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## Alternative Measurement of Vertical Dimension of Occlusion with Apikal Software

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## ABSTRACT

**Object**: To find out the VDO measurement with digital photo analysis method using *Apikal* analysis software, which help to measure VDO directly based on patient's photograph. **Methods**: The samples are 15 patients, with condition of missing all teeth in the upper and lower jaws for at least 6 (six) months. Then measurements of vertical dimension of occlusion were made using *Apikal* digital analysis software and the Two Dots technique as comparison. **Results**: Using the *Kruskal Wallis* test to compare the measurement of the vertical dimension of the occlusion with the Two Dots technique and *Apikal* software, there is no difference between the direct and indirect (digital analysis) on vertical dimension of occlusion measurements. An insignificant difference found, and the same result occur between both, with p value > 0.05 (0.816\*). **Conclusion**: There is no difference of results on measuring the vertical dimension of occlusion between the Two Dots and *Apikal* analysis software, and there is a significant relationship between measurements on the face using the Two Dots technique and *Apikal* software. *Apikal* software. *Apikal* analysis software can help determine and as alternative method to do the measurement of vertical dimension of occlusion in patient indirectly.

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