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# Cephalometric norms for 6-17 year-old Iranians with normal occlusion and well-balanced faces

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Caucasian norms are still used in the orthodontic treatment of Iranian patients, despite the different ethnic backgrounds of Iranians. The aims of this study were to evaluate the cephalometric features of an Iranian population and to establish cephalometric norms for Iranian living in the central region of Iran (Isfahan).

**Materials and Methods:** A total of 238 lateral cephalometric radiographs and dental casts of Iranians (142 females and 96 males; aged 6-17 years) with acceptable profiles and Class I dental relationships were analyzed in five age groups. The mean value, standard deviation and range of 20 angular and linear variables were calculated. The resulting norms for Iranian were compared with Caucasian norms and results of other studies on Iranian population using t-test. Male and female groups were also compared using the independent t-test ( $P < 0.05$ ).

**Results:** Iranians tend to have an increased angle of convexity and IMPA (incisor to mandibular plane angle) and bimaxillary protrusion as compared with norms of Down's analysis. Anterior lower face height and anterior face height were greater than Burrstone's sample measurement. Sella-Nasion (S-N) length was greater than Rakosi's norm. Iranians tend to have an increased ANB (A point-Nasion-B point) angle as compared with Steiner's norms. Males tend to have greater cranial dimensions than females as indicated by the statistically significant increase in anterior face height and S-N length ( $P < 0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** Iranians have distinct cephalometric features, which should be used as a reference in treating Iranian orthodontic patients.

**Key Words:** Cephalometry, face, normal occlusion, reference standards

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## INTRODUCTION

Radiographic cephalometry was firstly introduced to dentistry in 1931 by Broadbent in the USA. Thereafter, many cephalometric analyses became popular for planning orthodontic treatment. Downs (1948) developed a method of analysis on the basis of a study on 20 individuals with excellent occlusions.

Over the years, his recommended standard values have proved to be remarkably consistent despite variation in the methods of study.<sup>[1,2]</sup> In 1953, Steiner developed a system of cephalometry based on simplicity and clarity of use, with the SN plane as a reference line.<sup>[3]</sup> In 1988, McNamara and Ellis surveyed the records of 125 white individuals over the age of 16 who possessed ideal facial aesthetics and balance and Class I occlusions.<sup>[4]</sup> Until today, the planning of orthodontic treatment often consists of the comparison of craniofacial measurements of a patient to the norm. However, populations show differences regarding various details of facial hard and soft-tissue. These differences are clearly discernible when individuals with different ethnic background are compared. Therefore, the orthodontic literature

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contains a lot of studies involving cephalometric and profile standards of European-American, African-American, Japanese and Chinese populations; but little for Iranians. Hajighadimi *et al.*<sup>[5]</sup> compared Iranian children with Tweed's and Steiner's standards. They found that Iranians have a more convex soft-tissue profile compared with Tweed's and Steiner's standards and this result was somehow related to the shape of the nose and the form of the lips.

Sexual dimorphism in craniofacial structures naturally appears between 12 and 15 years of age. Therefore, both male and female population groups in this age bracket must have their own cephalometric normative data for meaningful diagnosis.

The purposes of this study were: (1) to study hard tissue measurements of the facial profile for Iranian population using some of Downs, Steiner and McNamara analysis parameters, (2) to compare Iranian hard tissue values with Caucasian norms and (3) to determine any sexual or age differences in the hard tissue facial profile measurements of Iranian population.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

From the elementary, middle and high school students (6151 examined students) of five Isfahan areas, 238 subjects (96 males, 142 females) were selected who fulfilled the following criteria: (1) Iranian with Iranian grandparents, (2) acceptable facial profile and facial symmetry determined clinically, (3) class I occlusion with well-aligned maxillary and mandibular dental arches, (4) no previous orthodontic or prosthodontic therapy or cosmetic or maxillofacial surgery and (5) no significant medical history, no history of trauma and no congenital abnormalities. Clinical examinations were conducted and records (e.g., name, birthday, sex, health status) were obtained to ensure that the established criteria were observed strictly. Radiographs were only taken if both parents and subjects were informed of the amount of radiation and risks and they consented to the procedure. On the basis of chronological age, the subjects were divided into five groups within 2 years interval, starting from 6 years old except last one that were 14-17 (Group 1; 6-8 years of age; Group 2; 8-10 years of age; Group 3; 10-12 years of age; Group 4; 12-14 years of age; and Group 5; 14-17 years of age). Intraoral examination, study models and lateral cephalograms were obtained from participants.

The cephalometric films of all subjects were obtained using the same X-ray unit (plan Meca 2000, USA) at natural head position, with teeth in maximum interdigitation and lips in a relaxed posture. The distance from focus to the film and from the midsagittal plane of patient head to the film for each subject was 165 cm and 20.5 cm, respectively. Therefore, cephalograms carried magnification of 8% and the adjustment for enlargement factor has been made in the linear measurements reported in the results section. The authors traced all head films according to established procedures,<sup>[6]</sup> identified all the relevant landmarks and measured both linear and angular parameters. The glossary for the parameters applied in this study is presented in Table 1. Descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, minimum and maximum) were computed for all measured variables. The resulting norms for Iranians were compared with Caucasian norms derived from Downs,<sup>[1,2]</sup> Steiner,<sup>[3]</sup> McNamara and Ellis,<sup>[4]</sup> Riedel,<sup>[7]</sup> Rakosi,<sup>[8]</sup> Ricketts,<sup>[9]</sup> Bolton<sup>[10]</sup> and Burstone<sup>[11]</sup> studies using *t*-test. The resulting Standards compared with other Iranian norms (studies of Makaarem and Sahaafian,<sup>[12]</sup> Davoody and Sassouni,<sup>[13]</sup> Sodaagar,<sup>[14]</sup> Ramezanzade<sup>[15]</sup>) using *t*-test. Independent *t*-test was performed to assess the intergender differences in measurements ( $P < 0.05$ ).

## RESULTS

Mean values and standard deviations were calculated within age and gender for the 20 measurements [Table 2]. Intergender comparison is demonstrated in [Table 3]. Table 4 demonstrates Iranian standards as compared with Caucasian and other Iranian standards.

## DISCUSSION

Nowadays, large numbers of Iranians are seeking orthodontic treatment; Hence, it is important to determine cephalometric norms for this particular ethnic group and to base our treatment plans accordingly. Few studies have been carried out to define the cephalometric norms of Iranians and to determine if there are any differences between Iranians and Caucasians. The objectives of this study were to evaluate the cephalometric features of an Iranian population and to establish norms for the Iranians living in the central region of Iran. This study was performed using a larger sample size from the Iranian population than those used in previous studies. Children (6-17 years old) of both sexes were included. The data were separated on the basis of age and sex to

**Table 1: Different linear and angular measurements used**

Pog to N-perpendicular <sup>4</sup>	linear distance that is measured between nasion perpendicular and point Pog
A to N-perpendicular <sup>4</sup>	linear distance that is measured between nasion perpendicular and point A
ANB <sup>3</sup>	Apical base relationship(difference between SNA and SNB)
U1-NA <sup>3</sup>	Inclination of maxillary incisors to NA
U1-A-vertical	Inclination of maxillary incisors to A point perpendicular
L1-NB <sup>3</sup>	Inclination of mandibular incisors to NB
Convexity <sup>1</sup>	Intersection of line N-point A to point A-pogonion
SN-FH <sup>6</sup>	Inclination of S-N to FH
Man. PA <sup>1</sup>	Inclination of mandibular plane to FH
FH ratio <sup>8</sup>	Ratio between lower face height to total anterior face height
Y axis <sup>1</sup>	Angle made between S-Gn line and Frankfort horizontal plane
Low. FH <sup>8</sup>	Lower face height (effective length of anterior nasal spine-menton)
S-N <sup>8</sup>	Linear distance that is measured between nasion and point S
SNB <sup>3</sup>	Mandibular apical base relationship to anterior cranial base
SNA <sup>3</sup>	Maxillary apical base relationship to anterior cranial base
Facial angle <sup>1</sup>	Intersection between N-Pog plane and Frankfort horizontal plane
IMPA <sup>1</sup>	Inclination of mandibular incisors to mandibular plane
Ant. FH <sup>8</sup>	Total anterior face height (effective length of nasion-menton)
UP 1-FH <sup>8</sup>	Inclination of maxillary incisors to Frankfort plane
Interincisal <sup>3</sup>	Inclination of maxillary incisors to mandibular incisors

SNA: Sella-Nasion-A point; SNB: Sella-Nasion-B point; NA: Nasion-A point; A -VRT: True vertical line from A point; NB: Nasion-B point; SN: Sella-Nasion; FH: Frankfort horizontal; Man. PA: mandibular plane angle ; IMPA: Incisor to mandibular plane angle ; UP 1: Upper incisor ANB: A point-Nasion-B point

obtain more specific and useful cephalometric normative values. In our study, we used some parameters of Down, Steiner and McNamara analysis because they present the hard tissue more in details with simplicity and directness in mind and they are widely used for evaluation of hard tissue profiles.

Since most orthodontic treatments are performed in this age group, we compared values of Group 5 (14-17 years old) with Caucasian norms.<sup>[2,3,4,7-9,11]</sup> When we compared Down's norms with our sample values, we found that they were similar except for the angle of convexity and IMPA(incisor to mandibular plane angle) that were greater and interincisal angle that was less than Down

norms. Therefore, Iranians tend to have bimaxillary protrusion and more convex profile. Our sample values (Group 5) showed no statistically significant differences compared with Steiner's norm. They had a more posteriorly placed chin (Pog to N- perpendicular was greater than norm) as compared with McNamara norms.

The length of the anterior cranial base Sella-Nasion (S-N) increased 0.68 mm yearly (from 6 to 17 years) and is significantly greater than Caucasian values. S-N was found larger in boys in Groups 3 and particularly in Group 5. 14-17 years olds showed significant dimorphism probably because of greater growth of frontal sinus in males.

S-N to FH(Frankfort horizontal) angle decreased 0.26° yearly and is only less than Caucasian value in Group 5. This measurement showed a dimorphism in Group 4.

Angle of convexity decreased 0.81° yearly and showed no dimorphism over the entire 11-year span. Our results suggest that Iranians have slightly more convex profiles when compared with Down's norms.

A to N perpendicular were often positive in girls and negative in boys. However, a statistically significant sexual dimorphism was not evident.

SNA(Sella-Nasion-A point) and SNB(Sella-Nasion-B point) Within each age group showed no intergender differences with some exceptions in the 14-17 age groups where female growth velocity showed a spurt. Both values (SNA and SNB) were smaller than Caucasian norms.

ANB(A point-Nasion-B point) significantly decreased with age. Within each age group, ANB exhibited no sexual dimorphism. Important finding is the increased ANB angle as compared with European-Americans with Class I skeletal relationship.

Pog to N-perpendicular and facial angle of the female group was less than that of the male group. A statistically significant sexual dimorphism was evident in Groups 4 and 5 in both measurements, probably because of female growth spurt. Pog was more posterior relative to N-perpendicular as compared with Caucasian norms. Facial angle increased 0.29° a year and was less than European-Americans value.

Y-axis increments between Group 1 and Group 5 described a vertical growth pattern. Y-axis was statistically more pronounced in the male than in the female in Groups 4 and 5. Nevertheless, no

**Table 2: Cephalometric measurements of Iranian samples according to age group and overall**

Variable	N	Max	Min	Mean ± SD
<b>Pog-N. perpendicular</b>				
Total	238	10.00	-18.0	-5.44±5.52
6-8	36	1.00	-17.0	-7.58±4.91
8-10	41	3.00	-14.0	-5.45±4.31
10-12	56	10.00	-17.0	-5.88±5.00
12-14	49	10.00	-18.0	-4.69±6.41
14-17	55	10.00	-17.0	-4.15±6.04
<b>A-N. perpendicular</b>				
Total	238	8.00	-12.0	-0.19±3.24
6-8	36	8.00	-5.00	0.72±2.86
8-10	41	5.00	-6.00	-0.5±2.59
10-12	56	6.00	-9.00	-0.72±3.22
12-14	49	7.00	-12.0	0.01±3.71
14-17	55	7.00	-8.00	-0.50±3.45
<b>ANB</b>				
Total	238	8.50	-2.50	3.39±2.03
6-8	36	8.50	2.00	5.01±1.68
8-10	41	8.00	.00	3.45±2.00
10-12	56	7.00	-2.00	3.12±1.87
12-14	49	8.50	-1.00	3.28±2.00
14-17	55	7.00	-2.50	2.65±1.92
<b>U1-NA</b>				
Total	221	10.00	-4.00	3.93±2.25
6-8	21	5.00	-4.00	1.60±2.18
8-10	39	8.00	1.00	3.68±1.96
10-12	56	10.00	.00	4.06±2.17
12-14	49	9.00	-1.00	4.42±2.17
14-17	55	10.00	1.00	4.45±2.11
<b>U1-A-vertical</b>				
Total	221	12.00	1.50	5.47±1.86
6-8	21	9.00	1.50	3.62±1.90
8-10	39	9.00	3.00	5.00±1.43
10-12	56	10.00	2.00	5.33±1.62
12-14	49	12.00	3.00	6.16±1.74
14-17	55	10.00	2.00	6.09±1.86
<b>L1-NB</b>				
Total	231	11.00	1.00	5.79±2.04
6-8	29	8.00	1.00	5.02±1.85
8-10	41	11.00	2.00	5.34±2.12
10-12	56	10.00	1.00	5.71±2.03
12-14	49	11.00	3.00	6.43±2.09
14-17	55	10.00	1.00	6.03±1.91
<b>Convexity</b>				
Total	238	19.00	-7.00	5.80±4.91
6-8	36	19.00	2.00	10.25±3.88
8-10	41	16.00	-2.50	6.02±4.47
10-12	56	14.00	-7.00	5.22±4.43
12-14	49	16.00	-5.00	5.49±4.81
14-17	55	14.00	-7.00	3.55±4.66
<b>SN-FH</b>				
Total	238	17.00	0.00	9.82±2.97
6-8	36	16.00	5.00	10.81±95.2
8-10	41	17.00	6.00	10.43±2.31
10-12	56	16.00	2.00	9.56±3.24

**Table 2: (Continue)**

Variable	N	Max	Min	Mean ± SD
12-14	49	15.50	2.00	10.11±3.10
14-17	55	15.00	0.00	8.65±2.69
<b>Age</b>				
Total	237	17.08	6.00	11.42±2.92
6-8	36	7.92	6.00	6.95±0.57
8-10	41	9.92	8.00	8.98±0.61
10-12	56	11.92	10.00	10.90±0.58
12-14	49	13.92	12.00	13.06±0.60
14-17	55	17.08	14.08	15.22±0.88
<b>Mandibular Plane angle</b>				
Total	237	38.00	14.00	24.71±4.21
6-8	35	34.00	17.00	25.71±4.07
8-10	41	33.00	16.00	25.04±.45
10-12	56	38.00	15.00	25.15±4.51
12-14	49	32.00	14.00	24.54±3.91
14-17	55	32.00	15.00	23.54±3.96
<b>Face height ratio</b>				
Total	238	61.61	46.98	55.22±2.17
6-8	36	61.26	50.43	55.45±1.86
8-10	41	61.26	48.18	55.32±2.74
10-12	56	61.61	46.98	55.14±2.46
12-14	49	60.63	50.00	55.12±1.93
14-17	55	58.87	52.10	55.20±1.83
<b>Y axis</b>				
Total	237	66.00	50.00	58.56±2.93
6-8	35	64.50	52.00	58.24±2.89
8-10	41	63.50	52.00	57.46±2.81
10-12	56	65.00	51.00	58.54±2.55
12-14	49	65.00	50.00	58.79±3.39
14-17	55	66.00	52.00	59.38±2.82
<b>Lower face height</b>				
Total	238	82.00	53.00	64.41±5.43
6-8	36	68.00	53.00	59.44±3.11
8-10	41	72.00	53.00	61.77±4.60
10-12	56	71.00	54.50	63.05±3.99
12-14	49	77.00	54.00	65.99±4.35
14-17	55	82.00	58.00	69.57±4.62
<b>S-N</b>				
Total	238	82.00	62.00	71.63±3.80
6-8	36	73.00	62.00	68.63±2.69
8-10	41	79.00	64.00	70.71±3.40
10-12	56	78.00	62.00	71.13±3.28
12-14	49	79.00	66.00	72.19±3.10
14-17	55	82.00	67.00	74.21±4.03
<b>SNB</b>				
Total	238	87.50	67.00	76.65±3.55
6-8	36	81.00	68.00	74.79±3.37
8-10	41	82.00	67.00	76.09±2.48
10-12	56	84.00	68.00	76.49±3.56
12-14	49	85.00	70.50	76.81±3.35
14-17	55	87.50	70.00	78.40±3.75
<b>SNA</b>				
Total	238	91.00	69.50	80.04±3.65
6-8	36	86.00	74.00	79.81±3.15
8-10	41	89.00	71.00	79.54±3.48

Table 2: (Continue)

Variable	N	Max	Min	Mean ± SD
10-12	56	88.00	71.00	79.62±3.77
12-14	49	88.00	69.50	80.08±3.79
14-17	55	91.00	73.00	81.05±3.74
Facial angle				
Total	238	96.00	81.00	87.33±2.98
6-8	36	91.00	81.00	85.86±2.74
8-10	41	93.00	83.00	87.26±2.42
10-12	56	95.50	81.00	87.03±2.76
12-14	49	96.00	81.50	87.84±3.24
14-17	55	96.00	81.00	88.24±3.14
IMPA				
Total	230	108.0	79.00	95.73±5.52
6-8	28	105.0	80.00	93.55±6.19
8-10	41	105.0	79.00	95.61±5.44
10-12	56	107.0	86.00	96.16±4.58
12-14	49	108.0	87.00	96.31±5.26
14-17	55	107.0	81.00	95.86±6.19
UP1-FH				
Total	221	126.0	96.00	110.68±5.45
6-8	36	117.0	99.00	107.21±4.37
8-10	41	125.5	101.0	111.62±5.71
10-12	56	121.0	97.00	110.53±5.35
12-14	49	120.0	100.0	110.94±5.19
14-17	55	123.5	96.00	111.01±5.30
Anterior face height				
Total	238	143.0	99.00	116.62±8.60
6-8	21	126.0	96.00	107.55±7.43
8-10	39	120.0	103.0	111.95±4.39
10-12	56	128.0	105.0	114.33±4.41
12-14	49	130.0	108.0	119.69±6.02
14-17	55	123.5	96.00	111.01±5.30
Interincisal angle				
Total	221	154.0	115.0	128.97±6.97
6-8	21	154.0	117.5	130.55±8.98
8-10	39	145.0	116.5	127.77±6.64
10-12	56	146.0	115.0	128.42±6.80
12-14	49	141.0	115.0	128.43±6.55
14-17	55	148.0	115.0	130.26±6.89

Pog-N.P: Pogonion point to Nasion perpendicular; A-N.P: A point to Nasion perpendicular; NA: Nasion-A point; NB: Nasion-B point; SN-FH: Sella-Nasion to Frankfort horizontal; FH: Frankfort horizontal; SNA: Sella-Nasion-A point; SNB: Sella-Nasion-B point; IMPA: incisor to mandibular plane angle; ANB: A point-Nasion-B point; SD: Standard deviation

statistically significant differences were present as compared with Caucasian norms.

In addition, total and lower anterior facial height tends to increase with age 2.28 and 1.22 mm each year respectively, which could be attributed to the cephalocaudal gradient of growth of the facial bones. Total and lower anterior facial height were found larger in boys, statistically more pronounced in the Group 5. Both were statistically larger in our sample than Caucasians.

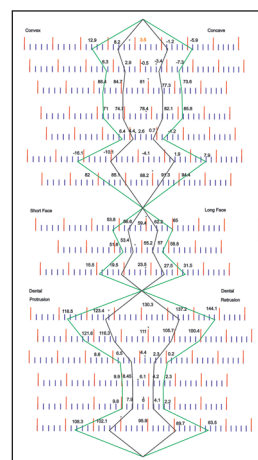


Figure 1: Proposed polygon

Lower face height/anterior face height ratio was almost constant with age and did not show any intergender difference.

Mandibular plane angle decreased 0.26° a year from 6 to 17 years. In general, all age groups showed no statistical differences in the mandibular plane angle with Caucasian norms except in Group 4. There was no sexual dimorphism.

Most of the values for dental measurements (U1 to FH, U1 to NA and L1 to NB) in Iranians were found to be similar to the ideal norms of Caucasians and showed no dimorphism.

Interincisal angle and IMPA were less and greater than Caucasian values, respectively.

The polygon is known to be a versatile tool for practical use, which simplifies its presentation to patients. The resulting data of the 14-17 years old (means and standard deviations) were represented diagrammatically in the form of a polygon (wiggle) [Figure 1]. The two standard deviations (with different colors) were used instead of the maximum and minimum readings in the polygon, unlike the classic wiggle of Vorhies and Adams.<sup>[16]</sup>

## CONCLUSION

In this study, cephalometric standards for Iranian population were developed:

- Iranians tend to have an increased angle of convexity and IMPA and bimaxillary protrusion as compared with norms of Down's analysis.
- Anterior lower face height and anterior face height were greater than Burrstone's sample measurement.

**Table 3: Cephalometric measurements (mean and SD,) of samples according to sex**

Variable	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-14	14-17
Pog-N. perpendicular					
Male	-9.75* (5.35)	-7.04 (3.87)	-5.85 (4.41)	-9.6* (6.90)	-6.4* (6.33)
Female	-6.20 (4.16)	-5.13 (5.53)	-5.07 (4.27)	-3.2 (5.57)	-1.7 (4.69)
A-N.perpendicular					
Male	-0.57* (2.82)	-0.40 (2.92)	-1.45 (2.71)	-2.63* (4.68)	-1.6* (3.50)
Female	1.54 (2.63)	0.28 (2.23)	-0.25 (3.46)	0.77 (3.04)	0.65 (0.05)
ANB					
Male	4.46 (1.73)	3.42 (2.46)	3.02 (1.74)	3.04 (2.31)	2.64 (1.67)
Female	5.36 (1.59)	3.47 (1.47)	3.19 (1.96)	3.34 (1.92)	2.65 (2.19)
U1-NA					
Male	1.75 (1.94)	3.50 (1.97)	4.34 (1.86)	3.95 (1.85)	4.36 (2.24)
Female	1.53 (2.32)	3.85 (1.97)	3.88 (2.35)	4.55 (2.25)	4.56 (1.99)
U1-A. vertical					
Male	2.91 (2.06)	5.10 (1.59)	5.31 (1.49)	5.64* (1.87)	5.09* (1.57)
Female	3.90 (1.83)	4.90 (1.28)	5.33 (1.71)	6.55 (1.75)	6.47 (1.67)
L.1-NB					
Male	4.35 (2.08)	5.22 (2.27)	5.77 (1.90)	6.19 (1.65)	5.72 (2.27)
Female	5.36 (1.66)	5.45 (2.00)	5.66 (2.11)	5.85 (2.15)	6.63 (2.02)
Convexity					
Male	9.07 (3.61)	5.80 (5.44)	5.22 (6.04)	4.95 (4.33)	3.57 (4.28)
Female	11.00 (3.94)	6.23 (3.43)	5.56 (4.47)	5.39 (4.55)	3.52 (5.11)
SN-FH					
Male	9.75 (2.73)	9.92 (2.22)	7.18* (2.60)	9.38 (3.61)	8.60 (2.49)
Female	11.47 (2.94)	10.90 (2.34)	10.96 (2.71)	9.67 (3.02)	8.68 (2.92)
Mandibular Plane angle					
Male	26.69 (3.50)	25.06 (4.71)	24.95 (4.45)	26.95* (3.67)	22.75 (3.58)
Female	25.13 (4.34)	25.20 (4.44)	25.11 (4.56)	23.48 (3.73)	24.35 (4.22)
Lower facial height ratio					
Male	55.10 (2.49)	56.31* (2.44)	54.75 (2.81)	54.25* (2.18)	54.77* (1.67)
Female	55.66 (1.34)	54.37 (2.72)	55.39 (2.22)	55.37 (1.80)	55.65 (1.91)
Y axis					
Male	58.05 (2.86)	59.30* (3.44)	58.93 (2.00)	61.31* (2.75)	60.18* (2.87)
Female	56.90 (2.71)	57.61 (2.36)	58.27 (2.84)	58.05 (3.21)	58.56 (2.57)
Lower facial height					
Male	60.28 (3.64)	63.37* (4.50)	63.27 (3.97)	65.86 (5.38)	71.42* (4.90)
Female	58.91 (2.67)	60.24 (4.25)	62.91 (4.05)	66.02 (4.09)	67.64 (3.43)
S-N					
Male	69.78* (2.58)	72.47* (3.16)	70.70 (4.05)	76.57* (3.68)	73.59* (2.65)
Female	70.26 (3.08)	70.71 (2.73)	67.88 (2.54)	71.75 (2.72)	71.78 (3.12)
SNB					
Male	74.42 (3.69)	76.45 (2.37)	22.76 (3.90)	77.18 (3.97)	32.77* (3.42)
Female	75.02 (3.21)	75.73 (2.58)	76.66 (3.36)	76.69 (3.20)	79.51 (3.81)
SNA					
Male	78.89 (2.97)	79.87 (4.07)	79.25 (4.30)	80.22 (5.34)	79.96* (3.28)
Female	80.38 (3.18)	79.21 (2.87)	79.85 (3.42)	80.03 (3.30)	82.16 (3.91)
Facial angle					
Male	84.71* (2.83)	86.43 (2.08)	87.05 (2.43)	85.36* (3.45)	87.14 (3.01)
Female	86.59 (2.47)	87.41 (3.09)	87.45 (2.45)	88.55 (2.83)	89.37 (2.89)
IMPA					
Male	91.94 (6.70)	94.60 (5.12)	97.22 (4.19)	95.18 (5.45)	97.98* (5.02)
Female	94.31 (5.92)	96.57 (5.67)	95.47 (4.75)	96.63 (5.23)	93.67 (6.59)
UP1-FH					
Male	104.08 (8.22)	110.13 (4.15)	108.27* (4.81)	110.75 (5.13)	111.23 (4.10)
Female	108.93 (6.89)	110.77 (6.04)	111.71 (5.08)	111.28 (5.55)	112.62 (6.64)

**Table 3: (Continue)**

Variable	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-14	14-17
Anterior facial height					
Male	109.39* (4.16)	112.52 (6.24)	115.56* (4.22)	121.31 (7.17)	130.36* (6.89)
Female	105.81 (3.98)	110.76 (5.16)	113.52 (4.40)	119.22 (5.67)	121.56 (4.56)
Interincisal angle					
Male	131.50 (12.27)	129.42 (6.48)	127.00 (5.72)	130.40 (6.90)	129.68 (5.97)
Female	130.16 (7.79)	126.20 (6.55)	129.33 (7.34)	127.85 (6.42)	130.87 (7.80)

\*P value less than 0.05. Pog-N.P: Pogonion point to Nasion perpendicular; A-N.P: A point to Nasion perpendicular; NA: Nasion-A point; NB: Nasion-B point; SN-FH: Sella-Nasion to Frankfort horizontal; FH: Frankfort horizontal; SNA: Sella-Nasion-A point; SNB: Sella-Nasion-B point; IMPA: incisor to mandibular plane angle; ANB: A point-Nasion-B point; SD: Standard deviation

**Table 4: Iranian standards as compared with caucasians and other Iranian standards using t-test**

Variable	Present study (mean and SD)	Caucasian norms	Mean	Other Iranian norms	Mean
Pog-N.Perpendicular					
6-8	-7.58 (4.91)	McNamara	-7	—	
8-10	-5.45 (4.31)	McNamara	-6	—	
10-12	-5.88 (5.00)	McNamara	-5	—	
12-14	-4.69 (6.41)	McNamara	-4	—	
14-17	-4.15 (6.04)	McNamara	-2-+4*	Sodaagar	-1 (4.7)*
A-N.Perpendicular					
6-8	0.7 (2.86)	McNamara	0	—	
8-10	-0.05 (2.59)	McNamara	+0.2	—	
10-12	-0.072 (3.22)	McNamara	+0.4	—	
12-14	0.01 (3.71)	McNamara	+0.6	—	
14-17	-0.50 (3.45)	McNamara	+0.8	Sodaagar	+0.3 (3.20)
ANB					
6-8	5.01 (1.68)	Reidel	2.77 (2.33)*	Makaarem	4.1
8-10	3.45 (2.00)	Reidel	2.77 (2.33)	Makaarem	4.1
10-12	3.12 (1.87)	Reidel	2.77 (2.33)	Davoody	3.64
12-14	3.28 (2.00)	Reidel	2.77 (2.33)	Davoody	3.64
14-17	2.65 (1.92)	Steiner	+2	Sodaagar	2.40 (1.50)
U1-NA					
6-8	1.60 (2.18)	—	—	—	
8-10	3.68 (1.69)	—	—	—	
10-12	4.06 (2.17)	—	—	—	
12-14	4.42 (2.17)	—	—	—	
14-17	4.45 (2.11)	Steiner	4	Sodaagar	5.9 (2.2)*
U1-A. vertical					
6-8	3.62 (1.90)	Bolton	-0.65 (1.4)	—	
8-10	5.00 (1.43)	Bolton	3.00 (1.1)*	—	
10-12	5.33 (1.62)	Bolton	3.55 (1.15)*	—	
12-14	6.16 (1.74)	Bolton	4.00 (1.45)*	—	
14-17	6.09 (1.86)	Bolton	4.05 (1.70)	Sodaagar	6.6 (1.90)
L1-NB					
6-8	5.02 (1.85)	—	—	—	
8-10	5.34 (2.12)	—	—	—	
10-12	5.71	—	—	—	
12-14	6.43 (2.09)	—	—	—	
14-17	6.03 (1.91)	Steiner	4	Sodaagar	5.7 (2.30)
Convexity					
6-8	10.25 (3.88)	Reidel	4.22 (5.38)*	—	
8-10	6.02 (4.47)	Reidel	4.22 (5.38)	—	
10-12	5.22 (4.43)	Reidel	4.22 (5.38)	Davoody	7.34*
12-14	5.49 (4.81)	Down	0 (5.09)	Davoody	8.27
14-17	3.55 (4.66)	Down	0 (5.09)*	Sodaagar	2.5 (4.30)

(Continued)

Table 4: (Continue)

Variable	Present study (mean and SD)	Caucasian norms	Mean	Other Iranian norms	Mean
SN-FH					
6-8	10.81 (2.95)	—		—	
8-10	10.43 (2.31)	—		—	
10-12	9.56 (3.24)	—		—	
12-14	10.11 (3.10)	—		—	
14-17	8.65 (2.69)	Bell Proffit	5 (6.00)*	Ramezanzade	5.11 (2.98)*
Mandibular Plane angle					
6-8	25.71 (4.07)	Ricketts	26.3	—	
8-10	25.04 (4.45)	Ricketts	26 (4.5)	—	
10-12	25.15 (4.51)	Ricketts	25.4	Davoody	28*
12-14	24.54 (3.91)	Down	21.9 (3.24)*	Davoody	28*
14-17	23.54 (3.96)	Down	21.9 (3.24)	Sodaagar	21.1 (4.7)*
Facial height ratio					
6-8	55.45 (1.86)	—		—	
8-10	55.32 (2.74)	—		—	
10-12	55.14 (2.46)	—		—	
12-14	55.12 (1.93)	—		—	
14-17	55.20 (1.83)	Burstone	55.37	—	
Y axis					
6-8	58.24 (2.89)	—		—	
8-10	57.46 (2.81)	—		—	
10-12	58.54 (2.55)	—		Davoody	61.40*
12-14	58.79 (3.39)	Down	59.4 (3.28)	Davoody	61.40*
14-17	59.38 (2.82)	Down	59.4 (3.28)	Sodaagar	57.6 (2.9)*
Lower anterior facial height					
6-8	59.44 (3.11)	Bolton	58.15 (3.4)	—	
8-10	61.77 (4.60)	Bolton	60.55 (3.1)	—	
10-12	63.05 (3.99)	Bolton	63.45 (4.05)	—	
12-14	65.99 (4.35)	Bolton	66.2 (4.4)	—	
14-17	69.57 (4.62)	Burstone	64.95 (3.55)*	Sodaagar	73.2 (6.00)*
6-8	68.63 (2.69)	Rakosi	65.75*	—	
8-10	70.71 (3.40)	Rakosi	67.5	—	
10-12	71.13 (3.28)	Rakosi	68.9*	—	
12-14	72.19 (3.10)	Rakosi	70.3	—	
14-17	74.21 (4.03)	Rakosi	71.35*	Sodaagar	76.7 (3.5)*
SNB					
6-8	74.79 (3.37)	Rakosi	78.3	Makaarem	76.5
8-10	76.9 (2.48)	Rakosi	78.6*	Makaarem	76.5
10-12	76.49 (3.56)	Rakosi	79.2*	Makaarem	76.5
12-14	76.81 (3.35)	Rakosi	79.2*	Makaarem	76.5
14-17	78.40 (3.75)	Steiner	80	Sodaagar	78.2 (3.20)
SNA					
6-8	79.81 (3.15)	Rakosi	82.3	Makaarem	80.6
8-10	79.54 (3.48)	Rakosi	82.1*	Makaarem	80.6
10-12	79.62 (3.77)	Rakosi	82.5*	Makaarem	80.6
12-14	80.08 (3.79)	Rakosi	82.3*	Makaarem	80.6
14-17	81.05 (3.74)	Steiner	82	Sodaagar	80.6 (3.50)
Facial angle					
6-8	85.86 (2.74)	—		—	
8-10	87.26 (2.42)	—		—	
10-12	87.3 (2.76)	—		Davoody	85.83*
12-14	87.84 (3.24)	Down	87.8 (3.57)	—	
14-17	88.24 (3.14)	Down	87.8 (3.57)	Sodaagar	90.1 (2.5)*



Table 4: (Continue)

Variable	Present study (mean and SD)	Caucasian norms	Mean	Other Iranian norms	Mean
IMPA					
6-8	93.55 (6.19)	Reidel	93.52 (5.78)	—	
8-10	95.61 (5.44)	Reidel	93.52 (5.78)	—	
10-12	96.16 (4.58)	Reidel	93.52 (5.78)*	Davoody	96.83
12-14	96.31 (5.26)	Down	91.4 (3.78)*	Davoody	96.83
14-17	95.86 (6.19)	Down	91.4 (3.78)*	Sodaagar	96.6 (6.20)
U1-FH					
6-8	107.55 (7.43)	Reidel	110 (4.9)	—	
8-10	111.95 (4.39)	Reidel	110 (4.9)	—	
10-12	110.53 (5.35)	Reidel	110 (4.9)	—	
12-14	110.94 (5.19)	Reidel	110 (4.9)	100.0	
14-17	111.01 (5.03)	Bell Proffit	109 (7)	Ramezanzade	107.42 (5.0)*
Anterior facial height					
6-8	107.21 (4.37)	—	—	—	
8-10	111.62 (5.71)	—	—	—	
10-12	114.33 (4.41)	—	—	—	
12-14	119.69 (6.02)	—	—	—	
14-17	126.04 (7.31)	Burstone	117.30*	Sodaagar	129 (6.40)*
Interincisal angle					
6-8	130.55 (8.98)	Reidel	130.40 (7.24)	—	
8-10	127.77 (6.64)	Reidel	130.40 (7.24)	Makaarem	130
10-12	128.42 (6.80)	Reidel	130.40 (7.24)	Makaarem	130
12-14	128.43 (6.55)	Down	135.4 (5.76)*	Davoody	125.36*
14-17	130.26 (6.89)	Down	135.4 (5.76)*	Sodaagar	130.1 (10.2)

\*P value less than 0.05. SD: Standard deviation; SNA: Sella-Nasion-A point; SNB: Sella-Nasion-B point;; NA: Nasion-A point; A -VRT: true vertical line from A point; NB: Nasion-B point; SN: Sella-Nasion; FH: Frankfort horizontal; Man. PA: mandibular plane angle ;IMPA: incisor to mandibular plane angle; UP 1: upper incisor ANB: A point-Nasion-B point

- S-N length was greater than Rakosi's norm.
- Iranians tend to have an increased ANB angle as compared with Steiner's norms.

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