

Incisor overbite in Saudi Arabia

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Abstract

Overbite values in one thousand five hundred (1500) female Saudi Arabian students aged 11-19 years had been measured using Jackson method of overbite classification. The percentage distribution were as follows, 1049 (69.9%) of the sample had normal overbite, 265 (17.7%) had moderate deep bite, and the least common were the extreme deep bite, 95 (6.3%) and open bite, 91 (6.1%). The conclusion that can be drawn from this study is that the majority of Female Saudis have normal overbite. This study also showed that Saudis have lesser over bite values than Caucasians and deeper overbite than black Africans.

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