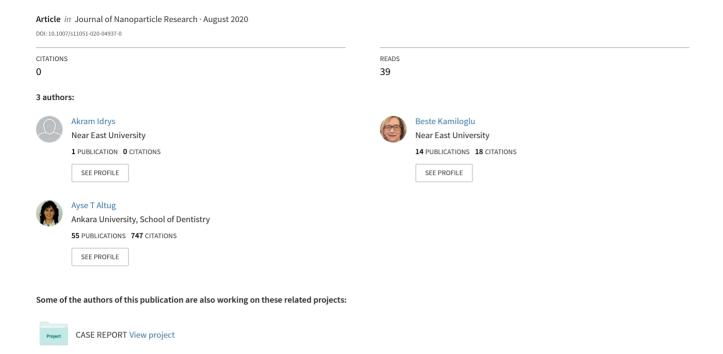
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Abstract The aim of this study was to evaluate tooth crown size in patients with cleft lip and palate (CLP), right cleft lip and palate (RCLP), and left cleft lip and palate (LCLP) subtypes and compare them between each other and between class I control group. A total of 110 patients, 55 patients' records with CLP (28 male, 27 female) and the same number of 55 patients' records with class I (27 male, 28 female) as control group, have been included. All plaster models were scanned with dental scanner and then analyzed using digital program to measure tooth size. When comparing right and left side of LCLP group, mesio-distal (MD) and labio-lingual (LL) dimensions of the centrals have the significant difference, where the largest dimensions were the right centrals (p < 0.05). When comparing right and left side of RCLP group, labio-lingual (LL) dimensions of the canines have the significant difference, where the largest

group, there were no significant differences between right and left sides. There was a significant mean difference in Centrals MD, Centrals LL, and Canines LL (p < 0.05) between all groups when comparing the right sides and left sides alone, where class I group has the largest mean between all groups. Cleft lip and palate patients were noticed to have significant dental anomalies that affect the number, shape, and size of the teeth. These anomalies can impair function and affect the psychology of the patients. Therefore, a dental analysis focusing on restoring the esthetics as much as function should be considered when treating these patients. Dental materials with nanoparticles ranged from 1 to 100 nm showed to have better integration with dental tissues and the future of nanotechnology is very exciting in dental practice.

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Introduction

Orofacial clefts, which include cleft lip, cleft palate, and cleft lip and palate, resemble a range of disorders affecting the lips and oral cavity of which the causes remain largely unknown. Effects on speech, hearing, appearance, and psychology can lead to long-lasting adverse outcomes for health and social integration. Affected children have higher morbidity and mortality throughout life than do unaffected individuals where they need



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multidisciplinary care—nursing, plastic surgery, maxillofacial surgery, speech therapy, audiology, psychology, genetics, orthodontics, and dentistry—from birth until adulthood to manage the condition (Christensen et al. 2004; Ngai et al. 2005; Jaks'ić et al. 2002)

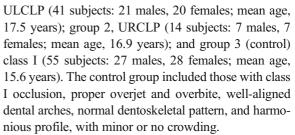
Around the 6th week of embryogenesis, the medial nasal processes fuse with one another and with the maxillary processes on each side leads to the formation of the upper lip and the primary palate. The paired palatal shelves, which initially grow vertically down the sides of the developing tongue, rise to a horizontal position above the tongue and come into contact and fuse to form the secondary palate, which happens around the 8th week of embryogenesis. Then the secondary palate fuses with the primary palate and the nasal septum. These fusion processes are complete by the 10th week of embryogenesis. Any insult during these periods can disrupt the development processes resulting in clefts of the lip or/and palate (Mitchell 2007).

With improved ultrasound screening, the management of this condition starts prenatally by early detection which allows the parents to be counseled and prepared for the arrival of the child. Since a child with CLP will have difficulty sucking milk, suitable bottles are now available for babies with clefts. Some centers use acrylic plates designed to help feed the baby. Lip repair surgery usually is done by the age of 3 months. At 9 months, hard and soft palate repair is undertaken to separate the nasal cavity from the oral cavity and to facilitate normal velopharyngeal function and closure for comprehensible speech. Before the time of permanent upper canine eruption at 9–10 years old, an alveolar bone grafting surgery is carried out to provide an intact arch to allow canine eruption (Mitchell 2007).

Since CLP patients deal with a considerable physiological and psychological impairment during a long period of their lives and since the physiological damage is due to their upper palate, upper arch and/or upper lip is considerably large; this study aims to test the theory that CLP would not only affect the surrounding tissues of the maxillary teeth but also the teeth. To do that, we collected digital models of CLP patients' casts and compared them with normal patients' casts.

Materials and methods

We examined the pretreatment orthodontic digital dental casts of 110 patients, divided into 3 groups: group 1,



All patients were adolescents in the permanent dentition stage. All plaster casts of CLP patients were selected from the archives of the Department of Orthodontics at Ankara University in Turkey. Plaster casts of (class I) patients were selected from the archives of the Department of Orthodontics at the Near East University in TRNC. Only Caucasian patients with good-quality dental casts were included. Casts with large restorations or crowns were excluded from the study.

All plaster casts were scanned using an intraoral scanner (3Shape TRIOS® 3 intraoral scanner). Measurements were done by using a digital software (3Shape Ortho Viewer. Ink) according to the method of Hunter and Priest (Stuart Hunter and Priest 1960), as follows: MD, the longest distance between the anatomic mesial to the distal contact point; LL (diameter), measured the longest distance between the labial and lingual surface of the tooth perpendicular to the MD axis of the tooth (Figs. 1 and 2). The same examiner (A.I.) made all the measurements to eliminate interexaminer variability.

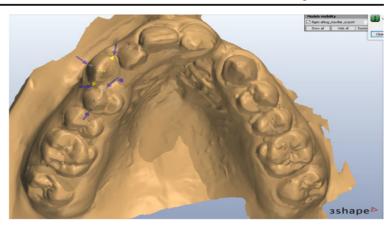
Statistical analysis

Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS software version 25. Descriptive analyses were presented using means, standard deviations, median, minimum, and maximum values for continuous data. The variables are investigated using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to determine whether or not they are normally distributed. Homogeneity of the variances between the groups was tested by Leneve's test. Since the variables were normally distributed, two independent samples t test was used to compare the affected and not affected groups. Since the variables are not normally distributed, the Mann-Whitney U test was used to compare these groups. Since the variables are normally distributed and variances are homogeneous, an ANOVA test was used to compare three groups' means. If the variances are not homogenous, the Welch ANOVA was used to compare three group's means. Tukey's or Dunnett's T3 test which is appropriate was performed to test the



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Fig. 1 Mesio-distal dimension of the right canine, labio-palatal dimension of the right canine, and mesio-distal dimension of the right premolar in a CLP patient



significance of pairwise differences. Since the variables are not normally distributed, the Kruskal-Wallis test was conducted to compare the medians of three groups. The Mann-Whitney U test was performed to test the significance of pairwise differences using the Bonferroni correction adjusting for multiple comparisons. A 5% type-I error level was used to infer a statistical significance.

Results

We found 17% of the teeth were congenitally absent in the CLP groups. In the RCLP group, mostly laterals were absent with a percentage of 64%. And in the LCLP group, also laterals were absent with a percentage of 85% with canines and second premolars next with 29%. Also, several malformation of the teeth has been noticed; 83 teeth of a total of 546 teeth of the CLP groups were malformed. Enamel hypoplasia was mostly noticed, then followed by peg-shaped teeth mostly laterals and polydiastima (spacing of the teeth). And the less noticed are supernumerary teeth, macrodontia, and mulberry molars.

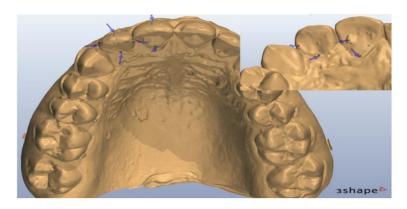
Fig. 2 Mesio-distal dimension of the right lateral, labio-palatal dimension of the right lateral, and labio-palatal dimension of the right central in a class I patient

In group 1, there is only a statistically significant mean difference between the right and left centrals' mesiodistal and between right and left centrals' labiolingual measurements between affected and not affected sides p < 0.05. In these measurements, not affected (right) side has a higher mean than the affected (left) side (Table 1).

In group 2, there is only a statistically significant mean difference in the right and left canines' labiolingual measurement between the affected and not affected sides p < 0.05. In this measurement, the affected (right) side has a higher mean than the not affected (left) side (Table 2).

In group 3, there is no statistically significant mean difference between the right side and left side (p > 0.05). Table 3 shows the values of mesiodistal and labiolingual measurements of the right and left sides of class III (control group).

When comparing the (right) sides between all three groups, we found a statistically significant mean difference in centrals' mesiodistal, centrals' labiolingual, and canines' labiolingual measurements





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Table 1 Group 1: left side (affected) vs right side (not affected)

	Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
11_21 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	40 39	8.5256 8.1916	.76112 .65370	8.6170 8.3850	6.69 6.93	10.07 9.51	0.040 ^a *
	Total	79	8.3607	.72531	8.3960	6.69	10.07	
11_21 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	40 39	7.2669 6.8671	.67359 1.02318	7.2195 6.9360	5.53 3.93	8.57 9.01	0.045 ^a *
	Total	79	7.0695	.88168	7.1350	3.93	9.01	
12_22 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	33 6	6.7853 7.0307	.83940 81581	6.8010 7.2205	5.37 5.90	8.69 8.11	0.481 ^b
	Total	39	6.8231	.83003	6.8700	5.37	8.69	
12_22 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	33 6	6.5002 6.3573	1.02840 2.05609	6.5630 6.0035	3.53 4.13	8.30 9.87	0.608 ^b
	Total	39	6.4782	1.20399	6.5630	3.53	9.87	
13_23 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	34 29	7.7761 7.9270	.59561 .54877	7.8365 7.9820	6.77 6.88	9.19 9.50	0.303 ^a
	Total	63	7.8455	.57495	7.9380	6.77	9.50	
13_23 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	34 29	7.9774 7.8343	.85308 1.11391	7.8710 7.7540	6.25 5.92	9.67 9.72	0.566 ^a
	Total	63	7.9115	.97615	7.8310	5.92	9.72	
14_24 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	38 37	7.1650 7.2773	.61328 .57579	7.1380 7.1430	6.16 6.36	9.10 8.42	0.416 ^a
	Total	75	7.2204	.59375	7.1430	6.16	9.10	
14_24 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	38 37	9.4916 9.4285	.70026 .84320	9.5530 9.3930	7.42 7.47	10.53 11.00	0.416 ^a
	Total	75	9.4605	.76946	9.5320	7.42	11.00	
15_25 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	32 29	6.8641 6.9015	.60793 .68660	6.9525 6.7680	5.52 5.81	8.30 8.66	0.822 ^a
	Total	61	6.8819	.64132	6.9070	5.52	8.66	
15_25 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	32 28	9.5123 9.3332	.87808 .94229	9.6245 9.3145	7.03 6.32	10.83 10.52	0.449 ^a
	Total	60	9.4287	.90530	9.5345	6.32	10.83	
16_26 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	41 38	10.5248 10.4134	.79192 .74566	10.3340 10.2850	8.92 9.11	12.63 12.69	0.523 ^a
	Total	79	10.4712	.76713	10.3190	8.92	12.69	
16_26 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	41 38	11.5789 11.4581	.81837 .67291	11.6820 11.5760	9.65 10.09	13.47 12.95	0.477 ^a
	Total	79	11.5208	.74962	11.6030	9.65	13.47	

^a Two independent samples *t* test

between groups (p < 0.05). And pairwise comparisons between groups were evaluated by the Mann-Whitney U test. The Bonferroni adjustment was done to the p values for centrals' mesiodistal measurement. For centrals' mesiodistal measurement, there was a statistically significant difference between group 2 and group 3 (p = 0.000), and group 1 and group 3

(p = 0.023). Group 3 mean was higher than in other groups. For centrals' labiolingual and canines' labiolingual measurements, pairwise comparisons between groups were evaluated by Dunnett's T3 test. For 11 labiolingual measurements there was a statistically significant difference between group 2 and group 3 (p = 0.019), and group 1 and group 3 (p = 0.019)



^b Mann-Whitney U test

^{*}p < 0.05 statistically significant

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Table 2 Group 2: right side (affected) vs left side (not affected)

	Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
11_21 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	13 13	8.0500 8.4244	.65515 .77699	8.0250 8.0580	6.90 7.36	9.21 9.78	0.448
	Total	26	8.2372	.72956	8.0415	6.90	9.78	
11_21 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	13 13	6.6717 7.1340	1.05282 79175	6.7120 7.2080	4.87 5.90	8.69 8.28	0.311
	Total	26	6.9028	.94261	7.0115	4.87	8.69	
12_22 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	5 10	6.1044 6.8386	1.35437 .46042	6.5980 6.9935	4.24 6.04	7.53 7.41	0.371
	Total	15	6.5939	.88809	6.9590	4.24	7.53	
12_22 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	5 10	6.4518 6.6572	.68087 1.02988	6.4390 6.7305	5.69 4.56	7.46 8.53	0.594
	Total	15	6.5887	.90793	6.6270	4.56	8.53	
13_23 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	14 12	7.9679 7.8860	.55343 .39504	8.0100 7.7910	6.81 7.38	8.95 8.64	0.494
	Total	26	7.9301	.47924	7.8525	6.81	8.95	
13_23 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	14 12	7.1626 8.0844	1.19831 .52602	7.2745 8.1345	5.36 7.18	8.80 9.11	0.046*
	Total	26	7.5880	1.04311	7.7105	5.36	9.11	
14_24 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	14 14	7.0101 7.0969	.43525 .36846	7.1040 7.1515	6.18 6.12	7.76 7.72	0.635
	Total	28	7.0535	.39816	7.1110	6.12	7.76	
14_24 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	14 14	9.4838 9.5668	.57902 .49084	9.3810 9.6120	8.52 8.68	10.65 10.38	0.571
	Total	28	9.5253	.52840	9.5055	8.52	10.65	
15_25 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	13 14	6.6535 6.6566	.57232 .38838	6.5020 6.6500	5.87 5.94	7.98 7.23	0.793
	Total	27	6.6551	.47603	6.5580	5.87	7.98	
15_25 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	13 14	9.7302 9.7228	.33034 .47213	9.6880 9.6980	9.32 8.67	10.53 10.53	1.000
	Total	27	9.7263	.40228	9.6880	8.67	10.53	
16_26 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	14 14	10.5967 10.5485	.64503 .81929	10.5145 10.6255	9.38 8.49	11.62 11.77	0.910
	Total	28	10.5726	.72396	10.5400	8.49	11.77	
16_26 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	14 14	11.6861 11.5416	.56718 .64033	11.7635 11.5745	10.79 10.43	12.76 12.46	0.701
	Total	28	11.6139	.59810	11.7635	10.43	12.76	

Mann-Whitney U test *p < 0.05 statistically significant

0.015). Group 3 mean was higher than in other groups. For canines' labiolingual measurement, there was a statistically significant difference between group 2 and group 3 (p = 0.002), and group 1 and group 3 (p = 0.004). Group 3 mean was higher than in other groups (Table 4).

When comparing the left sides between all three groups, we found a statistically significant mean difference in centrals' mesiodistal, centrals' labiolingual,

and canines' labiolingual measurements between groups p < 0.05. For centrals' mesiodistal measurement, pairwise comparisons between groups were evaluated by the Tukey test. For centrals' mesiodistal measurement, there was a statistically significant difference between group 1 and group 3 (p = 0.000). Group 3 mean was higher than in other groups. For centrals' labiolingual and canines' labiolingual measurements, pairwise comparisons between groups



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Table 3 Group 3: right side vs left side

	Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
11_21 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	55 55	8.9449 8.8957	.61011 .64256	9.0040 9.0820	7.65 7.71	10.20 10.08	0.618
	Total	110	8.9203	62415	9.0570	7.65	10.20	
11_21 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	55 55	7.6335 7.5550	.51155 .50848	7.6280 7.6240	6.14 5.93	9.30 8.70	0.421
	Total	110	7.5943	.50920	7.6260	5.93	9.30	
12_22 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	55 55	6.9742 7.0040	.57324 .55712	6.9270 6.9250	5.83 5.98	8.09 8.31	0.783
	Total	110	6.9891	.56284	6.9260	5.83	8.31	
12_22 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	55 55	6.7656 6.8025	.48806 .54865	6.8010 6.8820	5.40 5.54	7.81 8.29	0.710
	Total	110	6.7841	.51719	6.8320	5.40	8.29	
13_23 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	55 55	8.0486 8.0133	.45978 .47500	8.0130 7.9850	7.03 7.05	8.91 9.14	0.693
	Total	110	8.0309	.46564	8.0070	7.03	9.14	
13_23 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	55 55	8.5512 8.3736	.65920 .74919	8.5360 8.5070	7.02 6.40	10.75 9.87	0.190
	Total	110	8.4624	.70803	8.5225	6.40	10.75	
14_24 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	55 55	7.2772 7.2816	.50322 .49436	7.2400 7.2670	6.28 6.30	8.42 8.36	0.963
	Total	110	7.2794	.49653	7.2620	6.28	8.42	
14_24 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	55 55	9.4156 9.4173	.61129 .63326	9.4320 9.4700	8.06 7.81	10.43 10.82	0.989
	Total	110	9.4164	.61951	9.4580	7.81	10.82	
15_25 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	55 55	6.9862 6.9328	.46345 .44251	6.9790 6.9340	6.03 6.26	8.36 8.27	0.538
	Total	110	6.9595	.45181	6.9400	6.03	8.36	
15_25 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	55 55	9.6572 9.6588	.61123 .70980	9.6010 9.6450	8.31 7.31	11.30 11.28	0.990
	Total	110	9.6580	.65930	9.6350	7.31	11.30	
16_26 mesiodistal	Not affected Affected	55 55	10.6631 10.5677	.60221 .61888	10.7790 10.6440	9.38 9.23	11.95 12.23	0.415
	Total	110	10.6154	.60968	10.7035	9.23	12.23	
16_26 labiolingual	Not affected Affected	55 55	11.7374 11.6751	.59131 .61066	11.8390 11.8230	10.36 10.27	12.77 12.86	0.588
	Total	110	11.7062	.59911	11.8310	10.27	12.86	

A two independent samples t test

were evaluated by Dunnett's T3 test. For centrals' labiolingual measurement, there was a statistically significant difference between group 1 and group 3 (p = 0.001). Group 3 mean was higher than in other groups. For canines' labiolingual measurement, there was a statistically significant difference between group 1 and group 3 (p = 0.020). Group 3 mean was higher than in other groups (Table 5).

Discussion

In our study, we chose patients in class I as the control group because they represent an ideal occlusion, to minimize the dental malocclusion and malformation found in class II and class III as some literatures have claimed (Cua-Benward et al. 1992; Mitchell 2007; Sassouni 1969). And as the contradictory results in



 Table 4
 Right side of group 1 vs right side of group 2 vs right side of group 3

	Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
11 mesiodistal	1 2	40 13	8.5256 8.0500	.76112 .65515	8.6170 8.0250	6.69 6.90	10.07 9.21	0.000 ^a *
	3	55	8.9449	.61011	9.0040	7.65	10.20	
	Total	108	8.6819	.73508	8.8305	6.69	10.20	
11 labiolingual	1	40	7.2669	.67359	7.2195	5.53	8.57	0.002 ^b *
	2	13	6.6717	1.05282	6.7120	4.87	8.69	
	3	55	7.6335	.51155	7.6280	6.14	9.30	
	Total	108	7.3820	.72147	7.4785	4.87	9.30	
12 mesiodistal	1	33	6.7853	.83940	6.8010	5.37	8.69	0.279^{a}
	2	5	6.1044	1.35437	6.5980	4.24	7.53	
	3	55	6.9742	.57324	6.9270	5.83	8.09	
	Total	93	6.8604	.74735	6.8700	4.24	8.69	
12 labiolingual	1	33	6.5002	1.02840	6.5630	3.53	8.30	0.370^{a}
	2	5	6.4518	.68087	6.4390	5.69	7.46	
	3	55	6.7656	.48806	6.8010	5.40	7.81	
	Total	93	6.6546	.73891	6.7090	3.53	8.30	
13 mesiodistal	1	34	7.7761	.59561	7.8365	6.77	9.19	0.060^{c}
	2	14	7.9679	.55343	8.0100	6.81	8.95	
	3	55	8.0486	.45978	8.0130	7.03	8.91	
	Total	103	7.9477	.53018	7.9560	6.77	9.19	
13 labiolingual	1	34	7.9774	.85308	7.8710	6.25	9.67	0.000 ^b *
g	2	14	7.1626	1.19831	7.2745	5.36	8.80	
	3	55	8.5512	.65920	8.5360	7.02	10.75	
	Total	103	8.1730	.93729	8.3550	5.36	10.75	
14 mesiodistal	1	38	7.1650	.61328	7.1380	6.16	9.10	0.224 ^c
	2	14	7.0101	.43525	7.1040	6.18	7.76	
	3	55	7.2772	.50322	7.2400	6.28	8.42	
	Total	107	7.2024	.54019	7.1300	6.16	9.10	
14 labiolingual	1	38	9.4916	.70026	9.5530	7.42	10.53	0.837^{c}
	2	14	9.4838	.57902	9.3810	8.52	10.65	
	3	55	9.4156	.61129	9.4320	8.06	10.43	
	Total	107	9.4515	.63563	9.4940	7.42	10.65	
15 mesiodistal	1	32	6.8641	.60793	6.9525	5.52	8.30	0.091 ^a
	2	13	6.6535	.57232	6.5020	5.87	7.98	
	3	55	6.9862	.46345	6.9790	6.03	8.36	
	Total	100	6.9038	.53394	6.9180	5.52	8.36	
15 labiolingual	1	32	9.5123	.87808	9.6245	7.03	10.83	0.488^{b}
	2	13	9.7302	.33034	9.6880	9.32	10.53	
	3	55	9.6572	.61123	9.6010	8.31	11.30	
	Total	100	9.6203	.68158	9.6235	7.03	11.30	
16 mesiodistal	1	41	10.5248	.79192	10.3340	8.92	12.63	0.620^{c}
	2	14	10.5967	.64503	10.5145	9.38	11.62	
	3	55	10.6631	.60221	10.7790	9.38	11.95	
	Total	110	10.6031	.68085	10.5185	8.92	12.63	
16 labiolingual	1	41	11.5789	.81837	11.6820	9.65	13.47	0.531°
-	2	14	11.6861	.56718	11.7635	10.79	12.76	
	3	55	11.7374	.59131	11.8390	10.36	12.77	



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 Table 4 (continued)

Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
Total	110	11.6718	.68029	11.7375	9.65	13.47	

^a Kruskal-Wallis test

different literatures which some found that there are no differences in malocclusion as an effect of gender and some found that there is sexual dimorphism as larger teeth in males than females, Lavelle (1972) and Foster and Lavelle (1971) who reported significantly larger dimensions of several teeth in females than in males, we decided not to divide the sample to subgroups according to patients' gender, where general researches reported smaller teeth in CLP patients, which might be explained by the compromised growth that occurs in CLP patients, where these patients' maxilla is found to be in class III relationship due to inadequate growth (Werner and Harris 1989; Nie and Lin 1999; Al-Khateeb et al. 2006; Bishara et al. 1989)

Leifert et al. (2009) and the vast majority of literatures reporting about the 3D models' accuracy and reproducibility of plaster models and the accuracy of 3D analyzing programs, we preferred to use digital scanner and digital program in our study. Mullen et al. (2007) and Răducanu (2015) compared between a digital program and a plaster model when analyzing Bolton ratios and arch length to determine accuracy and speed (Araujo and Souki 2003; Basaran et al. 2006). They found that there is no significant difference between the two methods in accuracy, and the digital program can produce accurate measurements as close as the traditional method, where they found speed wise that digital program is faster than the traditional method (Kasparova et al. 2013). Keating et al. (2008) evaluate the accuracy and reproducibility of 3D scanning device compared with traditional method using digital clippers. Their method was to scan the plaster models and analyze both plaster and digital models, and then reproduce the models using a 3D printer and analyzing the measurements again. He found no statistical difference between the original plaster models and 3D models, but he found a significant difference in the reproduced models compared with the original plaster models (Asquith and McIntyre 2012; Kusnoto and Evans 2002).

Nanotechnology is an emerging field that is rapidly developing and recently has brought massive changes to medicine and dentistry and can change medical and dental practices furthermore in the near future. Nanotechnology has been used with some significant success in the development of restorative materials in dentistry where they improved the biointegration of the restorative materials with the dental tissues. Nanoparticles have been also incorporated into dental composites or dental adhesives to inhibit bacterial growth and disrupt the biofilm formation on tooth surfaces to act as an antibacterial agent. Nanotechnology also proved to help in delivering medication and analgesic drugs to specific areas to help treat oral cancers and reduce pain accurately. Dental tissue repair and regeneration are found to be possible with the help of nanotechnologies where combining the technologies of scaffold matrices with the regenerative power of stem cells gave the ability to engineer tissues that mimic the dental tissues. Nanotechnology offers a huge success in improving dental materials like composites, sealers, and other dental materials. A range of synthetic nanoparticles such as hydroxyapatite, bioglass, titanium, zirconia, and silver nanoparticles ranging from 1 to 100 nm are proposed for dental restoration, where now treating dental hypersensitivity and providing better root canal sealing is possible (Abou Neel et al. 2015). The might of nanotechnology combined with additive manufacturing (3D printing) is soon to be realized. 3D printing with nanoscale materials ranging from 1 to 100 nm will produce better restorations, splints, mouthguards, more accurate diagnostic models, and better dental materials in general (Hales et al. 2020). Nanotechnology offers a promising future in preventive and regenerative dentistry. In the near future, we could be able to complete orthodontic realignment in a single visit or even regenerate missing teeth all with the help of nanotechnology. Another emerging technology in the field of dentistry is the Internet of things (IoT) and it is easy to predict the



^b Welch ANOVA

c ANOVA

^{*}p < 0.05 statistically significant

 $\textbf{Table 5} \ \ \text{Left side of group 1 vs left side of group 2 vs left side of group 3}$

	Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
21 mesiodistal	1	39	8.1916	.65370	8.3850	6.93	9.51	0.000 ^a *
	2	13	8.4244	.77699	8.0580	7.36	9.78	
	3	55	8.8957	.64256	9.0820	7.71	10.08	
	Total	107	8.5818	.73624	8.6030	6.93	10.08	
21 labiolingual	1	39	6.8671	1.02318	6.9360	3.93	9.01	0.001 ^b *
	2	13	7.1340	.79175	7.2080	5.90	8.28	
	3	55	7.5550	.50848	7.6240	5.93	8.70	
	Total	107	7.2531	.82573	7.3630	3.93	9.01	
22 mesiodistal	1	6	7.0307	.81581	7.2205	5.90	8.11	0.820^{c}
	2	10	6.8386	.46042	6.9935	6.04	7.41	
	3	55	7.0040	.55712	6.9250	5.98	8.31	
	Total	71	6.9830	.56370	6.9590	5.90	8.31	
22	1	6	6.3573	2.05609	6.0035	4.13	9.87	0.551 ^c
labiolingual	2	10	6.6572	1.02988	6.7305	4.56	8.53	
	3	55	6.8025	.54865	6.8820	5.54	8.29	
	Total	71	6.7444	.82893	6.8340	4.13	9.87	
23 mesiodistal	1	29	7.9270	.54877	7.9820	6.88	9.50	0.052^{a}
	2	12	7.8860	.39504	7.7910	7.38	8.64	
	3	55	8.0133	.47500	7.9850	7.05	9.14	
	Total	96	7.9713	.48747	7.9500	6.88	9.50	
23 labiolingual	1	29	7.8343	1.11391	7.7540	5.92	9.72	0.025 ^b *
	2	12	8.0844	.52602	8.1345	7.18	9.11	
	3	55	8.3736	.74919	8.5070	6.40	9.87	
	Total	96	8.1745	.88096	8.3465	5.92	9.87	
24 mesiodistal	1	37	7.2773	.57579	7.1430	6.36	8.42	0.768^{a}
	2	14	7.0969	.36846	7.1515	6.12	7.72	
	3	55	7.2816	.49436	7.2670	6.30	8.36	
	Total	106	7.2557	.50995	7.2090	6.12	8.42	
24 labiolingual	1	37	9.4285	.84320	9.3930	7.47	11.00	0.810^{c}
	2	14	9.5668	.49084	9.6120	8.68	10.38	
	3	55	9.4173	.63326	9.4700	7.81	10.82	
	Total	106	9.4409	.69447	9.4715	7.47	11.00	
25 mesiodistal	1	29	6.9015	.68660	6.7680	5.81	8.66	0.085^{b}
	2	14	6.6566	.38838	6.6500	5.94	7.23	
	3	55	6.9328	.44251	6.9340	6.26	8.27	
	Total	98	6.8841	.52365	6.8260	5.81	8.66	
25 labiolingual	1	28	9.3332	.94229	9.3145	6.32	10.52	0.200^{b}
	2	14	9.7228	.47213	9.6980	8.67	10.53	
	3	55	9.6588	.70980	9.6450	7.31	11.28	
	Total	97	9.5740	.76653	9.6650	6.32	11.28	
26 mesiodistal	1	38	10.4134	.74566	10.2850	9.11	12.69	0.561 ^a
	2	14	10.5485	.81929	10.6255	8.49	11.77	
	3	55	10.5677	.61888	10.6440	9.23	12.23	
	Total	107	10.5104	.69050	10.5240	8.49	12.69	
26 labiolingual	1	38	11.4581	.67291	11.5760	10.09	12.95	0.268^{a}
	2	14	11.5416	.64033	11.5745	10.43	12.46	
	3	55	11.6751	.61066	11.8230	10.27	12.86	



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 Table 5 (continued)

Group	N	Mean	Std. deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	p value
Total	107	11.5806	.63917	11.6340	10.09	12.95	

^a ANOVA

novelties of this new aspect of the technology in dentistry. This new domain can be used to improve the dentist's office to make it way less intimidating to patients. Connected thermometers, music stations, VR glasses, smart walls, or even ceilings can be used to create a comfortable atmosphere for a patient according to their preferences and even stress levels. This new technology benefits from the cloud-based network to help prevention and management of diseases by monitoring patients at all times using wireless sensors, cameras, or other input devices (Konstantinidis et al. 2015). Computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM), 3-dimensional (3D) printing, cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), digital records, digital radiography, digital impressions, and teledentistry all are digital technologies utilized nowadays in dentistry that help in diagnoses, treatment, and monitoring patients and could be part of the IoT network in dental practice (Salagare and Prasad 2020).

The 3D scanning device that been used in this study to collect the materials has the ability to be integrated into the IoT network and also could be used with a 3D printer with nanoscale ability to produce more accurate models on the nanoscale level. The collected data could be shared with ease anywhere anytime with the IoT network to be analyzed, stored, and used to treat and monitor patients. After scanning the plaster casts, a digital copy will be saved to the system. This digital copy could be sent to any clinic in the world via the IoT network to be analyzed; after being analyzed, a diagnosis and treatment plan will be created. Afterwards, the treatment plan could be carried out after the patients' consent. As an example of treatments that could be carried out in orthodontics, clear aligners depend on this new technology. The scanned cast will be analyzed by an orthodontic professional to give a treatment prescription. Then, a 3D printer will produce this prescription by printing 3D models to be used to manufacture a specific set of clear aligners to treat the patient (Dawood et al. 2015).

Most literatures included occlusal-gingival (OG) width in their studies where labial-palatal or labial-lingual width had less attention by researchers which made us to include this measurement rather than occlusal-gingival width in our research. Ngai (2005) reported statistically significant differences between premolar and first molar OG width between the CLP and class I groups. The right lateral incisor OG width in the RCLP group was found to be statistically smaller than that of the class I group. The left lateral incisor and left canine OG width were smallest in the LCLP group and significantly smaller than in the control group. The right lateral incisor OG width was smallest in the RCLP group and statistically smaller when compared with the class I group.

Akcam (2008) found that there were differences in the right first and second premolar MD dimensions between the LCLP group and the class I group and between the RCLP group and the class I group. The class I group had smaller MD dimensions than both RCLP and LCLP groups. They found that left lateral incisor MD dimensions in LCLP group were smaller than those of the RCLP and the control group, where they did not find any deference between right lateral incisors in the RCLP group and the control group. And they found that all LL dimensions in the incisor region (canine to canine) in the CLP groups were smaller than in the class I control group. In our study, we found for the LL measurements of centrals and canines were statistically significant. Surprisingly, we did not find any significant difference in the low number of laterals that were not absent. And also, we did not find any significant difference in the first and second premolars between CLP groups and the class I group (Menezes and Vieira 2008).

Ranta (1986) and other studies (Camporesi et al. 2010) reported that CLP patients have higher incidences



b Welch ANOVA

c Kruskal-Wallis test

^{*}p < 0.05 statistically significant

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of hypodontia in both jaws and especially the deciduous and permanent lateral in the cleft region. And also, the timing of tooth formation and eruption in the permanent dentition is delayed in children from all cleft groups compared with noncleft children. It is also reported that the size of the permanent teeth in CLP patients is smaller than in noncleft children, and enamel defects and abnormalities in shape and size of both deciduous and permanent teeth are far more common in patients affected with CLP than in normal subjects. Our findings are mostly compatible with these findings. We found higher rates of hypodontia of the teeth in CLP patients than in class I patients especially the lateral incisor in the CLP region. We also found that CLP patients are highly affected by hypoplasia more than class I patients. We have noticed more incidents of malformed, misshaped teeth in CLP patients compared with the class I normal patients, such as supernumerary and peg-shaped teeth (Akcam et al. 2010; Paranaiba et al. 2013; Smith et al. 2000; Wangpichit et al. 2001).

In this study, the biggest challenge and even a limitation was the low number of CLP patient records. Even with the low number of records, we found there were a number of cases where the record was damaged and unusable in our research. Some of the records had large restoration or carious lesions and all of these records were disclosed. Also, the high number of missing lateral teeth could affect the accuracy of the results.

Conclusion

This study revealed that:

- a high frequency of dental anomalies in number, size, and shape such as (tooth hypodontia, supernumerary teeth, enamel hypoplasia, and misshaped teeth).
- In LCLP, MD, and LL dimensions of the right centrals were greater than the left centrals.
- In RCLP, all LL dimensions of the right canines were greater than the left canines.
- MD and LL dimensions of the centrals and the LL dimensions of the canines were greater in the control group compared with the other groups.
- Dental-size analysis should be included in planning orthodontic treatment.
- Technology use is growing rapidly in orthodontics and dental fields in general, where they

can provide faster more practical solutions to professionals. And we believe they should be incorporated in clinics. Dental practice and orthodontics specifically will hugely benefit from both nanotechnology and IoT technology.

Compliance with ethical standards

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