SPSS Statistics v22.0; IBM Corp). In order to establish the diagnostic agreement of the measuring method, 40 casts were chosen from the 412 casts. In these 40 casts, 4 of the 12 measurements were carried out again (2 lengths and 2 widths), first by the same examiner (A.O.V.) and a week later by a second examiner (G.A.C.). The intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) of both the intraexaminer and interexaminer was established.

A 1-way MANOVA test was carried out to identify differences due to sex. The result was positive, and the ANOVA test was then carried out to establish which of the dental measurements were affected. The ICC was also used to determine whether there was symmetry between right and left sides. The descriptive data obtained in this study were compared with data reported by other authors in similar studies.

## RESULTS

The sample was 60.7% female and 39.3% male, with a mean age of 33.94 years. Table 1 lists the results of the ICC used to assess the method's reliability. In all instances, the intraexaminer and interexaminer correlation was greater than 0.75, which, according to Fleiss,<sup>22</sup> is

**Table 1.** Interclass correlation coefficient (ICC) for intraexaminer and interexaminer values

Tooth Dimension	Intraexaminer	Interexaminer
Right canine L	0.85	0.94
Left central W	0.92	0.95
Right central W	0.98	0.93
Left lateral L	0.92	0.97

L, length; W, width.

considered excellent. The mean error between the different measures/examiners was 0.16 (twice by the same examiner and once by a different one).

The mean, standard deviation (SD), and range of the width, length, and width/length ratio for each tooth individually and within its type of tooth are listed in Table 2. The mean width value was 8.71 mm for the central incisors, 6.75 mm for the lateral incisors, and 7.81 mm for the canines. The mean length was 10.23 mm for the central incisors, 8.59 mm for the lateral incisors, and 9.93 mm for the canines. The average width/length ratio was 85% for the central incisors and 79% for the laterals and canines.

Table 3 lists the mean, standard deviation (SD), and range of width, length, and width/length ratio for each tooth and sex. When the mean width and length values for the 3 tooth groups were compared between sexes, the mean coronal width and length measurements were found to be significantly greater in men than in women.

Table 4 lists the results of the 1-way MANOVA test with the different tooth groups noted as 3 dependent variables and the sex as the between subjects factor. A statistically significant difference was found between the sexes:  $F(12,390)=10.27$ ,  $P<.001$ ; Wilks'  $\Lambda=0.760$ , partial  $\eta^2=.24$ . After applying the 1-way ANOVA test (Supplemental Table 1, available online), it was found that the sex differences affected all the dental dimensions of width and length ( $P<.001$ ).

The mouth was considered to be more symmetrical when the values obtained for the same type of tooth in each half-arch were more similar. The ICC values were greater than 0.75 for all the tooth pairs and in both dimensions (Table 5), which is considered excellent.<sup>22</sup>

The dimensions of each tooth and for each participant were divided to compare tooth pairs from different types of teeth. This division led to the proportional values for each of the participants (Table 6). The ratio of the lateral width to the central width was 1.27:1. Table 7 compares the average values obtained in this study with those obtained by other authors in similar studies.

## DISCUSSION

The sample for this study included 412 participants, which is greater than the sample size of similar studies.<sup>6-9,13-18</sup> All of these articles refer to statistically

significant results. The measurements were made on cast models following the method used by other authors.<sup>6,9,14,17</sup> The error linked to using the direct technique was similar or equal to other errors considered acceptable for dental measuring studies mentioned in other articles.<sup>16</sup>

The data obtained from other articles established the following ranking for maxillary crown width and length for the population studied: centrals > canines > laterals. The most noticeable differences in the mean values of length were found in studies that measured extracted teeth,<sup>7,15</sup> that is, from the incisal edge to the cemento-enamel junction rather than the gingival margin, leading to greater length values and therefore smaller ratios (width/length ratio of 78% for central incisors). This is mentioned by Magne et al<sup>7</sup> and Marcushamer et al,<sup>15</sup> who noticed that their measurements were approximately 1 mm longer than those of other studies measuring clinical crowns and not anatomic crowns. This may account for why, when this ratio is applied clinically, the resulting teeth appear excessively long. However, these data may be useful in patients where crown lengthening techniques are applied and the cemento-enamel junction is exposed.

The results of our study match those of other authors using the same measuring method.<sup>6,17</sup> Different data were recorded by Hasanreisoglu et al,<sup>9</sup> who found a width/length ratio of 89% for central incisors. The maxillary anterior teeth of the Turkish population sample studied displayed a more square-like shape because the teeth may be shorter in height and/or greater in width than those of other European populations.

The width/length ratio for each tooth has clinical relevance; knowing it allows a calculation of the lost length from the existing width, which usually remains stable. The results show an average ratio of 85% for maxillary central incisors and 79% for laterals and canines. These findings are in agreement with the results of other studies<sup>6,14,17,18</sup> but disagree with other reports that suggest ideal tooth dimension guidelines based on the preferences and esthetic perception of dentists; these seem to prefer central incisors that were closer to the 75% to 78% width/length ratios.<sup>8,12,21</sup>

The present results agree with the proportion thought of as ideal for maxillary laterals and canines. The obtained ratio width/length for the central incisors in our study (85%) is very similar to the one preferred by patients in the study of Cooper et al<sup>5</sup> in 2012, where smiles which had central incisors with a ratio width/length of 82% were considered the most attractive. However, it exceeds the ideal ratio for central incisors according to other authors who focus their studies on the harmonically esthetic perception of different examiners and not on actual tooth measurements. Rosenstiel et al<sup>12</sup> and Ward,<sup>21</sup> for example, evaluated the dentists' preferred maxillary anterior tooth proportions from a frontal view

**Table 2.** Mean (mm), range (min and max), and standard deviations (SD) of width, length, and width/length ratio for each tooth individually and within its type of tooth

Dimension	Left Canine	Left Lateral	Left Central	Right Central	Right Lateral	Right Canine	Central Incisors	Lateral Incisors	Canines
Length									
Min	7.92	6.27	8.00	8.00	6.00	7.77	8.00	6.14	7.94
Mean	9.90	8.54	10.22	10.23	8.64	9.97	10.23	8.59	9.93
Max	12.95	11.2	13.40	13.44	11.36	12.80	13.40	11.01	12.35
SD	0.8808	0.7678	0.7766	0.7858	0.8288	0.9589	0.7656	0.7584	0.8848
Width									
Min	6.51	5.06	7.26	7.17	5.10	6.63	7.30	5.33	6.71
Mean	7.83	6.74	8.71	8.71	6.77	7.78	8.71	6.75	7.81
Max	9.00	8.54	10.13	10.30	8.19	9.15	10.13	8.35	8.91
SD	0.4669	0.5640	0.5331	0.5269	0.5652	0.4530	0.5154	0.5380	0.4387
Ratio									
Min	0.60	0.49	0.67	0.68	0.57	0.60	0.68	0.55	0.63
Mean	0.79	0.79	0.85	0.85	0.78	0.78	0.85	0.79	0.79
Max	1.03	1.04	1.03	1.07	1.06	0.98	1.03	1.04	1.00
SD	0.0665	0.0766	0.0626	0.0650	0.8034	0.0693	0.0618	0.0746	0.0633

**Table 3.** Data distributed by sex: Mean (mm) and standard deviations (SD) of width, length, and width/length ratio for each tooth individually

Dimension	Left Canine	Left Lateral	Left Central	Right Central	Right Lateral	Right Canine
Length						
Mean, female	9.63	8.43	10.06	10.08	8.55	9.67
Mean, male	10.31	8.70	10.47	10.47	8.78	10.43
SD, female	0.7637	0.7474	0.7101	0.7202	0.8096	0.8283
SD, male	0.8935	0.7719	0.8113	0.8271	0.8409	0.9665
Width						
Mean, female	7.71	6.65	8.60	8.61	6.69	7.66
Mean, male	8.02	6.87	8.87	8.87	6.90	7.96
SD, female	0.4494	0.5573	0.5200	0.5212	0.5668	0.4141
SD, male	0.4317	0.5509	0.5114	0.4972	0.5404	0.4511
Ratio						
Mean, female	0.80	0.79	0.85	0.85	0.78	0.79
Mean, male	0.78	0.79	0.85	0.85	0.79	0.76
SD, female	0.0619	0.0753	0.0602	0.0609	0.0856	0.0623
SD, male	0.0711	0.0789	0.0663	0.0708	0.0802	0.0761

and found that the majority chose smile proportions that resulted in central incisors with closer to 75% to 78% width/length ratios. Disagreement seems to exist between the values more frequently found when observing nature and what is thought of as the ideal.

Significant differences exist between the esthetic perceptions of dentists, technicians, and patients and there is lack of agreement within each group, in particular within the patient group. All of the aforementioned studies obtain width/length ratios for each individual tooth that differ from the Golden proportion of 62% supported by Levin.<sup>20</sup>

The results indicate that men have greater width and length measurements than women ( $P < .001$ ), agreeing with most of the existing literature, which considers that maxillary anterior teeth in men are between

**Table 4.** One-way MANOVA to determine sex differences

Effect	Value	F	Partial $\eta^2$	Noncent Parameter	Observed Power*
Intercept					
Pillai's trace	.998	15268.047	.998	183216.565	1.000
Wilks' Lambda	.002	15268.047	.998	183216.565	1.000
Hotelling's trace	469.786	15268.047	.998	183216.565	1.000
Roy's largest root	469.786	15268.047	.998	183216.565	1.000
Sex					
Pillai's trace	.240	10.267	.240	123.205	1.000
Wilks' Lambda	.760	10.267	.240	123.205	1.000
Hotelling's trace	.316	10.267	.240	123.205	1.000
Roy's largest root	.316	10.267	.240	123.205	1.000

df, degree of freedom.

Design: intercept + sex. Confidence level used was  $< .001$ .

\*Computed using  $\alpha = .05$ ; error df: 390.00; hypothesis df: 12.00.

**Table 5.** Interclass correlation coefficient for same tooth left and right sides

Variable	Length	Width
Right/left central	0.93	0.90
Right/left canine	0.90	0.80
Right/left lateral	0.79	0.81

approximately 0.5 mm and 1 mm longer.<sup>6,8,9</sup> However, the sex differences disappear with regard to the width/length ratio. These findings are supported by other studies<sup>6,9,18</sup> wherein the maxillary canines tend to exhibit the greatest sex-based morphologic difference compared with other teeth.

A strong positive correlation was found between the left and right maxillary central incisors. The lowest correlation was found in the length of the maxillary lateral incisors. Chu<sup>8</sup> also noticed an asymmetry of approximately 0.5 mm difference between the measurements of the right and left side and considered it to



**Table 6.** Combined ratios of right and left sides for entire sample

Variable*	Mean	Range
L lateral/ L central	0.84	0.68-1.01
L canine/ L central	0.97	0.78-1.27
L lateral/ L canine	0.86	0.68-1.06
W lateral/ W central	0.77	0.59-0.95
W canine/ W central	0.94	0.74-1.06
W lateral/ W canine	0.87	0.68-1.06

W/W= ratios of maximum widths.

\*L/L = length ratios of lateral incisor to central incisor, canine to central incisor, and lateral incisor to canine.

be within the normal range of asymmetry for the human body.

The width lateral incisor/width central incisor ratio was also obtained in this study by measuring directly on the casts, thus incorporating the real tooth width. The results match those of other authors who carried out similar studies,<sup>6-8,16</sup> with the width of the lateral incisor being 77% of the width of the central incisor, a ratio of 1.27:1. However, the studies that calculate ratios from a photograph use only the portion of the tooth that is visible from the frontal aspect, obtaining width lateral incisor/width central incisor values of 67%.<sup>13</sup> Once again, there is no correlation between these proportions and the golden proportion, which describes the ratio between centrals and laterals as 62%, a ratio of 1.62:1. When the golden proportion is used, the lateral incisors and canines appear narrow.

## CONCLUSIONS

This work investigated the clinical crown of the 3 anterior maxillary tooth groups from a white European population sample (maxillary central incisors, lateral incisors, and canines) with respect to width, length, and width/length ratios. Within the limitations of the present study, the following conclusions were drawn:

1. Central incisors had the widest crowns (8.71 mm), followed by canines (7.81 mm) and lateral incisors (6.75 mm). Central incisors also had the longest crowns (10.23 mm), followed by canines (9.93 mm) and lateral incisors (8.59 mm). The average width/length ratio was 85% for central incisors and 79% for laterals and canines. Therefore, the average width/length ratio in the maxillary anterior region of the mouth is 81%.
2. The average ratio between the width of the maxillary central incisors and the laterals was 1.27:1. The golden proportion was not found in this study sample.
3. Sex should be taken into account when estimating tooth size. Significant differences were found, with men having greater values for both length and

**Table 7.** Results comparison with previous studies

Study	N	CIL	LIL	CL	CIW	LIW	CW	CIR	LIR	CR
Orozco 2013	412	10.23	8.59	9.93	8.71	6.75	7.81	0.85	0.79	0.79
Sterrett <sup>6</sup> 1999	71	9.79	8.24	9.5	8.32	6.36	7.4	0.85	0.78	0.79
Magne <sup>7</sup> 2003	146	11.69	9.75	10.83	9.10	7.07	7.90	0.78	0.73	0.73
Hasanreisoglu <sup>9</sup> 2005	100	9.6	8.17	9.05	8.6	6.7	7.7	0.89	0.82	0.85
Zlataric <sup>14</sup> 2007	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.83	0.78	0.81
Marcushamer <sup>15</sup> 2011	264	11.93	10.52	11.83	8.63	6.99	7.91	0.72	0.67	0.67
Guillen <sup>16</sup> 1994	54	10.27	8.72	10.15	9.28	7.35	8.36	0.90	0.84	0.82
Mavroskoufis <sup>17</sup> 1980	70	10.42	-	-	8.88	-	-	0.85	-	-
Zagar <sup>18</sup> 2001	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.86	0.82	0.81

CIL: central incisor length, LIL: lateral incisor length, CL: canine length, LIW: central incisor width, LIW: lateral incisor width, CW: canine width, CIR: central incisor ratio, LIR: lateral incisor ratio, CR: canine ratio. -: unregistered. Measures in millimeters.

width than women. The canine was the tooth affected most by sex difference.

4. When left and right sides were analyzed, central incisors were found to be more symmetrical than canines, and these more than lateral incisors.
5. The information obtained from this population sample is similar to that of other studies applying the same methodology in populations of European origin. Greater discrepancies were found when compared with other studies that suggest guidelines of ideal tooth dimensions based on the preferences and esthetic perception of dentists. This information may be useful in conjunction with other clinical parameters for diagnosis and treatment planning to achieve natural looking and esthetically pleasing restorations.
6. More studies are needed that record the patients' perception of different dental proportions.

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## Noteworthy Abstracts of the Current Literature

### Microtensile bond strength of different acrylic to high-impact denture base resin

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**Purpose.** This study evaluated the effect of denture base acrylic, denture tooth composition, and ridge-lap surface treatment on the microtensile bond strength ( $\mu$ TBS) of three commercially available denture teeth and two injection denture processing systems.

**Materials and Methods.** Sixteen experimental groups were formed ( $n = 3$ ), according to denture tooth surface treatment (no treatment or surface treatment recommended by the manufacturer), denture base processing technique and acrylic (SR-Ivocap-Ivocap Plus or Success-Lucitone 199), and tooth type-composition at bonding interface (BlueLine DCL-PMMA, Portrait IPN-PMMA, Phonares II-PMMA, Phonares II-NHC). Rectangular bar specimens with a 1 mm(2) cross sectional area were fabricated and subsequently thermocycled at 10,000 cycles between 5°C and 55°C with a 15-second dwell time. Select specimens underwent  $\mu$ TBS testing in a universal testing machine with a 1 kN load cell at 0.5 mm/min crosshead speed. Data were analyzed statistically by two and three-way ANOVA and Tukey post hoc test ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Results.** Mean  $\mu$ TBS ranged between  $56.2 \pm 5.6$  and  $60.8 \pm 5.0$  N/mm(2) for the Ivocap Plus specimens and  $13.3 \pm 5.12$  to  $60.1 \pm 6.0$  N/mm(2) for the Lucitone 199 specimens. Among the Ivocap specimens, BlueLine DCL and Phonares II NHC had significantly higher  $\mu$ TBS than Portrait IPN to Ivocap Plus acrylic. There were no statistically significant differences among BlueLine, Phonares II PMMA, and Phonares II NHC, or between Phonares II PMMA and Portrait IPN. Within the Lucitone 199 specimens, there was a significantly higher  $\mu$ TBS for BlueLine DCL and Phonares II NHC denture teeth with the manufacturer-recommended surface treatment when compared to control surface. BlueLine, Portrait, and Phonares II PMMA groups achieved significantly higher mean  $\mu$ TBS than the Phonares II NHC group. There were no statistically significant differences among BlueLine, Portrait, and Phonares II PMMA groups.

**Conclusions.** When evaluating the  $\mu$ TBS of PMMA and NHC denture teeth to base resins, a stronger bond was achieved using materials produced by the same manufacturer. Within the Lucitone 199 specimens, the Phonares II NHC group demonstrated significantly lower bond strength than other specimens, suggesting that gross ridge-lap reduction of NHC denture teeth is not recommended if a base acrylic by a different manufacturer from the tooth is going to be used.

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**Supplemental Table 1.** 1-way ANOVA comparing sex with each of mean values

Tests of Between Subjects Effects									
Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial $\eta^2$	Noncent Parameter	Observed Power <sup>a</sup>
Corrected model	Right canine L	46.074 <sup>a</sup>	1	46.074	69.329	.001	.147	69.329	1.000
	Right lateral L	7.235 <sup>b</sup>	1	7.235	12.552	.001	.030	12.552	.942
	Right central L	16.507 <sup>c</sup>	1	16.507	29.460	.001	.068	29.460	1.000
	Left central L	14.774 <sup>d</sup>	1	14.774	25.261	.001	.059	25.261	.999
	Left lateral L	5.404 <sup>e</sup>	1	5.404	7.891	.005	.019	7.891	.800
	Left canine L	57.398 <sup>f</sup>	1	57.398	73.098	.001	.154	73.098	1.000
	Right canine W	9.415 <sup>g</sup>	1	9.415	48.402	.001	.108	48.402	1.000
	Right lateral W	4.717 <sup>h</sup>	1	4.717	15.550	.001	.037	15.550	.976
	Right central W	7.241 <sup>i</sup>	1	7.241	27.200	.001	.064	27.200	.999
	Left central W	6.903 <sup>j</sup>	1	6.903	26.734	.001	.063	26.734	.999
	Left lateral W	4.207 <sup>k</sup>	1	4.207	14.017	.001	.034	14.017	.962
	Left canine W	8.939 <sup>l</sup>	1	8.939	48.969	.001	.109	48.969	1.000
Intercept	Right canine L	38430.111	1	38430.111	57826.391	.001	.993	57826.391	1.000
	Right lateral L	28383.988	1	28383.988	49241.000	.001	.992	49241.000	1.000
	Right central L	40765.085	1	40765.085	72752.098	.001	.995	72752.098	1.000
	Left central L	40823.565	1	40823.565	69803.083	.001	.994	69803.083	1.000
	Left lateral L	29059.221	1	29059.221	42433.244	.001	.991	42433.244	1.000
	Left canine L	39094.101	1	39094.101	49787.022	.001	.992	49787.022	1.000
	Right canine W	23922.298	1	23922.298	122978.399	.001	.997	122978.399	1.000
	Right lateral W	17645.514	1	17645.514	58172.733	.001	.993	58172.733	1.000
	Right central W	29514.980	1	29514.980	110877.061	.001	.996	110877.061	1.000
	Left central W	29527.537	1	29527.537	114349.859	.001	.997	114349.859	1.000
	Left lateral W	17821.780	1	17821.780	59380.562	.001	.993	59380.562	1.000
	Left canine W	23598.209	1	23598.209	129269.225	.001	.997	129269.225	1.000
Sex	Right canine L	46.074	1	46.074	69.329	.001	.147	69.329	1.000
	Right lateral L	7.235	1	7.235	12.552	.001	.030	12.552	.942
	Right central L	16.507	1	16.507	29.460	.001	.068	29.460	1.000
	Left central L	14.774	1	14.774	25.261	.001	.059	25.261	.999
	Left lateral L	5.404	1	5.404	7.891	.005	.019	7.891	.800
	Left canine L	57.398	1	57.398	73.098	.001	.154	73.098	1.000
	Right canine W	9.415	1	9.415	48.402	.001	.108	48.402	1.000
	Right lateral W	4.717	1	4.717	15.550	.001	.037	15.550	.976
	Right central W	7.241	1	7.241	27.200	.001	.064	27.200	.999
	Left central W	6.903	1	6.903	26.734	.001	.063	26.734	.999
	Left lateral W	4.207	1	4.207	14.017	.001	.034	14.017	.962
	Left canine W	8.939	1	8.939	48.969	.001	.109	48.969	1.000
Error	Right canine L	266.496	401	.665					
	Right lateral L	231.148	401	.576					
	Right central L	224.692	401	.560					
	Left central L	234.520	401	.585					
	Left lateral L	274.614	401	.685					
	Left canine L	314.876	401	.785					
	Right canine W	78.004	401	.195					
	Right lateral W	121.635	401	.303					
	Right central W	106.744	401	.266					
	Left central W	103.547	401	.258					
	Left lateral W	120.351	401	.300					
	Left canine w	73.203	401	.183					
Total	Right canine L	39805.056	403						
	Right lateral L	29627.769	403						
	Right central L	42379.498	403						
	Left central L	42466.776	403						
	Left lateral L	30396.820	403						

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**Supplemental Table 1.** 1-way ANOVA comparing sex with each of mean values (*continued*)

Tests of Between Subjects Effects									
Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial $\eta^2$	Noncent Parameter	Observed Power <sup>a</sup>
	Left canine L	40487.088	403						
	Right canine W	24818.402	403						
	Right lateral W	18394.065	403						
	Right central W	30678.160	403						
	Left central W	30692.219	403						
	Left lateral W	18582.086	403						
	Left canine W	24481.779	403						
Corrected total	Right canine L	312.570	402						
	Right lateral L	238.384	402						
	Right central L	241.199	402						
	Left central L	249.294	402						
	Left lateral L	280.017	402						
	Left canine L	372.274	402						
	Right canine W	87.420	402						
	Right lateral W	126.352	402						
	Right central W	113.985	402						
	Left central W	110.450	402						
	Left lateral W	124.558	402						
	Left canine W	82.142	402						

L, length; W, width; *df*, degree of freedom.  
\*Computed using  $\alpha = .01$ .  
<sup>a</sup> $R^2=.147$ ; <sup>b</sup> $R^2=.030$ ; <sup>c</sup> $R^2=.068$ ; <sup>d</sup> $R^2=.059$ ; <sup>e</sup> $R^2=.019$ ; <sup>f</sup> $R^2=.154$ ; <sup>g</sup> $R^2=.108$ ; <sup>h</sup> $R^2=.037$ ; <sup>i</sup> $R^2=.064$ ; <sup>j</sup> $R^2=.063$ ; <sup>k</sup> $R^2=.034$ ; <sup>l</sup> $R^2=.109$ .