





Class II is the most prevalent malocclusion  
and severe Class II (overjet > 7mm) affects  
3.8% of the total population.

NHANES III (National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey) 1998

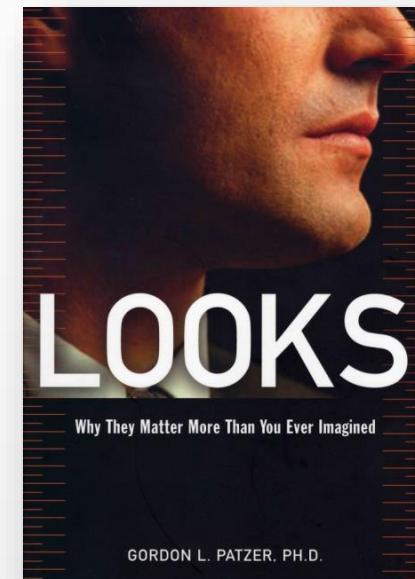
More than 800.000 Americans suffer from skeletal Class II malocclusions that would require surgical-orthodontic treatment

About 24.000 add up every year

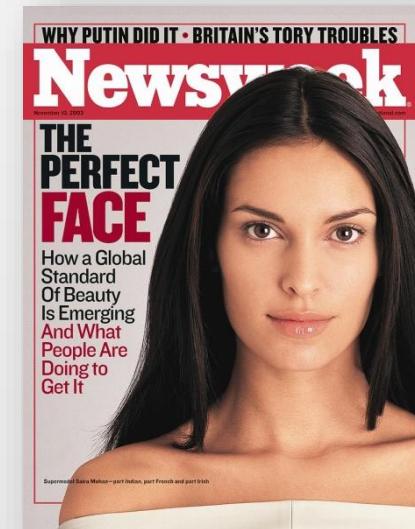
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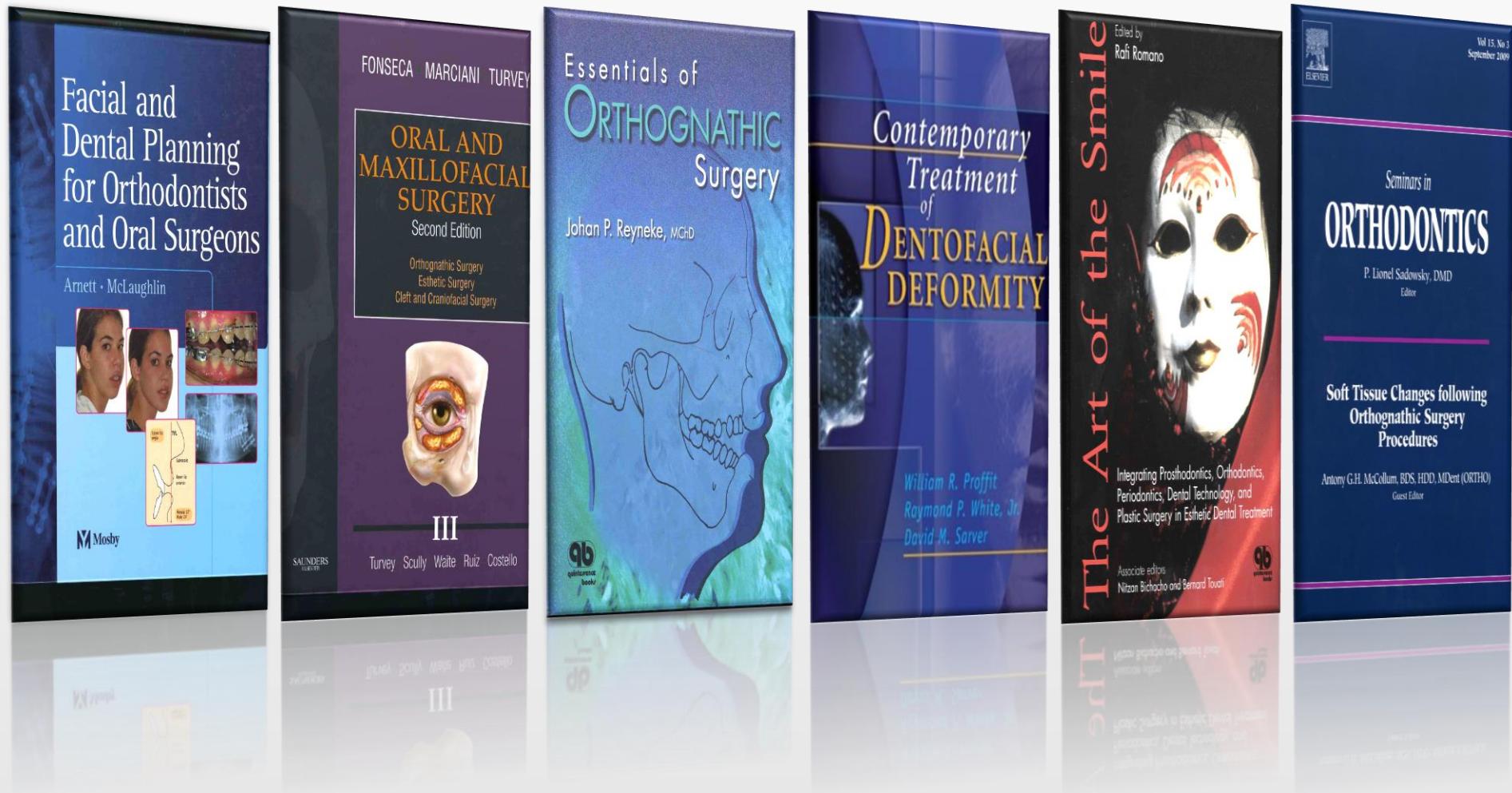
Int J Adult Orthod Orthogn Surg 5: 81-89, 1990

In contemporary society physical attractiveness is highly regarded and desired, because attractive individuals are perceived to be ***more intelligent, happier*** and ***more successful*** in their professional and private life than their less attractive peers.



The demand for orthodontic care seems to be largely driven by ***the desire to improve one's appearance.***

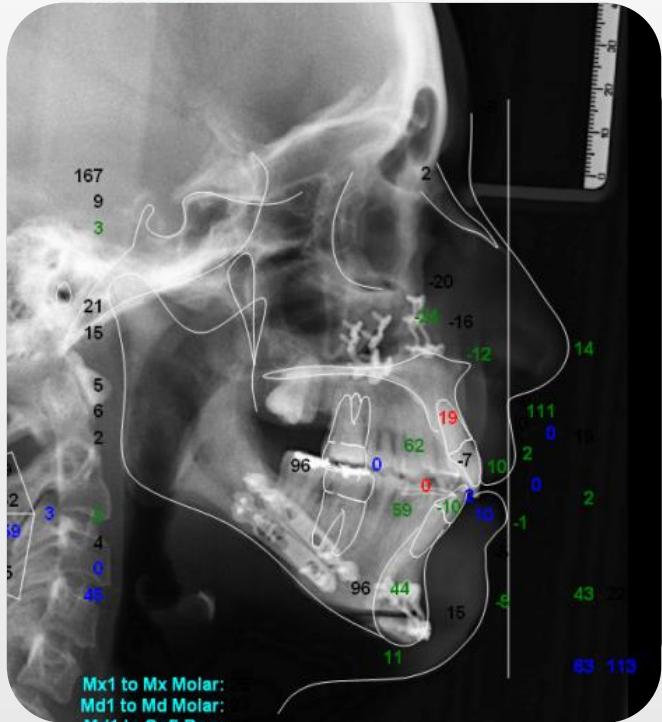




# INTRODUCTION

With combined orthodontic-surgical correction of skeletal Class II malocclusions facial proportions become balanced and cephalometric values approach norms,

*suggesting that facial esthetics will automatically be enhanced ???*



# Surgical Class II correction

**Shell** et al. Angle Orthod 73 (4): 365-373, 2003

***1/3 of patients judged esthetically worsened with treatment***

**Burdon** et al. Am J Orthod Dentofacial Orthop 131(1):1-8,2007

***only in 49% ideal postsurgical soft-tissue profiles***

**Pancherz** et al Angle Orthod 74 (6): 800-809, 2004

***90% show an increased MP-angle after surgery***

“(...) the observed increase counteracts the mandible coming forward, which is one of the goals in surgical Class II treatment. “

# Why do these negative side effects occur?

- Insufficient incisor orthodontic decompensation
- inherent bite-rising of the surgical mandibular advancement
- inadequate overlap of the bony fragments
- unfavorable hard and soft-tissue adaptation / remodeling
- initial dysgnathia too severe to be perfectly corrected
- error of transferring the surgical plan to the operation table
- condylar resorption
- ?

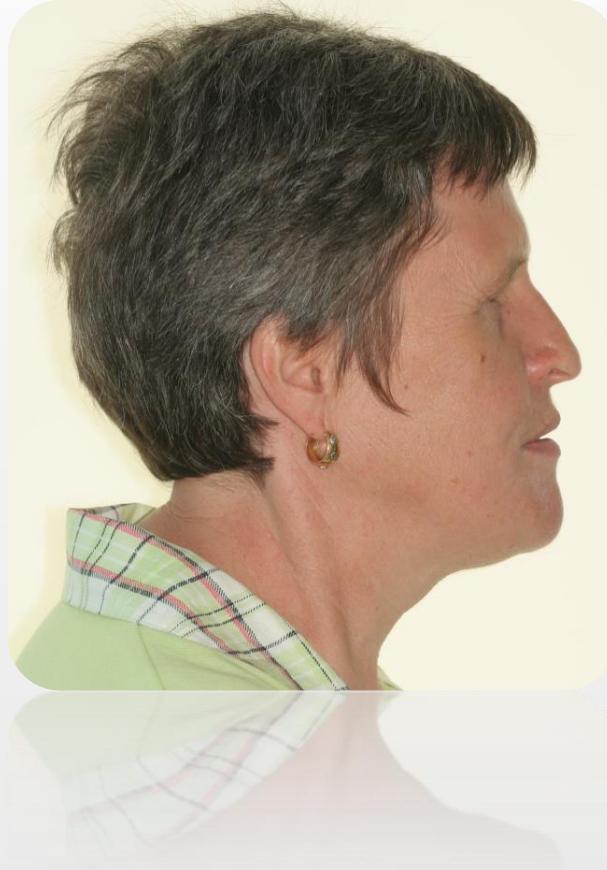
# Why do we often achieve good soft-tissue esthetics?



but sometimes end up with Class II profiles...



**...or even with Class III profiles after Class II surgery?**



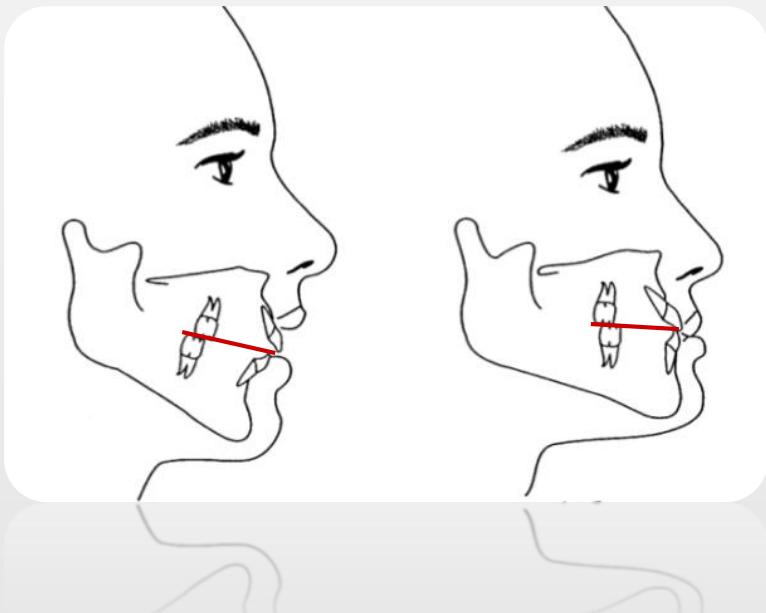
# Bishara S.



(..) “Cl II malocclusion should **not** be analyzed as **an isolated sagittal discrepancy**, but requires also evaluation of the **transverse and vertical relationships** and their differential effect on the soft-tissue profile.” (...)

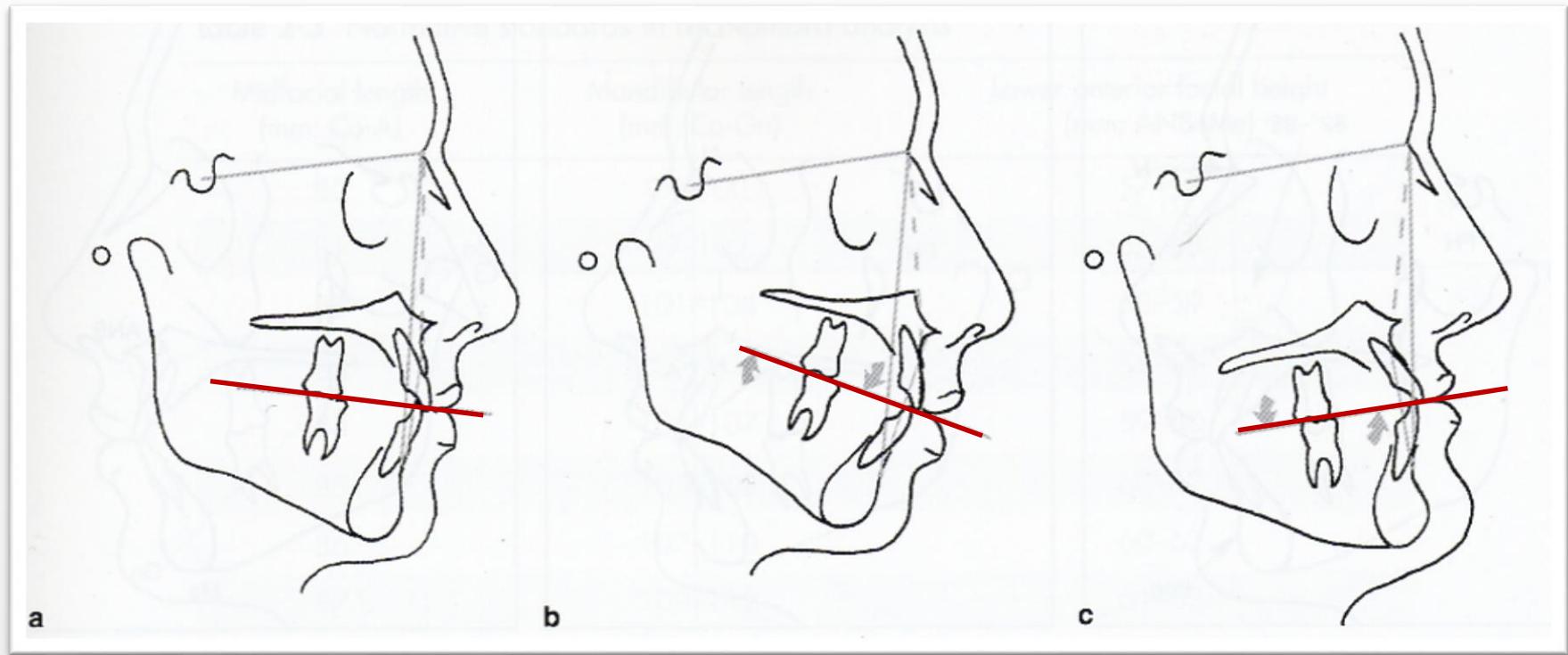
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In this context the **cant of the occlusal plane** is an important parameter, because it is supposed to have significant effects on the soft-tissue profile.

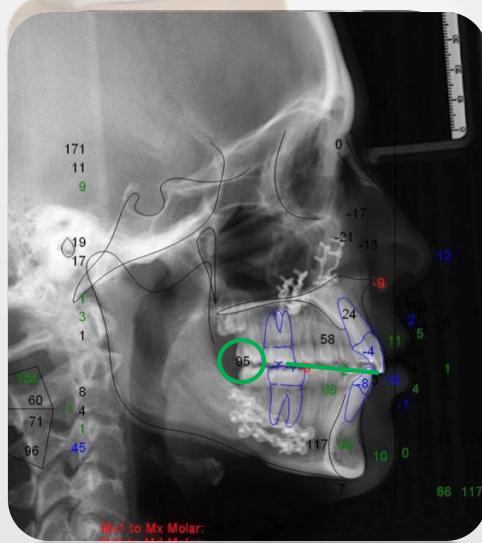
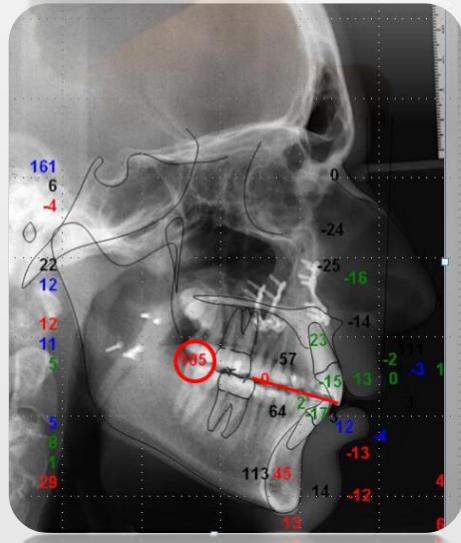
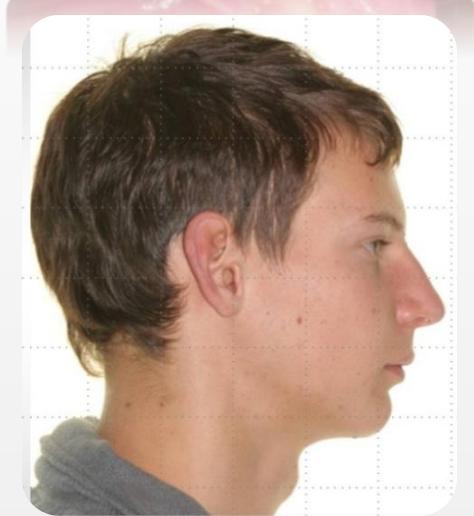


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# Effects of different occlusal plane cants on the profile



- a. Correct OP > harmonious profile = good nose-lip-chin proportion
- b. Steep OP > obtuse nasolabial angle, poor lip & chin projection
- c. Flat OP > acute nasolabial angle, increased lower lip & chin projection





*Edward H. Angle*



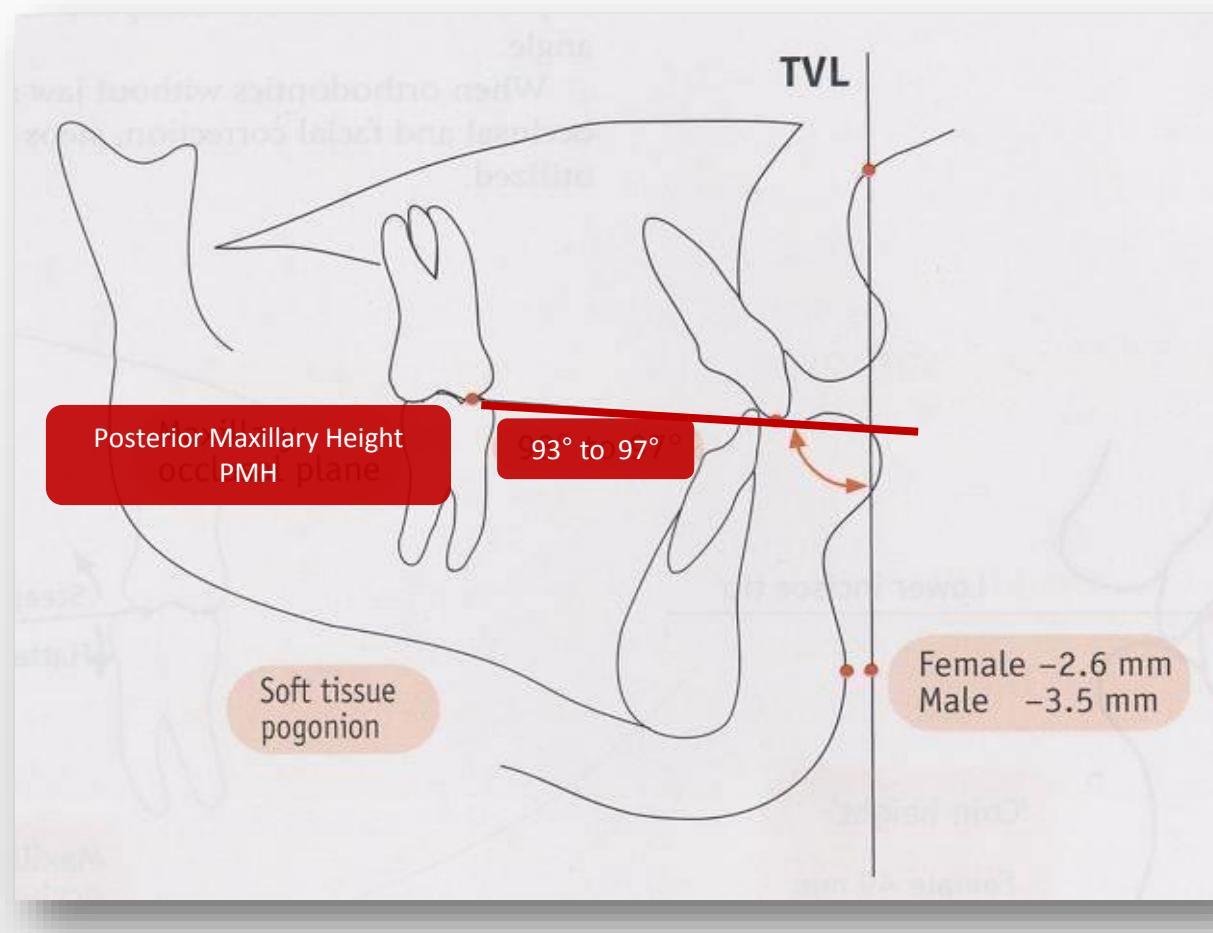
# Is the occlusal plane inclination important for the profile outcome in surgical Class II patients ?

Ute Schneider-Moser, **ANGLE EAST**

# Intentional rotation of the maxillo-mandibular complex

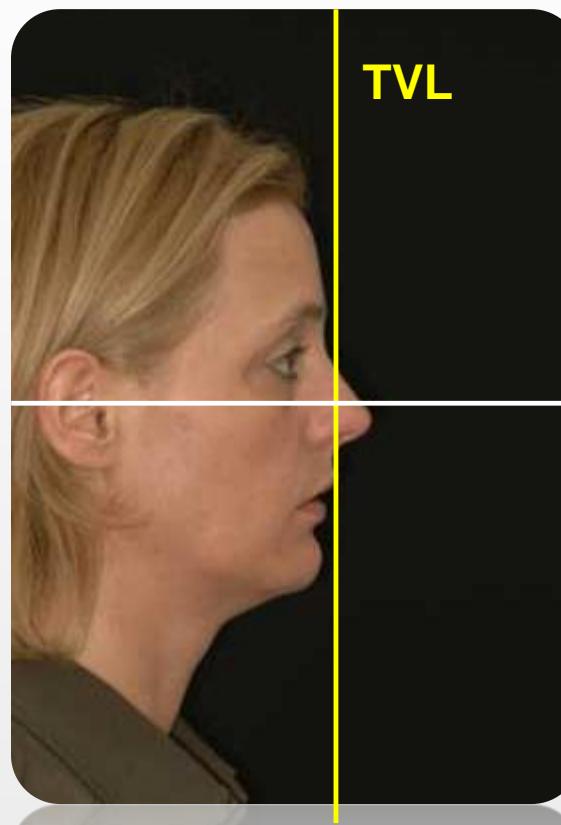
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# Soft-Tissue Cephalometric Analysis ( STCA)



Arnett GW et al:  
Am J Orthod Dentofac Orthop 116 (3): 239-253, 1999.

# Natural Head Position (NHP) & True Vertical Line (TVL)



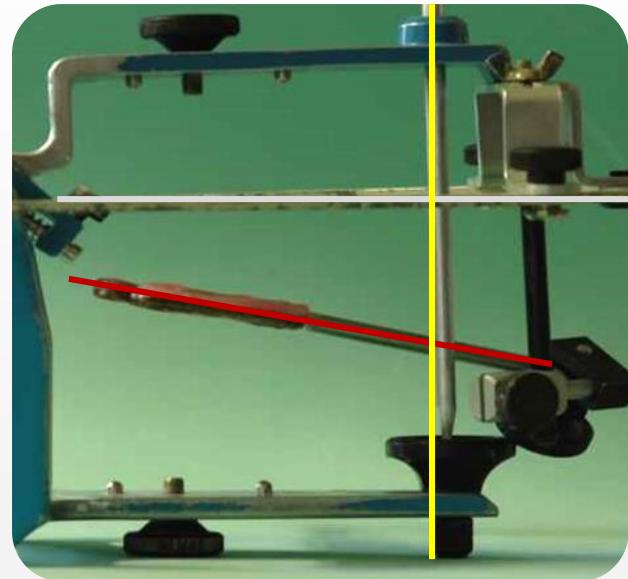
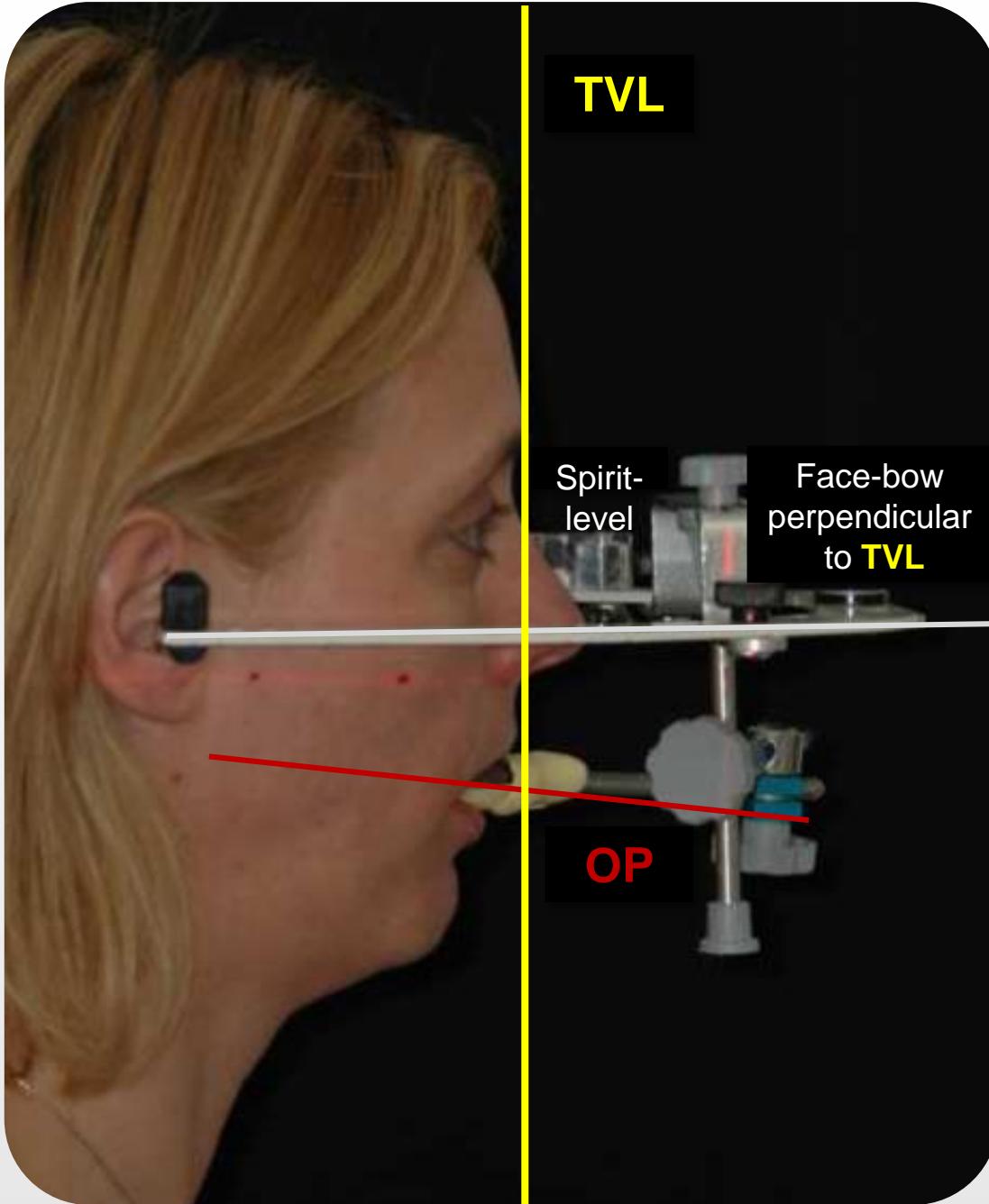
- NHP = Head position while observing an object at the horizon or looking at one's own eyes in a mirror
- *NHP is the most realistic and reproducible head position for diagnosis and tx planning*
- *TVL does not have any correlation with the cranial base or other constructed reference lines as FH, SN +7*

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# Aim of the study

1. **Evaluate** in a customized group of untreated Class I females with excellent soft-tissue profiles = control sample if:
  - the cant of the OP (= PMH) concordes with the standards defined by Arnett
  - the STCA presents differences compared to Arnett's norms
2. **Demonstrate** how surgically induced changes of the cant of the OP determine the soft-tissue profile of Cl II patients
3. **Confirm** that the proposed range between 93-97° for the cant of the Maxillary Occlusal Plane relative to the True Vertical Line is a valid guideline for diagnosis and treatment planning in surgical Class II patients

# MATERIAL

## PATIENT SAMPLE

2 orthodontists , 2 surgeons

Mean age 30,7 yrs

81 surgical  
CII females

## OPERATION

Rigid Internal Fixation

23 single jaw surgery (BSSO)

58 double jaw surgery  
(Le Fort I + BSSO)

# MATERIAL

## CONTROL GROUP

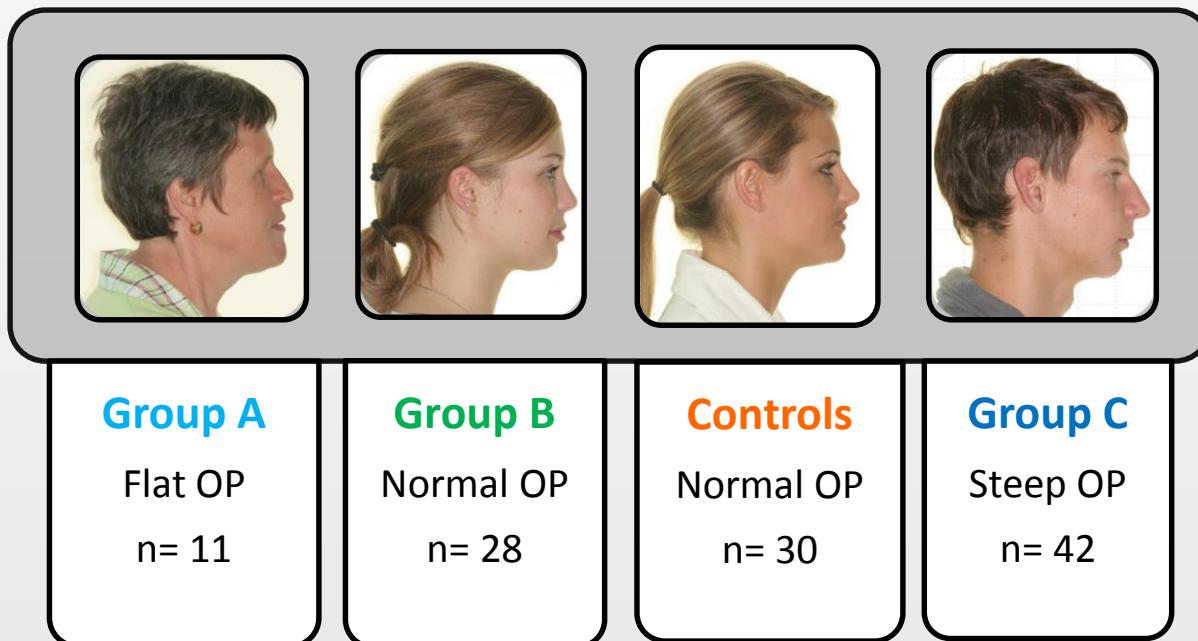
Italian models  
skeletal and dental Class I occlusion  
Mean age 27,6 yrs

30 non-treated  
females



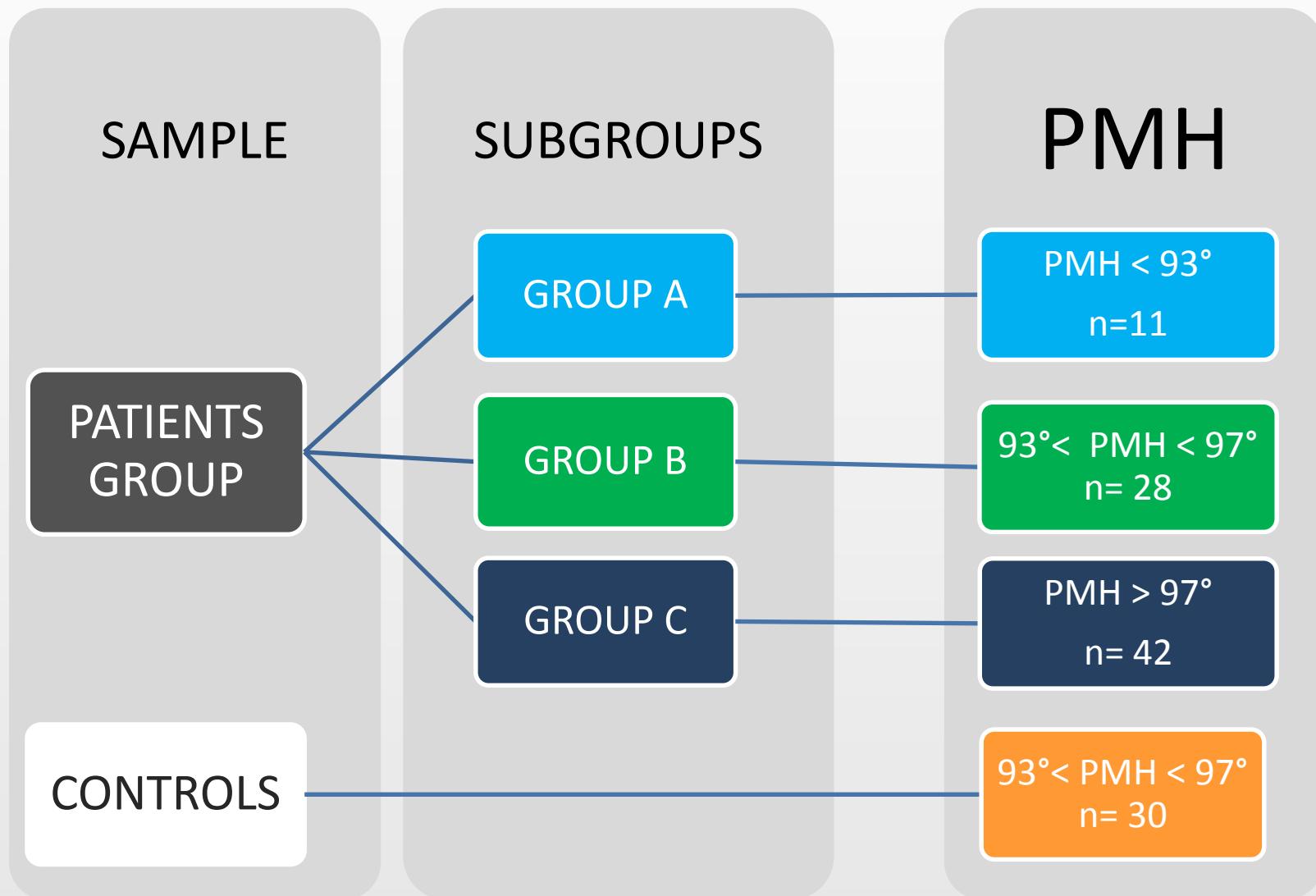
## METHOD

- Post-treatment lateral headfilm taken on the day of debonding
- All lateral headfilm acquired with the same radiograph by the same operator
- NHP with relaxed lips and wax bite in CR
- All digitizations performed by the same operator with the Dolphin 10.0 program
- Division of the patients into sub-groups relative to PMH



- All consecutive measurements related group specifically

# METHOD



# Age conformity

- 1. Test di Komolgorow-Smirnow for normal intragroup distribution
- 2. ANOVA F test di Fisher ( $p= 0.645400$ )

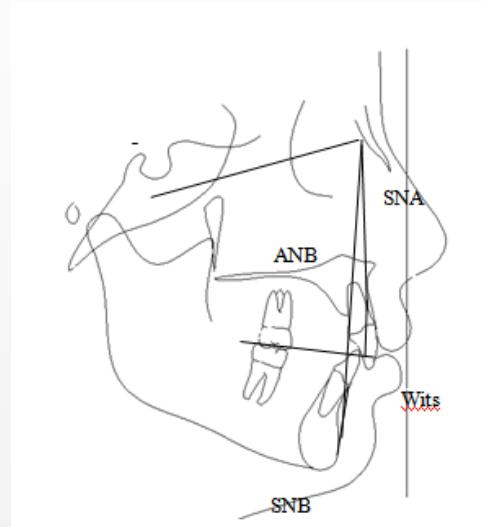
GROUPS	AGE		
	Mean	SD	95% CI
PATIENT GROUP A	32.5	2.9	26.8 to 38.3
PATIENT GROUP B	29.3	1.8	25.7 to 33.0
PATIENT GROUP C	29.9	1.5	26.9 to 32.8
CONTROLS	25.9	1.7	22.5 to 29.3



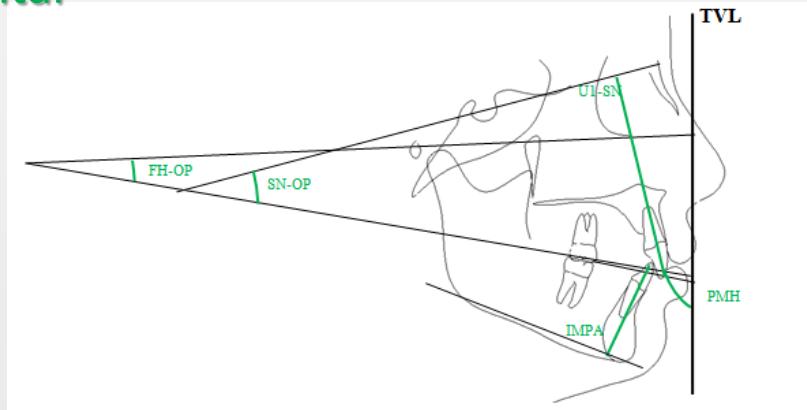
HOMOGENITY OF ALL GROUPS REGARDING AGE

# Analyzed parameters

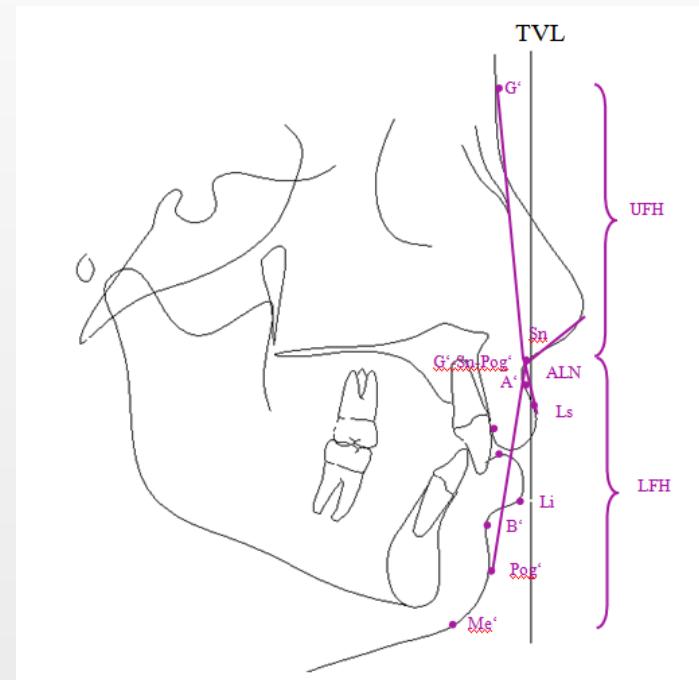
Skeletal



Dental



Soft-tissue



# Error of the method

- After two weeks the lateral headfilms of 1/3 of the patients & controls were remeasured by same operator
- Systematic error (paired t-test for dependent samples) and random error (Dahlberg's formula) were calculated
- None of the parameters showed significant systematic error ( $p < 0.05$ )
- Random error below the natural variability of the SD



NO ERROR FOUND

Variable	Mean	Std.Dv.	Diff.	Std.Dv.	p	Dahlberg Diff.
FH-OP 1	8,6333	4,088700				
FH-OP 2	8,4933	4,036466	0,140	0,93794	0,420280	0,659545
P. MaxHeight1	99,0400	4,528347				
P. MaxHeight2	99,0900	4,671288	-0,050	0,32879	0,411689	0,231301
SN-OP 1	17,0500	5,494872				
SN-OP 2	17,2167	5,438565	-0,167	0,70434	0,205172	0,503653
ST-A 1	-1,2300	1,665916				
ST-A 2	-1,1833	1,685452	-0,047	0,33808	0,455572	0,237346
UL-ant 1	0,6867	2,365513				
UL-ant 2	0,6233	2,396072	0,063	0,40555	0,399365	0,285482
ST-B 1	-7,5400	4,492569				
ST-B 2	-7,6167	4,547912	0,077	0,57517	0,471195	0,403526
ST-Pg 1	-6,1233	5,582463				
ST-Pg 2	-5,9700	5,720872	-0,153	0,73096	0,259961	0,519615
LL-ant 1	-2,0533	3,747434				
LL-ant 2	-2,2067	3,695938	0,153	0,47542	0,087833	0,347851
UL-thick 1	11,7200	0,952094				
UL-thick 2	11,7000	0,922168	0,020	0,24410	0,656935	0,170294
LL-thick 1	11,1567	0,874449				
LL-thick 2	11,1700	0,987910	-0,013	0,26486	0,784726	0,184391
NaslabAng. 1	114,4367	8,820489				
NaslabAng. 2	115,5533	9,568689	-1,117	4,48046	0,182722	3,213435
U1-SN 1	104,7000	5,610335				
U1-SN 2	104,6833	5,974202	0,017	1,24481	0,942047	0,865544
IMPA 1	93,8367	6,092872				
IMPA 2	93,8500	6,154715	-0,013	0,84353	0,931603	0,586515
G-Sn-Pg 1	165,7767	6,059683				
G-Sn-Pg 2	165,9500	5,823895	-0,173	0,99375	0,347294	0,701665
SNA 1	81,3767	2,896214				
SNA 2	81,3400	2,879368	0,037	0,54170	0,713522	0,377492
SNB 1	78,5567	3,477284				
SNB 2	78,4261	3,410929	0,130	0,35926	0,057033	0,266145
ANB 1	2,8333	1,785639				
ANB 2	2,9133	1,844046	-0,080	0,34180	0,210006	0,244268
Wits 1	-0,8400	1,623236				
Wits 2	-0,6833	1,950435	-0,157	1,67095	0,611472	1,166976
Throat I. 1	50,7667	5,747463				
Throat I. 2	50,6500	6,042707	0,117	1,41545	0,655022	0,987505
UFH:LFH 1	98,3000	6,380574				
UFH:LFH 2	98,3033	7,020536	-0,003	1,22544	0,988215	0,851959

# RESULTS

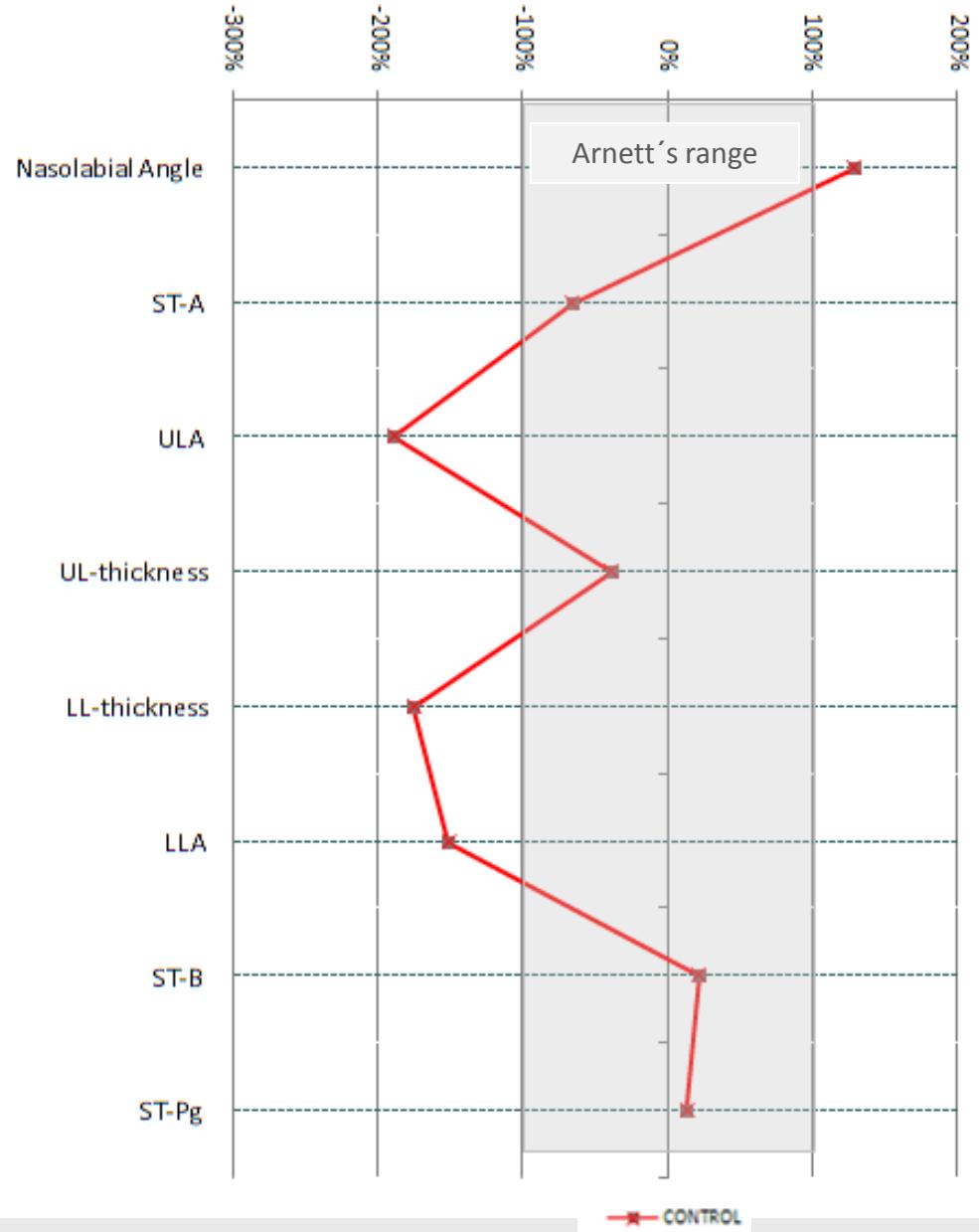
# Control group

## Differences between the Measurements and the Reference Range, n=30

Parameter	Mean	95% Confidence Interval of Mean	Reference Range (Arnett et al.)	Standard Deviation SD	Standard Error SE	Student's t-test p value
ST-A (mm)	-0.8	-1,1 to -0,4	-1.1 to 0.9	0.94	0.17	NS
Upper lip anterior (mm)	1.4	0.9 to 2.0	2.5 to 4.9	1.41	0.25	<0.001***
Upper Lip thickness (mm)	11,5	11,1 to 11,8	10,8 to 14,4	1.30	0.23	NS
Nasolabial angle (degrees)	112,8	110,9 to 114,9	97,2 to 110,8	5,90	0,06	0,04*
Lower lip anterior (mm)	-0,2	-0,9 to 0,4	0,6 to 3,3	1,75	0,31	0,005**
Lower lip thickness (mm)	-11,2	10,8 to 11,5	12,2 to 15,0	0,89	0,16	<0,001***
ST-B (mm)	-2,3	-5,7 to -4,2	-6,8 to -3,8	2,04	0,37	NS
ST-Pg (mm)	-2,3	-3,3 to -1,4	-4,5 to 0,7	2,57	0,46	NS
G'-Sn'-Pg' (degrees)	170,0	169,0 to 170,1	165,7 to 172,4	2,59	0,47	NS
SNA (degrees)	81,0	80,2 to 81,7	80,0 to 84,0	1,99	0,36	NS
SNB (degrees)	78,6	77,8 to 79,3	78,0 to 82,0	2,01	0,04	NS
ANB (degrees)	2,3	2,1 to 2,6	0,0 to 4,0	0,78	0,14	NS
Wits (mm)	0,1	-0,3 to -0,6	-1,0 to 1,0	1,19	0,21	NS
U1-SN (degrees)	103,6	102,1 to 105,1	97,6 to 108,6	4,04	0,72	NS
IMPA (degrees)	93,3	91,7 to 94,9	85,0 to 95,0	4,44	0,80	NS

\*p = .05; \*\*p= .01; \*\*\*p = .001, NS = nonsignificant

*Blue fields* indicate that none of the measured values lies in the standard range.



# Correlation between PMH and the analyzed parameters

PMH	Pearson correlation coefficient			
	r	r <sup>2</sup>	p value	Significance
ST-A	-0.4697	-0.2333	<.001	S
Upper lip anterior	-0.5874	-0.3450	<.001	S
Upper lip thickness	0.3293	0.1084	.003	S
Nasolabial angle	0.5503	0.3028	<.001	S
Lower lip anterior	0.7711	0.5946	<.001	CS
Lower lip thickness	0.1601	0.0256	0.153	NS
ST-B	0.8651	0.7484	<.001	CS
ST-Pg	0.8780	0.7709	<.001	CS
G'-Sn'-Pg'	0.8967	0.8041	<.001	CS

Statistically significant (S) correlation for r between 0.5 to 1.0 or -0.5 to -1.0.

Clinically significant (CS) correlation for r<sup>2</sup> between 0.5 to 1.0 or -0.5 to 1.0.

Non-significant = NS.

# RESULTS Group A

flat OP

Differences between the Measurements and the Reference Range , n= 13

Parameter	Mean	95% Confidence Interval of Mean	Reference Range et al.	Arnett	Standard Deviation SD	Standard Error SE	Student's t-test p value
ST-A	-0.2	-0.8 to '-0.4	-1.1 to 0.9	1.04	0.29		NS
Upper lip anterior	2.6	1.5 to 3.7	2.5 to 4.9	1.77	0.49		NS
Upper lip thickness	10.8	10.0 to 11.7	10.8 to 14.4	1.36	0.38		NS
Nasolabial Angle	105.8	99.0 to 112.5	97.2 to 110.8	11.25	3.12		NS
LLA	2.8	0.9 to 4.7	0.6 to 3.3	3.09	0.86		NS
ST-B	-1.0	-2.8 to 0.9	-6.8 to '-3.8	3.04	0.84		0.006**
ST-Pg	2.7	0.7 to 4.7	-4.5 to '-0.7	3.38	0.94		0.004**
G'-Sn'-Pg'	175.5	173.4 to 177.6	165.7 to 172.4	3.45	0.96		0.007**
SNA	81.8	80.3 to 83.3	80.0 to 84.0	2.55	0.71		NS
SNB	80.9	79.3 to 82.5	78.0 to 82.0	2.64	0.73		NS
ANB	0.88	0.0 to 1.7	0.0 to 4.0	1.39	0.39		NS
Wits	-0.9	-1.6 to '-0.2	-1.0 to 1.0	1.72	0.33		NS
U1-SN	110.6	106.8 to 114.3	97.6 to 108.6	6.17	1.71		0.274
IMPA	90.7	85.0 to 96.4	85.0 to 95.0	9.38	2.60		NS

\*p = .05; \*\*p= .01; \*\*\*p = .001, NS = nonsignificant

*Red fields* indicate that none of the measured values lies in the standard range.

# RESULTS Group B

normal OP

## Differences between Measurements and Reference Range, n=28

Parameter	Mean	95% Confidence Interval of Mean	Reference Range Arnett et al.	Standard Deviation SD	Standard Error SE	Student's t-test p value
ST-A	-0.9	-1.3 to '-0.5	-1.1 to 0.9	1.04	0.20	NS
Upper lip anterior	1.4	0.9 to 1.9	2.5 to 4.9	1.33	0.25	<0.001***
Upper lip thickness	11.4	11.0 to 11.9	10.8 to 14.4	.120	0.23	NS
Nasolabial Angle	112.9	110.8 to 114.9	97.2 to 110.8	5.29	1.00	0.016*
Lower lip anterior	-0.2	-0.8 to 0.5	0.6 to 3.3	1.72	0.32	0.045*
ST-B	-5.0	-5.5 to '-4.5	-6.8 to -3.8	1.30	0.25	NS
ST-Pg	-2.4	-2.9 to '-1.9	-4.5 to -0.7	1.26	.024	NS
G'-Sn'-Pg'	169.7	169.2 to 170.3	165.7 to 172.4	1.43	0.27	NS
SNA	81.7	80.5 to 82.8	80.0 to 84.0	2.95	0.56	NS
SNB	79.6	78.4 to 80.8	78.0 to 82.0	3.02	0.57	NS
ANB	2.1	2.0 to 2.6	0.0 to 4.0	1.25	0.24	NS
Wits	-0.4	-1.9 to 1.1	-1.0 to 1.0	2.48	0.69	NS
U1-SN	105.2	103.2 to 107.1	97.6 to 108.6	5.01	0.95	NS
IMPA	91.7	89.0 to 94.5	85.0 to 95.0	7.14	1.35	NS

\*p = .05; \*\*p= .01; \*\*\*p = .001, NS = nonsignificant

# RESULTS Group C

## steep OP

Differences between the Measurements and the Reference Range, n= 37

Parameter	Mean	95% Confidence Interval of Mean	Reference Range (Arnett et al.)	Standard Deviation SD	Standard SE	Error	Student's t-test p value
ST-A	-1.6	-2.1 to -1.2	-1.1 to 0.9	1.35	0.21		0.019*
Upper lip anterior	-0.2	-0.8 to 0.4	2.5 to 4.9	1.92	0.30		<0.001***
Upper lip thickness	12.0	11.5 to 12.4	10.8 to 14.4	1.36	0.22		NS
Nasolabial Angle	118.4	115.8 to 121.0	97.2 to 110.8	8.03	1.27		<0.001***
Lower lip anterior	-3.9	-4.7 to -3.1	0.6 to 3.3	2.57	0.41		<0.001***
ST-B	-10.5	-11.4 to -9.7	-6.8 to -3.8	2.61	0.41		<0.001***
ST-Pg	-9.8	-10.8 to 8.8	-4.5 to -0.7	3.11	0.49		<0.001***
G'-Sn'-Pg'	161.6	160.6 to 162.5	165.7 to 172.4	2.88	0.46		<0.001***
SNA	81.0	80.2 to 81.9	80.0 to 84.0	2.65	0.42		NS
SNB	76.9	76.1 to 77.8	78.0 to 82.0	2.67	0.42		0.016*
ANB	4.0	3.6 to 4.4	0.0 to 4.0	1.28	0.20		NS
Wits	-0.1	-0.7 to .0.6	-1.0 to 1.0	2.00	0.32		NS
U1-SN	102.0	100.5 to 103.6	97.6 to 108.6	4.83	0.76		NS
IMPA	96.8	95.1 to 98.5	85.0 to 95.0	5.33	0.84		0.040*

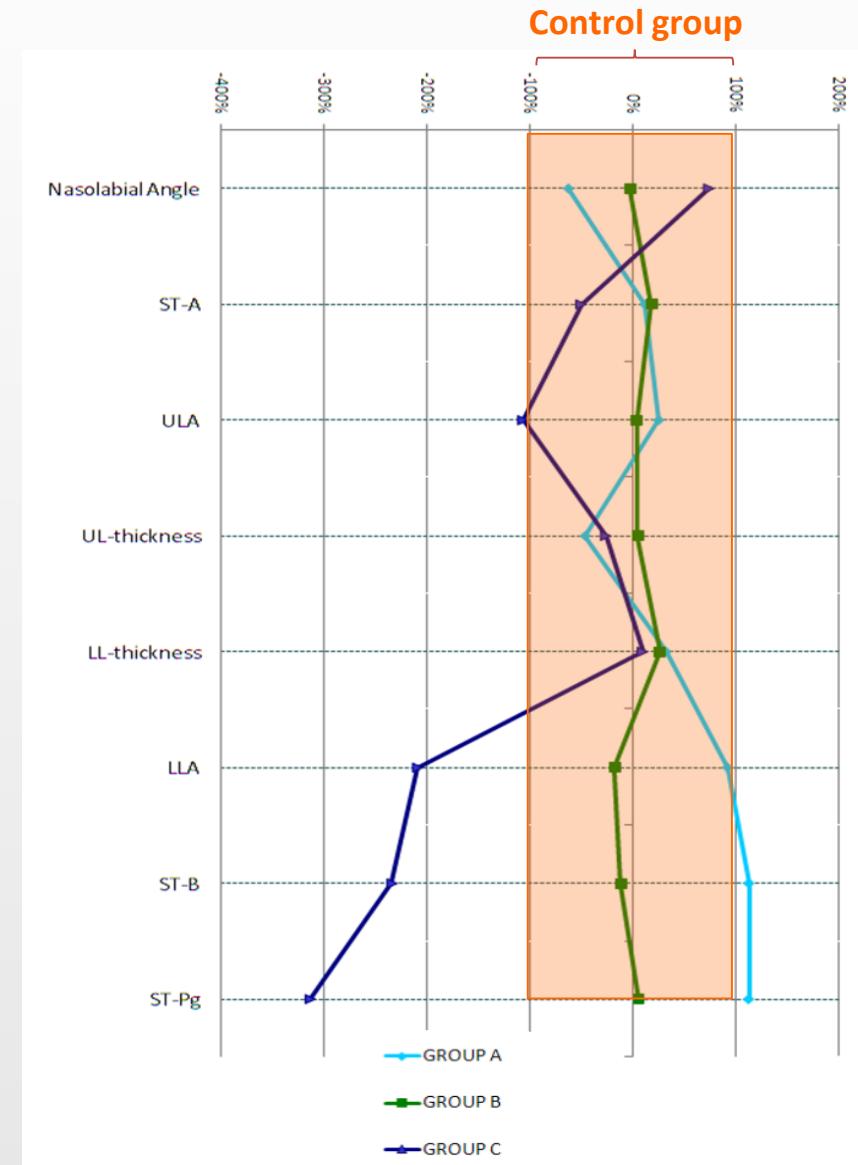
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# Summary

A normal cant of the OP is associated with proportionate relationships of nose, lips & chin

A flat OP leads to a increased chin prominence

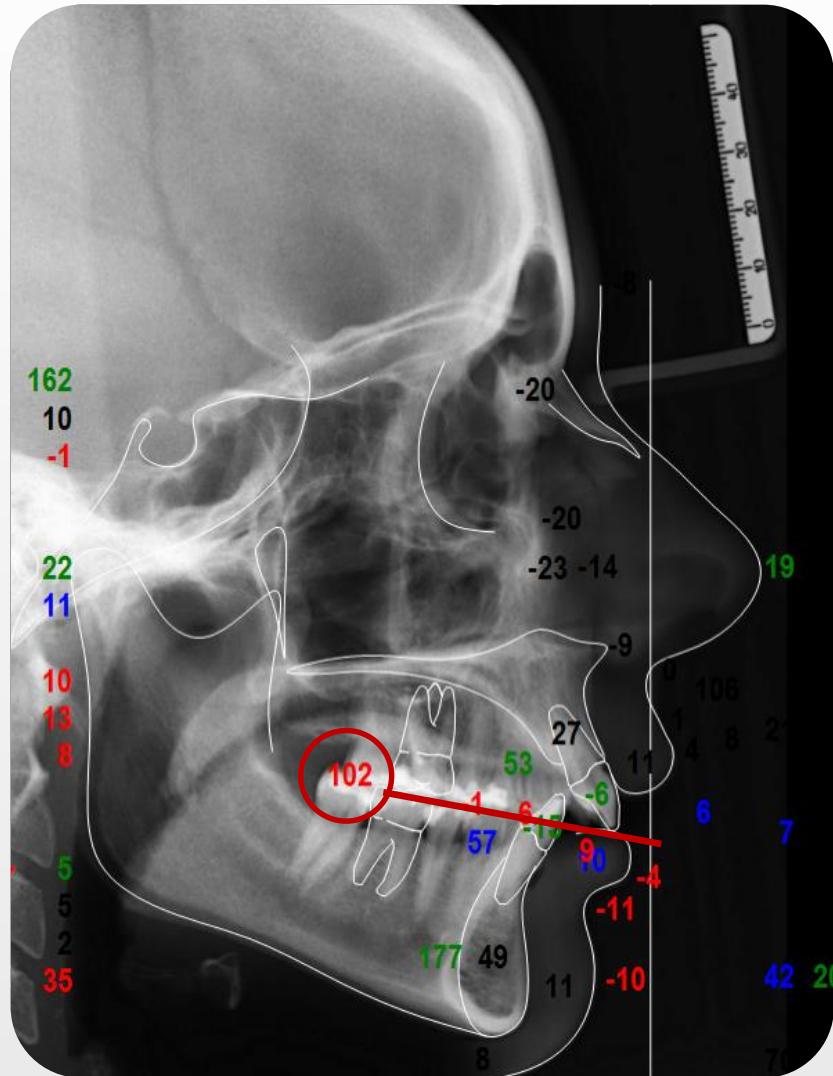
A steep OP determines retrusive lips & insufficient chin projection



*So what?*

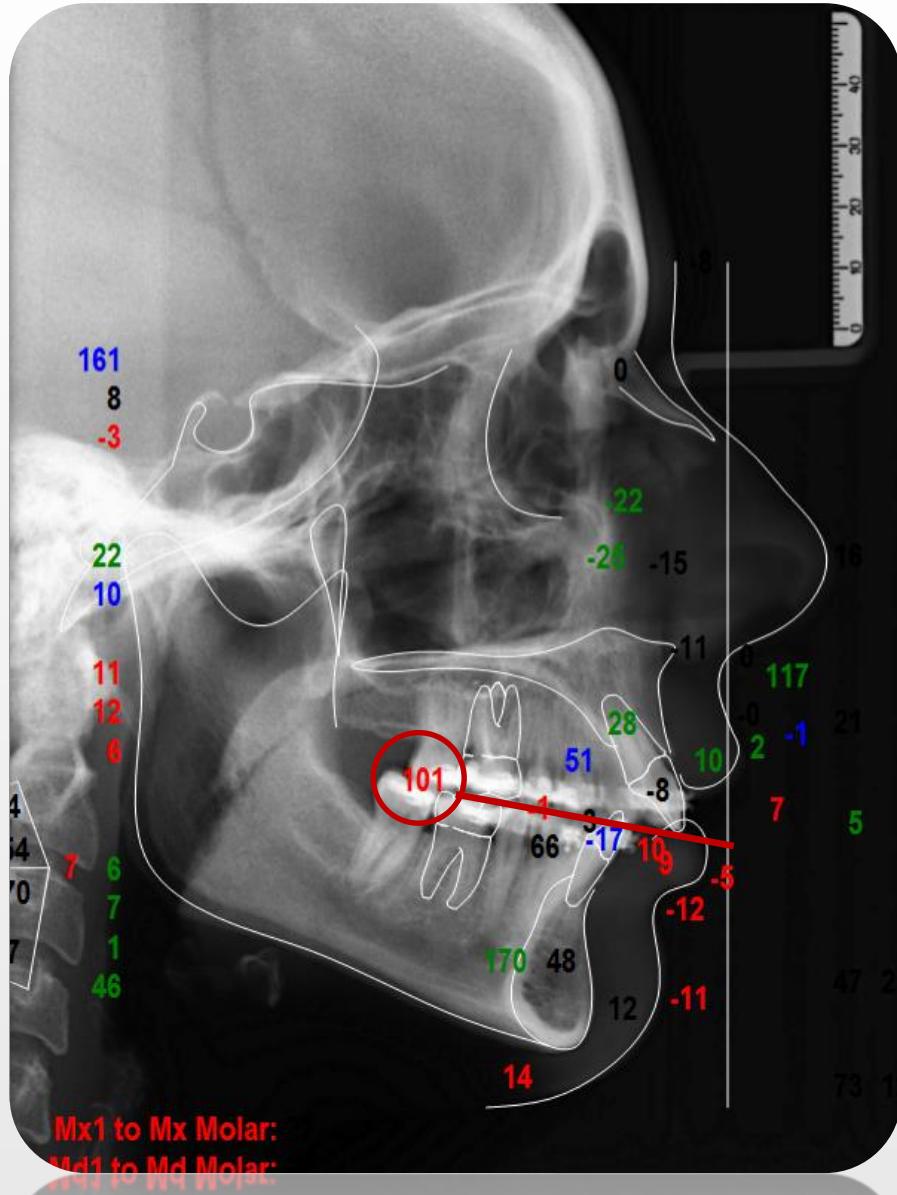










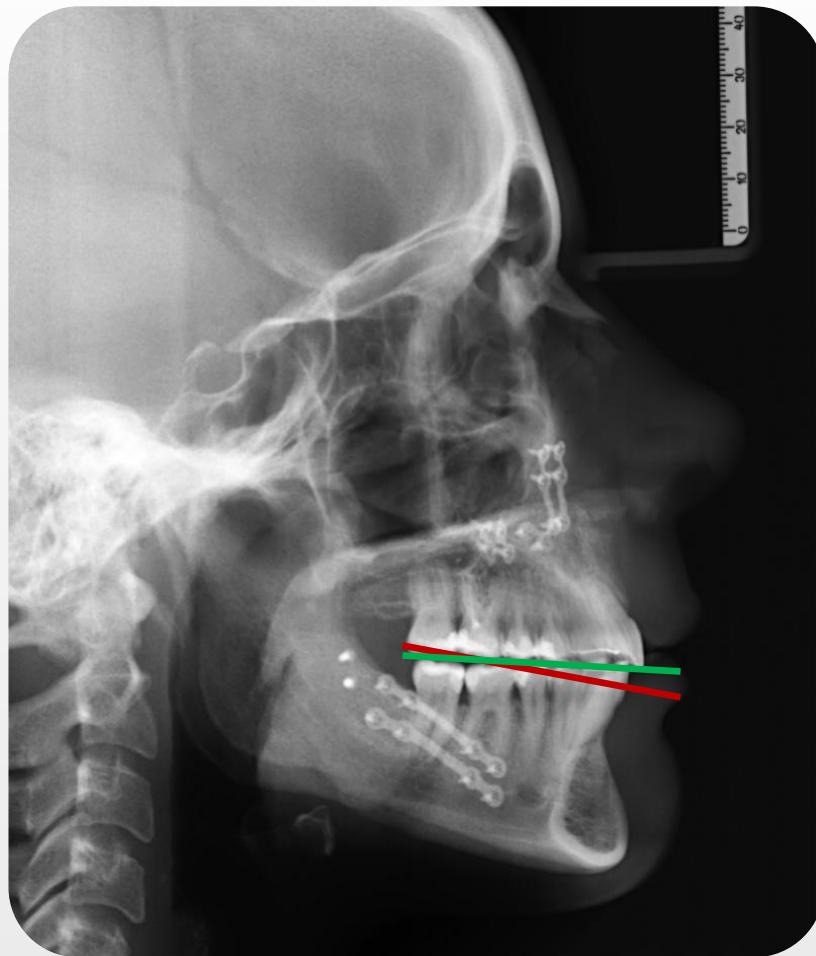
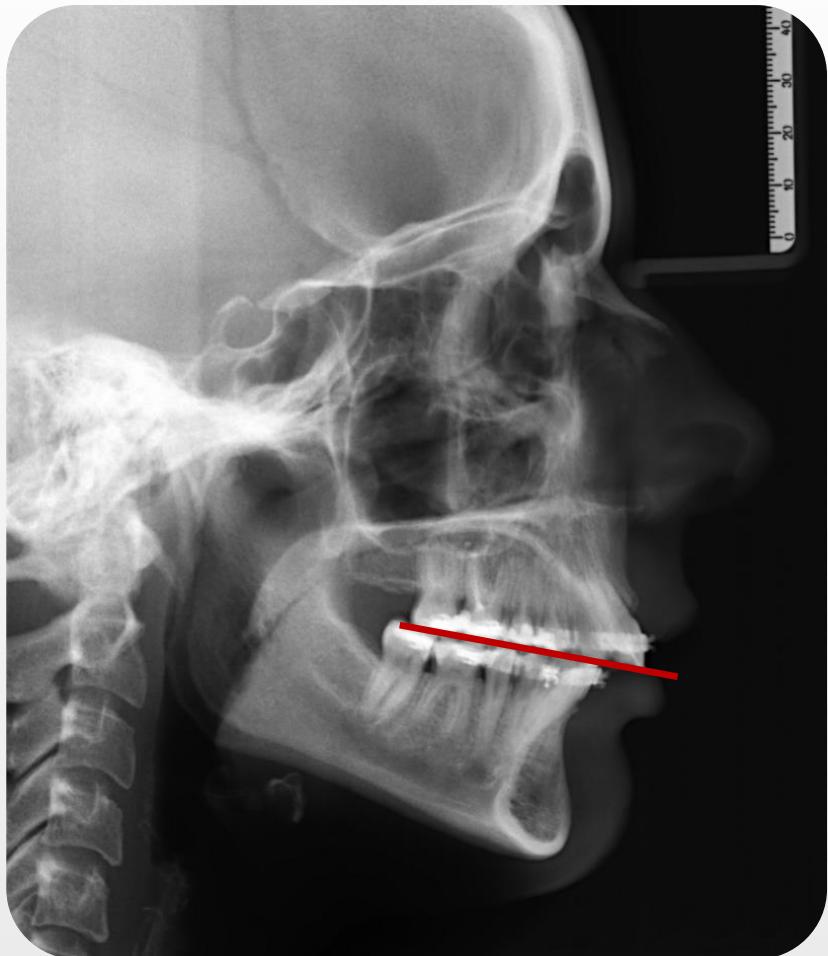




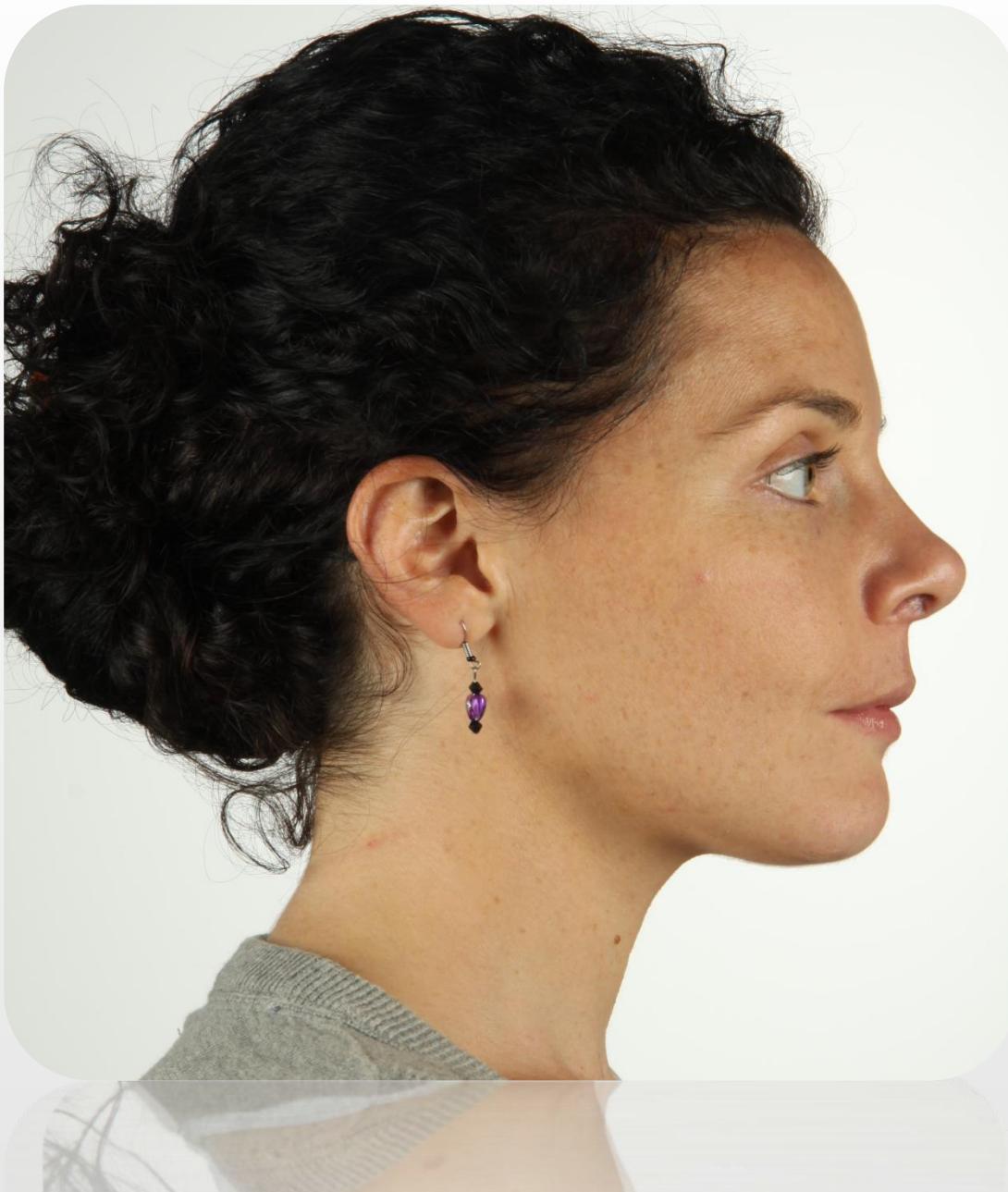






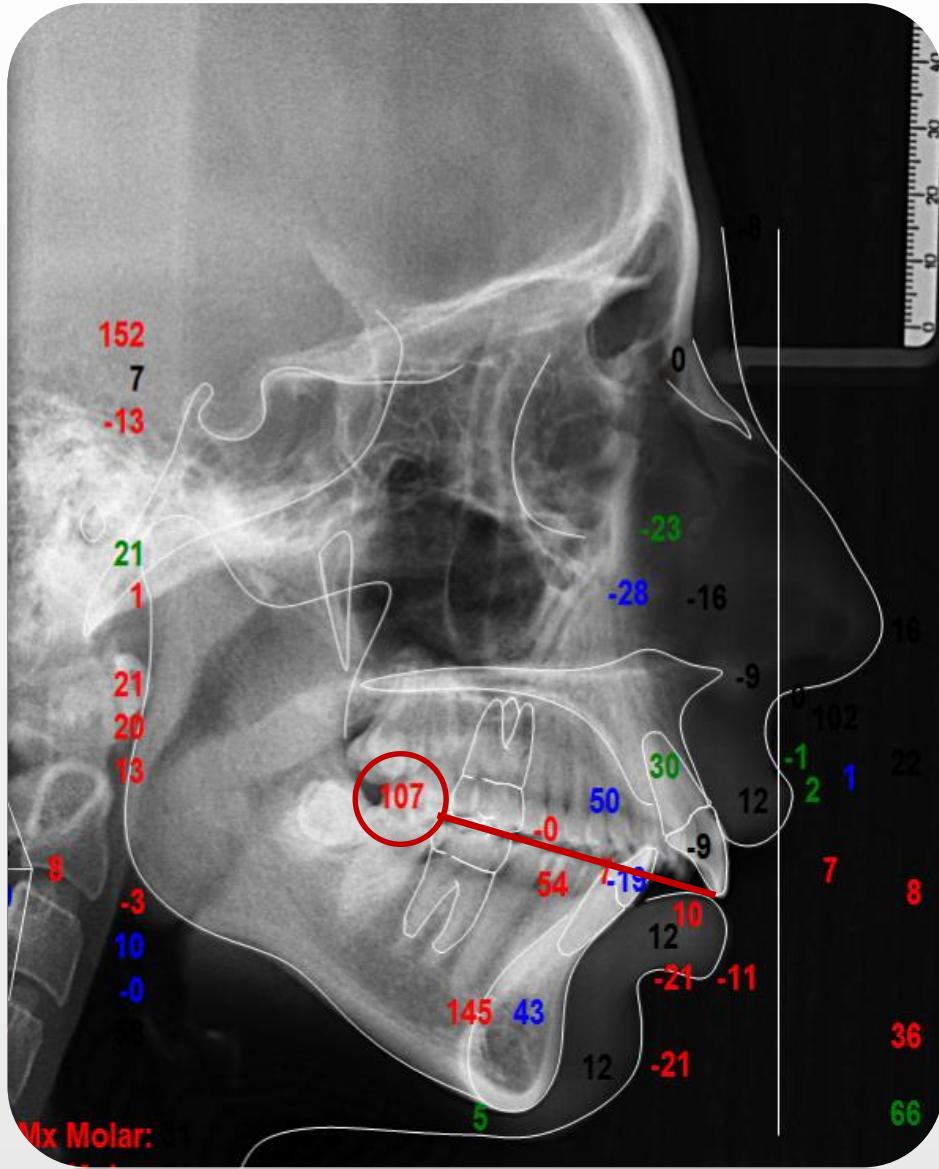




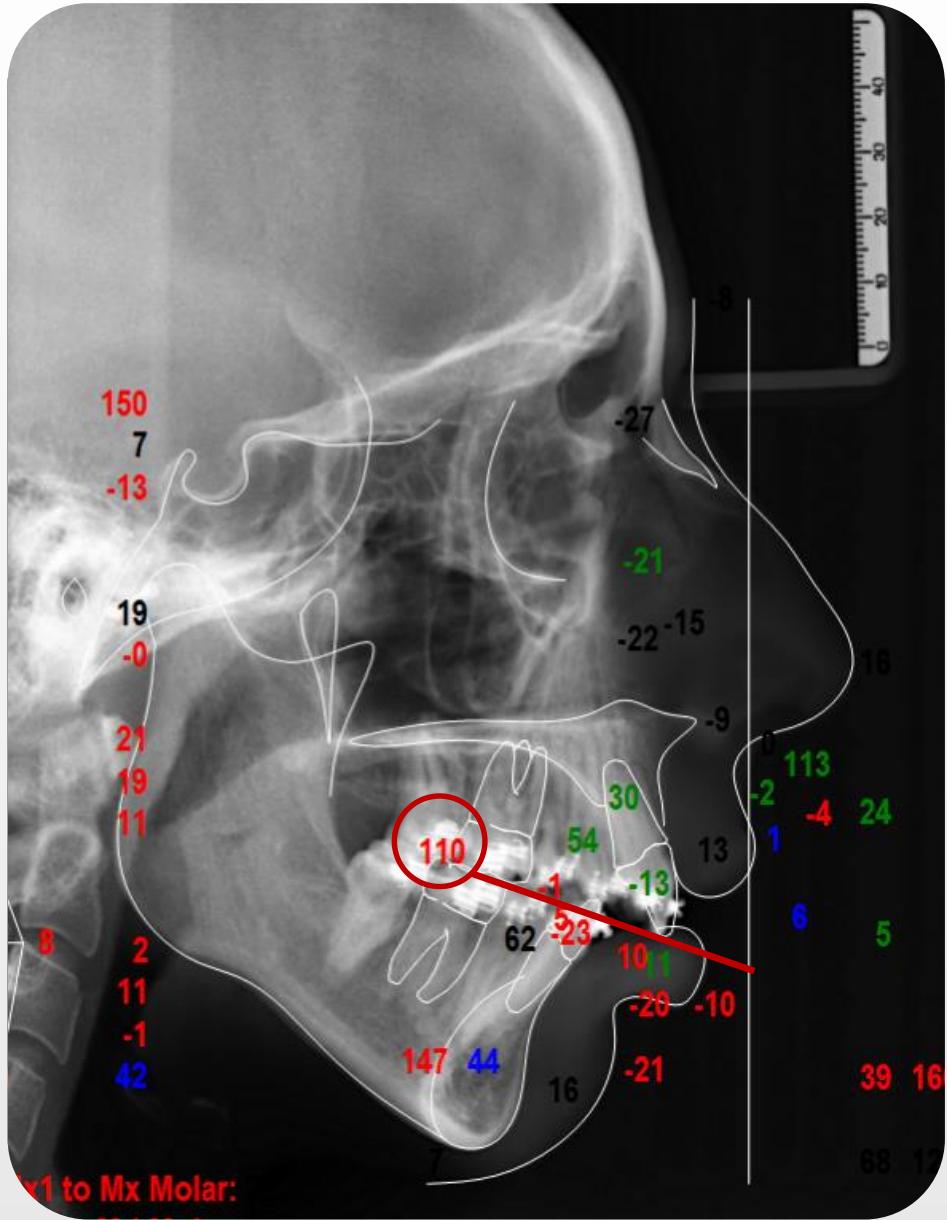


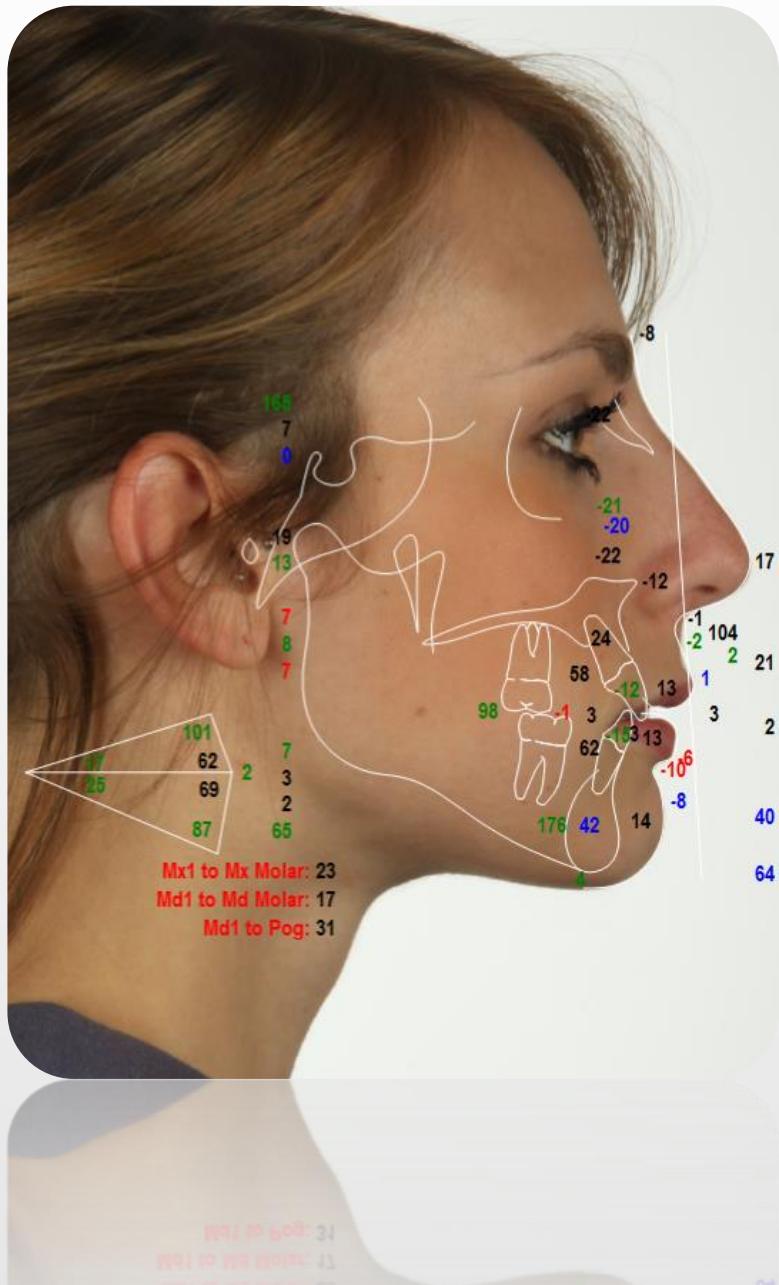
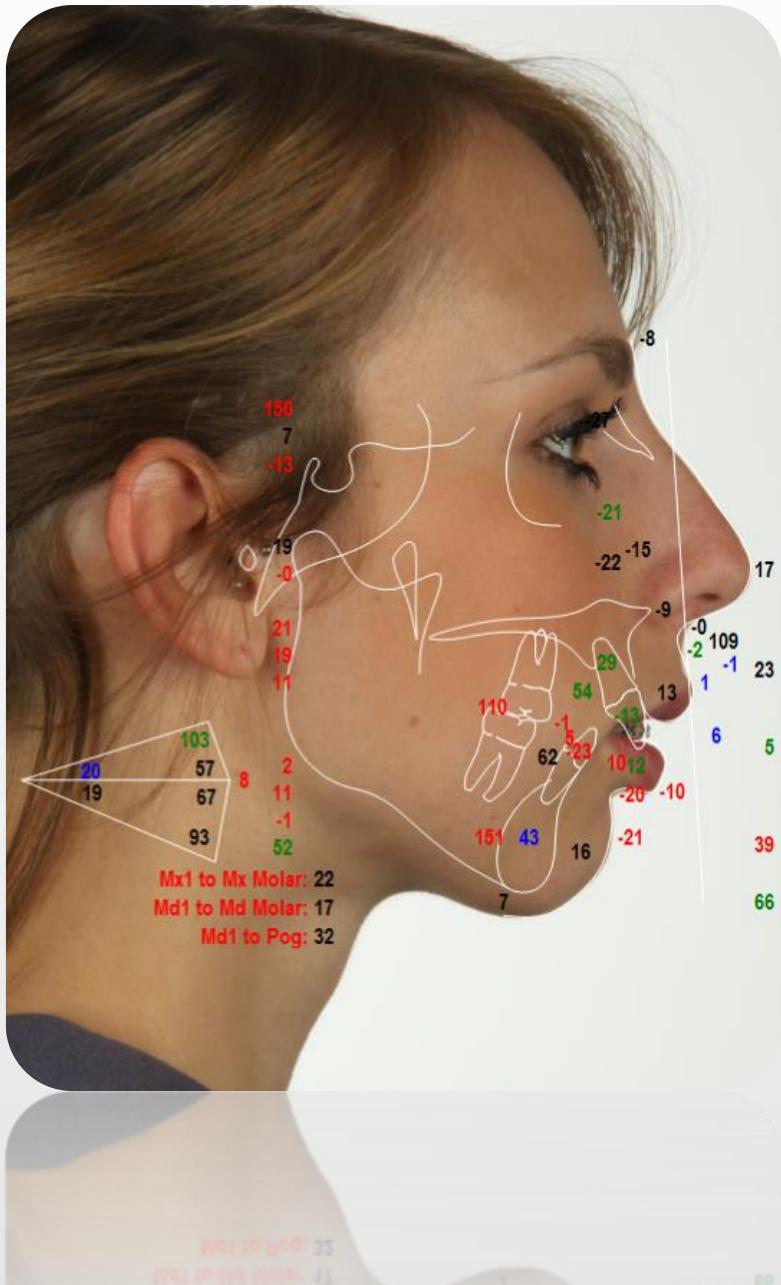






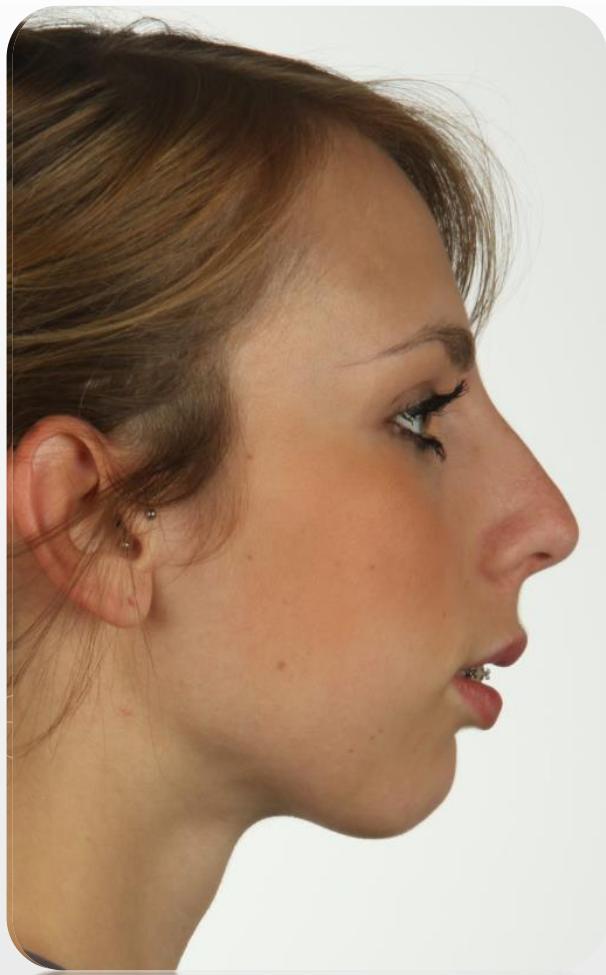


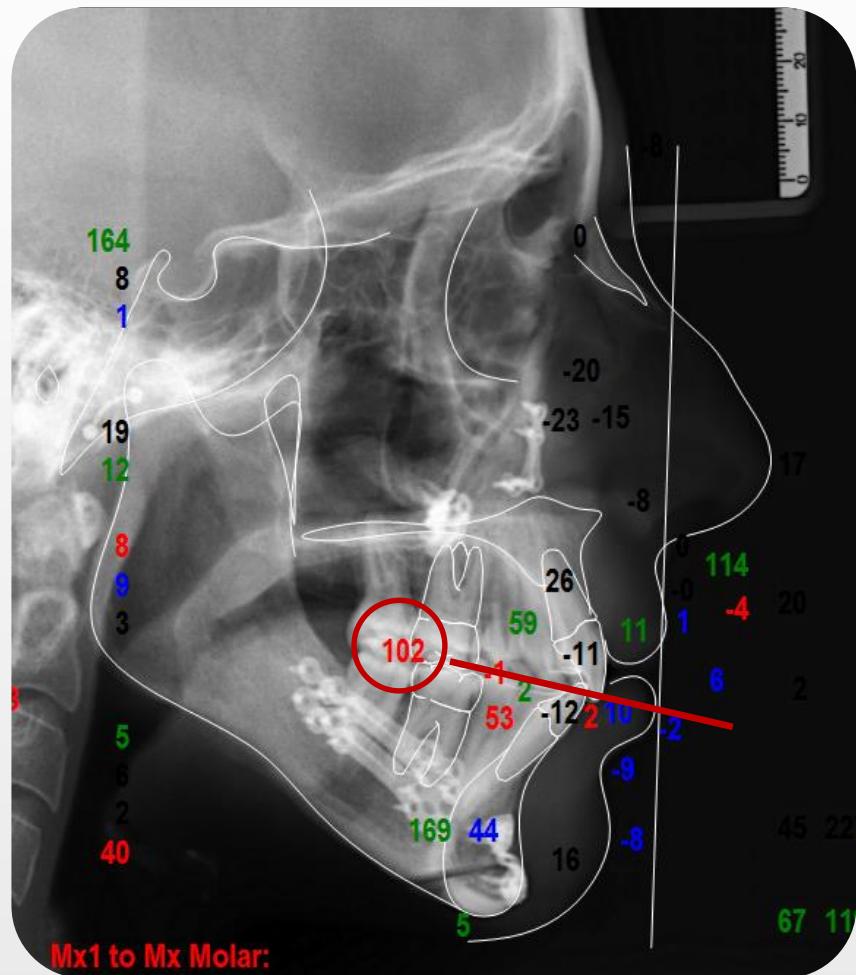
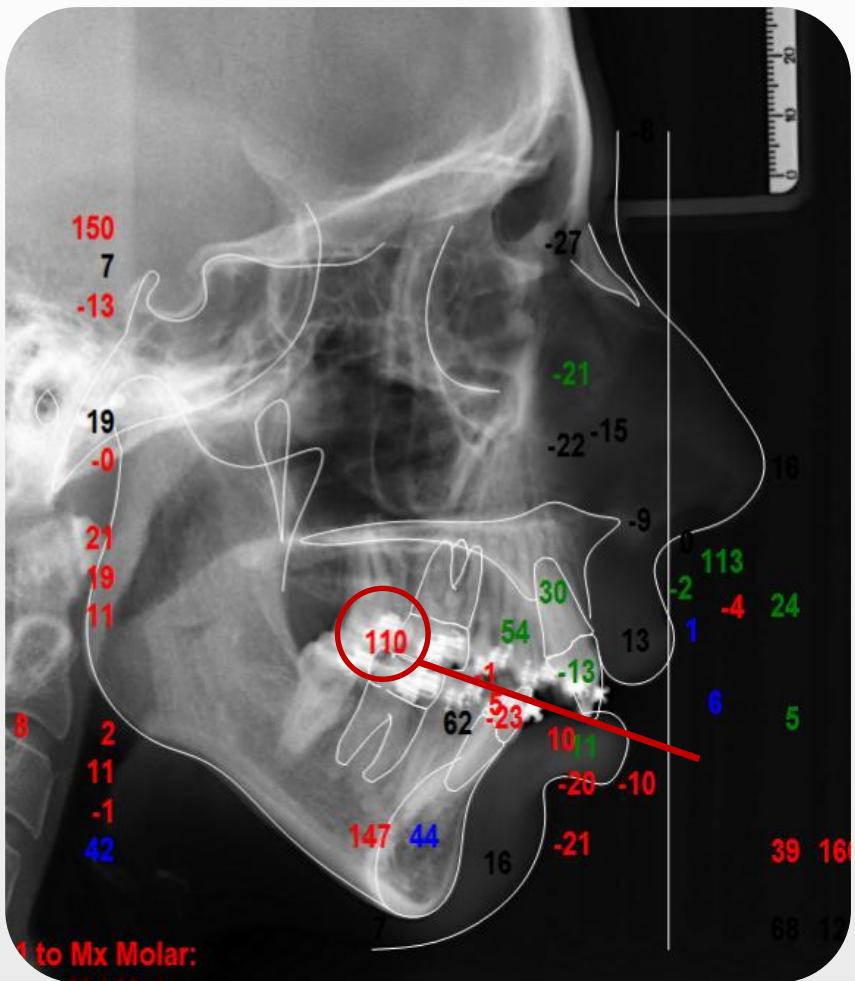


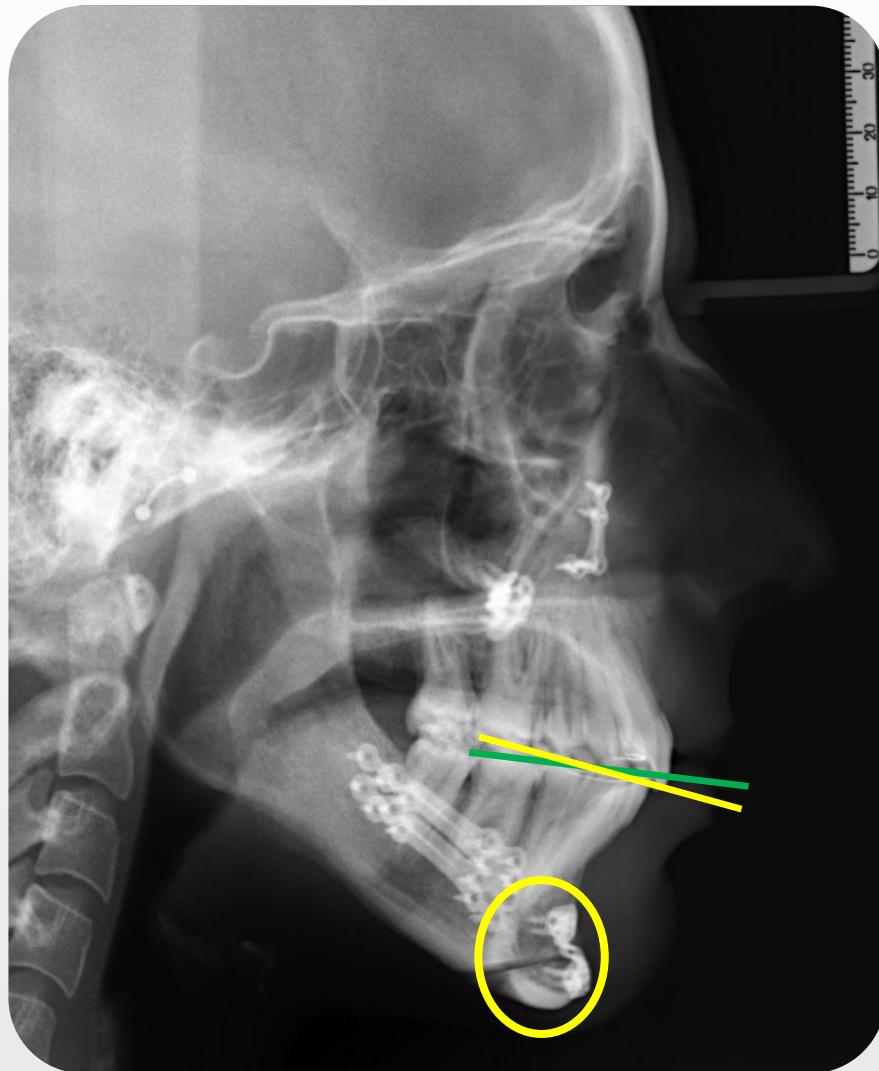
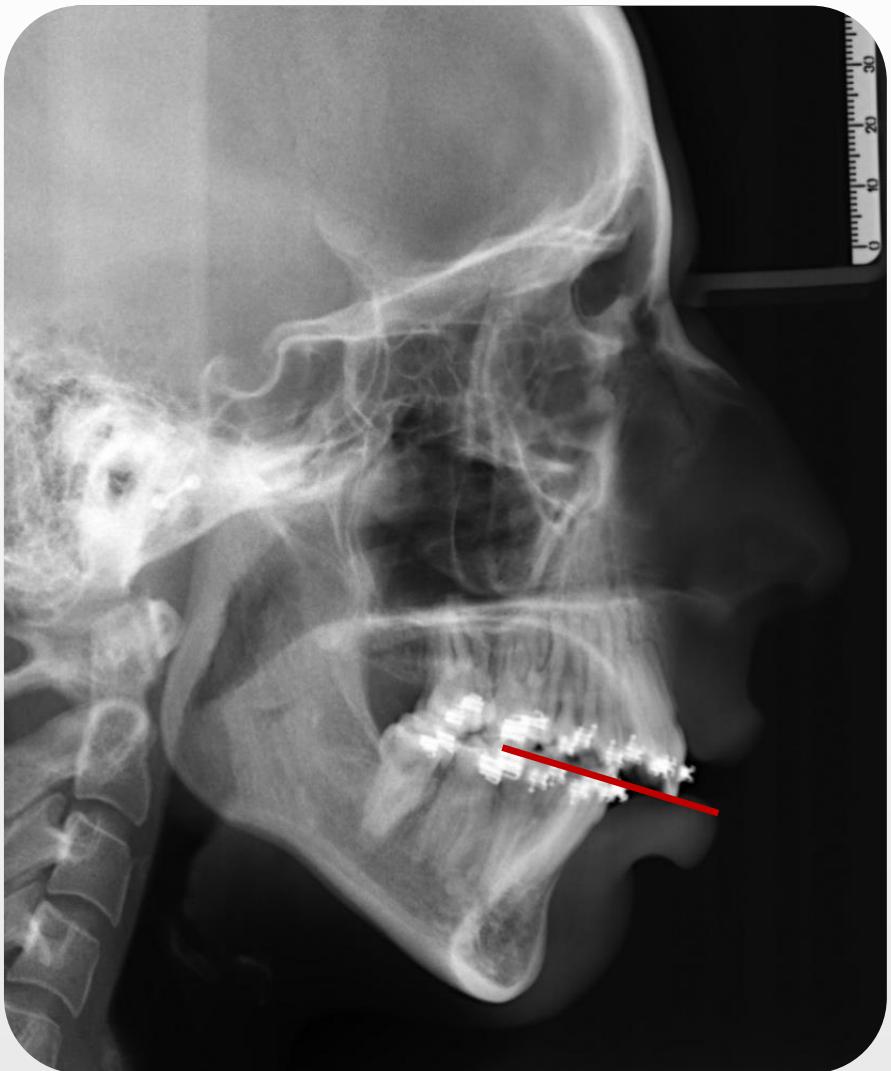


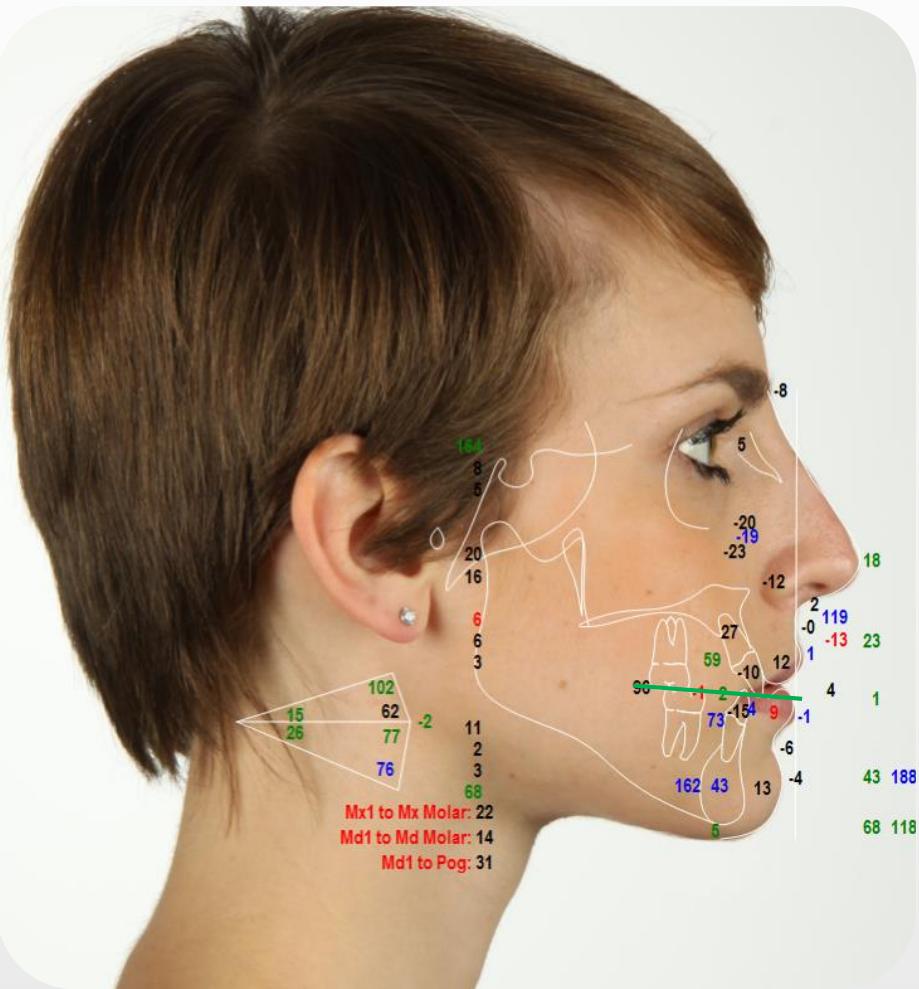
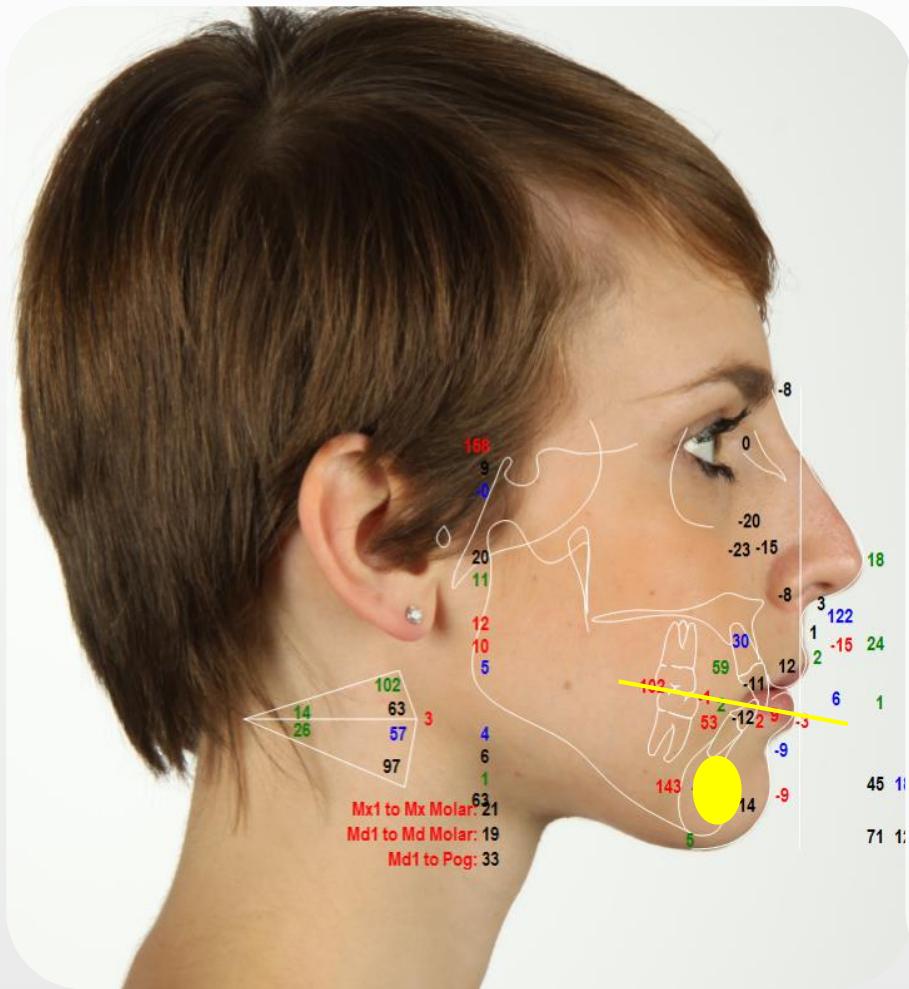














# CONCLUSION

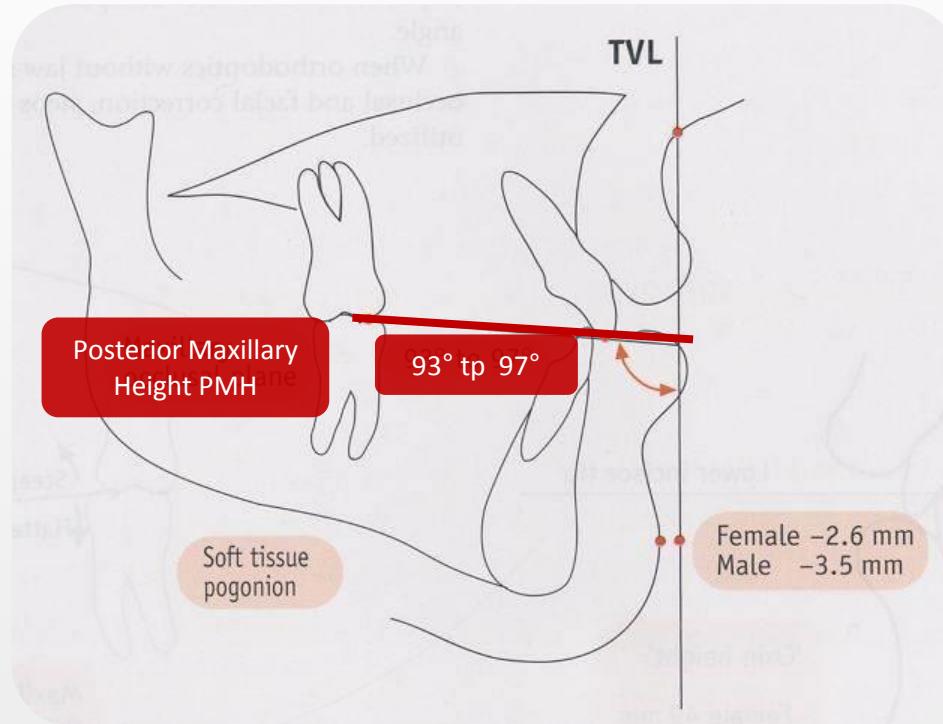
Taking so-called “Esthetic profile standards” as reference for diagnosis and treatment planning is justified, but should be done with critical attitude because of ethnic or age-related differences especially at the lip level.



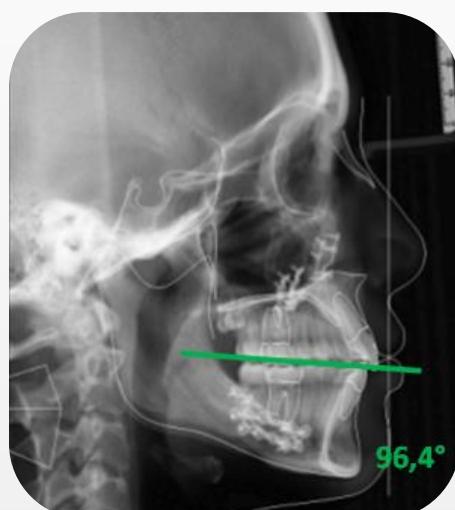
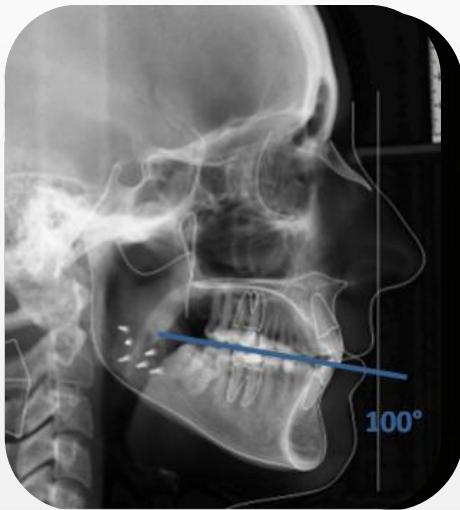
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**A significant cause-effect correlation exists between the occlusal plane inclination and lower lip and chin projection, while the effect on the midface is below clinical importance.**

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A range between **93°-97°** for PMH can be considered a viable guideline for diagnosis and treatment planning.



# CONCLUSION

**Two-jaw surgery with rotation of the maxillo-mandibular complex to deliberately change the cant of the OP can significantly improve the soft-tissue profile.**

**Trying to compensate a postsurgical steep OP only by a genioplasty cannot achieve optimal soft-tissue profiles.**



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# “CAVEAT SPECTATOR”



“Watch (Read) it at least three times;  
first to see what it is all about;  
secondly, to see what it says; and  
thirdly, in an ***attitude of friendly hostility***.”

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