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ABSTRACT

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Gender estimation plays a key role in human identification. Between the various measurement methods of gender estimation from skeletal remains, the use of the calcification patterns of costal cartilages is highly suggested especially when the skull and pelvic bones are not available. The purpose of our study is to estimate gender according to the difference in the patterns of costal cartilage calcifications. Our study was performed by using the Computed Tomography (CT) images of 200 individuals (100 female, 100 male) in the 20-60 age group who applied to Karabuk University Karabuk Training and Research Hospital and had no pathology or orthopedic surgery history. CT images were obtained from the hospital Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) and were recorded in Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) format. In our study used the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004) for classification the patterns of costal cartilage calcifications and calculate the number and percentage of each pattern in male and

female to estimate the gender. The results showed 193 (96.5%) individuals with calcification in the costal cartilages and 7 (3.5%) individuals without calcification in their costal cartilages. Peripheral pattern (Type I) shown male gender estimation with 100% and central pattern (Type II) shown female gender estimation with 92.3%. As a result of this study, it has been reached that gender can be predicted from the costal cartilage calcification models by using the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004).

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ÖZET

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BİLGİSAYARLI TOMOGRAFİ GÖRÜNTÜLERİ ÜZERİNDEN ELDE EDİLEN KOSTOKONDRAL KALSİFİKASYON MODELİ İLE CİNSİYET TAHMİNİ

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Cinsiyet tahmini, insan kimlik tespitinde önemli bir rol oynar. İskelet kalıntılarından cinsiyeti tahmin etmek için çeşitli ölçüm yöntemlerinden biri olan kostal kıkırdakların kalsifikasyon modellerinin kullanımı, özellikle kafatası ve pelvis kemikleri bulunmadığında kullanılması şiddetle tavsiye edilir. Çalışmamızın amacı, kostal kıkırdak kalsifikasyon modellerindeki farklılığa göre cinsiyeti tahmin etmektir. Çalışmamız, Karabük Üniversitesi Karabük Eğitim ve Araştırma Hastanesi'ne başvuran, patolojisi veya ortopedik ameliyat öyküsü olmayan 20-60 yaş grubundaki 200 kişinin (100 kadın, 100 erkek) Bilgisayarlı Tomografi (BT) görüntüleri kullanılarak yapıldı. BT görüntüleri hastanenin Görüntü Arşivleme ve İletişim Sisteminden (PACS) elde edildi ve Tıpta Dijital Görüntüleme ve İletişim (DICOM) formatında kaydedildi. Çalışmada, cinsiyeti tahmin edebilmek için kostal kıkırdak kalsifikasyon modellerinden olan Rejtarova et al. (2004) yöntemi kullanıldı.

Kostal kıkırdaklarda kireçlenme olan 193 birey (%96,5), kostal kıkırdaklarında hiç kireçlenme olmayan 7 bireyin (%3,5) olduğu tespit edildi. Periferik modelin (Tip I) erkekleri tahmin etme oranı %100, merkezi modelin (Tip II) kadınları tahmin etme oranı ise %92,3 olduğu görüldü. Bu çalışmanın sonucunda kostal kıkırdak kalsifikasyon modellerinden Rejtarova et al. (2004) yöntemiyle cinsiyetin tahmin edilebileceğine ulaşılmıştır.

Anahtar Kelimeler : Bilgisayarlı Tomografi, Cartilago Costalis, Kalsifikasyon, Cinsiyet Tahmini.

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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS INDEX

- BT : Bilgisayarlı Tomografi
- C : Central pattern
- CCC : Costal cartilage calcification
- Cg : Central globular pattern
- Cl : Central lingual pattern
- Clg : Central lingual and globular pattern
- CT : Computed Tomography
- DICOM : Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine
- DVI : Disaster victim identification
- Ind : Indifferent pattern
- Mix : Mixed pattern
- P : Peripheral pattern
- PACS : Picture Archiving and Communication System

PART 1

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Human identification is the main topic in forensic anthropology which identifies the skeleton remains of the human body based on the assessment of age, gender, stature, and individual traits (Reppien et al., 2006). Over a century forensic anthropological knowledge has been used in human identification, but until 1970 Thomas Dale Stewart confirmed the important role of forensic anthropology in the process of identification (Hans et al., 2019).

Nowadays, the importance of human identification still one of the most challenging after a natural disaster, war crimes, terrorist attacks (Giurazza et al., 2013). The identification process is not only important for the deceased but also for surviving family and friends or maybe required legally, for example, to aid criminal proceedings, facilitate settlement of estate and inheritance, or the right of the remaining partner to re-marry (Blau and Hill, 2009).

The new techniques in human identification that are using anthropological data like race, age, stature, and gender are increasing with time because it's more available than DNA technologies which is more expensive and less available (Baraybar, 2008). Radiology applications have been used in forensic medicine for human identification, especially in cases where the body is fragmented, decomposed, or burned, and the cranium is considered the most helpful region of the body for comparison radiologically (Sidhu et al., 2014).

The determination of age and gender according to the costal cartilage calcification patterns is well documented (Stewart and McCormick, 1984). In addition to that is useful in forensic anthropology, especially when the pelvic bones and skull are not available (Scheuer, 2002).

The difference between male and female in the patterns of costal cartilage calcification was first described by Fischer in 1955 (Fischer, 1955). After that, many authors described the difference in their studies (Nishino, 1969; Verma, et a., 1980; Elkeles, 1996).

The calcification patterns of costal cartilage are separated according to the radiographic appearance into three general categories: a peripheral type, a central type, and a mixed type (Nishino, 1969; Navani et al., 1970; Gupta and Mathur, 1978). Rejtarova et al., classified the calcification patterns into four groups: a peripheral pattern, a central pattern, a mixed pattern, and indifferent pattern. After subdivided the central type into three further subgroups: central lingual pattern, central globular pattern, and central lingual and globular pattern (Rejtarova et al., 2004).

Our study aims to estimate gender according to the differences between the calcification patterns in the costal cartilages.

PART 2

GENERAL INFORMATIONS

2.1. ABOUT ANTHROPOLOGY

The term anthropology is a produced compound of Greek, the Greek (Anthropos) means human and (logos) means science, so Anthropology means the science of human. Anthropology got momentum in the seventeenth and the eighteenth centuries in France and Germany and appeared with different names (like ethnology, Volkskunde, Volkerkunde, etc.). In 1805, the anthropology word first appeared in the English language, while the major development mainly happened between the nineteenth and the twentieth centuries. Langness defines anthropology as the scientific study of human beings in prehistoric, ancient, and modern including male, female, all colors, and shapes. While defined as the study of humankind in all times and places by Haviland, Prins, Walrath, and McBride. Anthropology was divided into four main branches: physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology and archaeology (Nurazzura et al., 2014). The application of physical anthropology (Lynnerup et al., 1990).

2.2. FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY

Forensic anthropology is the use of anthropological researches and techniques for resolving the problems in medicolegal topics (Cattaneo and Baccino, 2002). Forensic anthropology depends on two basic things which are the examination and evaluation of human remains and the identification of the living, forensic anthropology is considered a multidisciplinary field. It can be represented as a meeting of the disciplines of forensic sciences, medicine, and anthropology. In other words the forensic anthropology work in a symmetric way with other disciplines like anatomy,

pathology, biology, osteology, odontology, botany, entomology, taphonomy and archaeology (Neha et al., 2019).

Forensic anthropology origins trace back to the late 1800s with rudimentary forensic skeletal research conducted by anatomists and physical anthropologists to estimate gender and age from bone (Komar and Buikstra, 2008).

During recent years, forensic anthropology has had a significant role in legal processes like in forensic investigations of recent mass graves and exhumations in Kosovo (Rainio et al., 2001), Iraq (Stover et al., 2003), Croatia (Slaus et al., 2007).

2.3. IDENTIFICATION

The term "identify" refers to distinguishing a person from other people through all traits, and when these characteristics are revealed to the living and dead person they are called identification (Zeyfeoğlu and Hancı, 2001).

Forensic anthropology used the identification process of humans by applying the knowledge of the development, morphology, and variation of the human body depending on four essential criteria that represent the primary identification: age, gender, living stature, and racial affiliation (Klepinger, 2006).

2.4. THE IMPORTANCE OF GENDER DETERMINATION IN IDENTIFICATION

Gender determination play an important role in forensic medicine because it represents a classic procedure and an important step in constructing a post-mortem profile (Saccucci and Cipriani et al., 2015). Gender determination is considered one of the chief parameters that used in any forensic investigation because when it is possible to determine gender the human identification became more easy and simple (Richardson and Malhotra, 1975). Between different variables within the biological profile of missing persons, the estimation gender from skeletal remains plays an important role in human identification and reduces the possible matches by 50% (Wen et al., 2019). Gender can be determined from primary anatomical parts by looking for distinctive sexual dimorphisms, the best skeletal parts are the pelvic bones, particularly in adult individuals. If the pelvic bones are not available, forensic anthropologists must be aware of other areas on the skeleton such as skull bone, mandible, clavicle, femur, and many other parts of the human skeleton show gender difference (Afrianty et al., 2013). When the whole skeleton is available, gender determination becomes more easy and accurate as 95% accurate with the pelvis and 90% accurate with skull bones (More, et al., 2017).

2.5. COSTOCHONDRAL CALCIFICATION

Calcification is defined as the accumulation of calcium salts in the body tissue, which can be normal like in the formation of bone and abnormal like the accumulation that occurs in soft tissue and lead to hardening (Bertazzo et al., 2013). The abnormal accumulation may occur due to damage in tissue, in hypercalcemic or hyperparathyroid states (Zaidi et al., 2005). While the accumulation may occur normally as a standard part of the aging process like the calcification that occurs in the pineal gland (Zimmerman, 1982).

The calcification can occur in the costal cartilages with advancing age and this calcification may be found within or around the cartilage segment (Lau et al., 2011). Costal cartilages are prone to calcification after the age of adolescence (Vastine et al., 1948). After that increase with age from about 6% in the 3rd decade of life to 45% in the 9th decade of life (Teale et al., 1989). Generally, costochondral calcification is not clear radiographically until after the age of 30 years (Ontell et al., 1997). Forensic medicine used the shape and onset of the calcification that appear in costal cartilages in the determination of the gender and the age of unknown bodies (Elkeles, 1966; Rao and Pai, 1988; Inoi, 1997).

Previous studies have attempted to explain the correlation between the costochondral calcification and many pathological states, for example, arteriosclerosis, nutritional state, metabolic or endocrine changes (Horner, 1949; King, 1939). While some

authors consider even extensive costochondral calcifications as a variant or normal finding (Freyschmidt et al., 2001).

The calcification that occurs in the first costal cartilage especially in men tends to be complete and more extensive than the other costal cartilages and considered as physiological and age-related changes and not associated with degenerative processes. In contrast the sexual differences in the patterns of costal cartilage calcification have not been found in the first costal cartilage. For this reason, it was ignored in gender estimation by costochondral calcification patterns (Kampen et al., 1995).

The calcification is usually seen in the sixth, seventh, eighth costal cartilage and appear much earlier than in the upper costal cartilages. In addition to that, the costal cartilages are sufficiently resistant to the decay making them the best method used in radiological studies for many months after death (McCormick, 1980).

2.6. ANATOMY OF STERNUM AND RIBS

The thoracic cage be formed by the sternum and twelve ribs pairs. The sternum is a bone appear in flat shap and be made up by the manubrium, the body, and the xiphoid process. The sternum is longer and thicker in males. The manubrium of the sternum articulates with the clavicle on each side and articulates with the first rib cartilage and upper half of the second rib. Manubrium and the body of the sternum articulate with each other by the manubriosternal joint. The body of the sternum articulates with the second to seventh costal cartilages and articulates with the xiphoid process at the xiphisternal joint. The xiphoid process of the sternum is a cartilaginous process at birth that slowly harden and after middle age unites with the body of the sternum. The ribs form the main part of the thoracic cage and consist of 12 pairs of bones, extending from the vertebrae toward the sternum. The twelve pairs of ribs classify into three types according to their connection to the sternum. The first seven ribs make a direct connection by their costal cartilages to the sternum, so these ribs are called true ribs, while the false ribs referred to the ribs eighth to tenth which are connected by the costal cartilages immediately above them to the sternum. The

last two ribs connected only with vertebrae and not connected to the sternum, so these ribs are called floating ribs (Figure 2.1) (Kyung Won Chung, 2005).

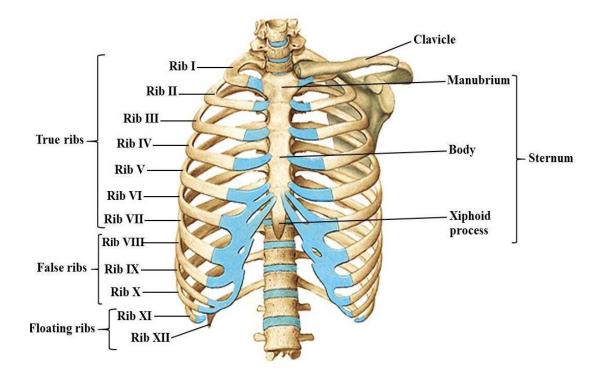


Figure 2.1. Thoracic Cage (Modified from Sobotta Anatomy Atlas), (Sobotta, 2006).

2.7. ANATOMY OF COSTAL CARTILAGES

Costal cartilages are twelve bars of hyaline cartilage that make a connection between the ribs and the sternum. The upper seven costal cartilages link the upper seven ribs directly to the sternum while the 8th, 9th and 10th ribs united through the cartilage immediately above to the sternum, The cartilages of the 11th and 12th ribs join the tapered extremities of these ribs and end in the abdominal musculature (Figure 2.2). The costal cartilages contribute to the flexibility and mobility of the walls of the thorax and protect the sternum and ribs from the most common fracture. In people with old age, the costal cartilages tend to lose some of their flexibility because they are undergoing progressive ossification with age and become radio-opaque in chest radiograph (Harold and Vishy, 2013). Each costal cartilage has anterior and posterior surfaces, superior and inferior borders, and lateral and medial extremities. The anterior surface is convex while the posterior surface concave, the superior border is concave while the inferior border convex (Adam et al., 2020).

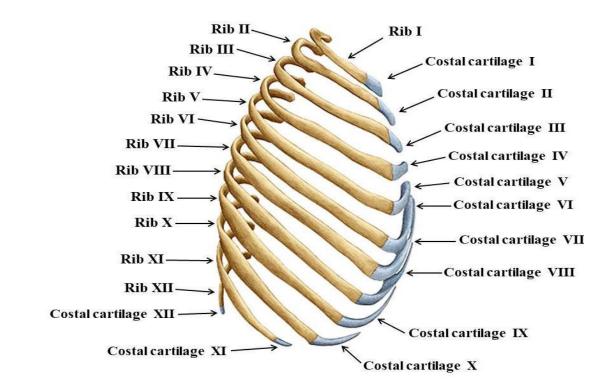


Figure 2.2. Costal Cartilages (Modified from Sobotta Anatomy Atlas), (Sobotta, 2006).

2.8. ARTICULSATIONS OF COSTAL CARTILAGES

The costal cartilages articulate laterally with the ribs by the costochondral joints, which are cartilaginous make the movement is impossible, while the costal cartilages articulate medially with sternum by sternocostal joints, the first costal cartilages connect with the manubrium, by cartilaginous joints that allow no movement, the second to seventh costal cartilages articulate by synovial joints with the lateral border of the sternum which permit a movement during breathing. Also, the ninth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and tenth costal cartilages articulate with each other through their borders by small synovial joints named interchondral joints. The cartilages of the 11th and 12th ribs are inserted in the abdominal musculature (Figure 2.3) (Snell, 2012).

The costochondral joints are consist of two articular surfaces, the lateral end of the costal cartilage is circular and the anterior end of the rib is cup-shaped. These joints without joint capsule, ligaments, or cavity. The costochondral articulations are fixed

joints that do not allow movement. However, the costal cartilages give a flexible addition for the anterior ends of the ribs to the sternum and may undergo small bending and warpping movements that enable the widening of the thoracic diameters during breathing (Moore et al., 2014).

Interchondral joints take place between the adjacent ribs costal cartilages, chiefly between the seventh costal cartilages to the tenth, but may include the costal cartilages of the sixth ribs and fifth. Interchondral joints give indirect berth to the sternum and contribute to the consistence of a smooth inferior costal margin. They are synovial, and the thin fibrous capsules are reinforced by interchondral ligaments (Adam et al., 2020).

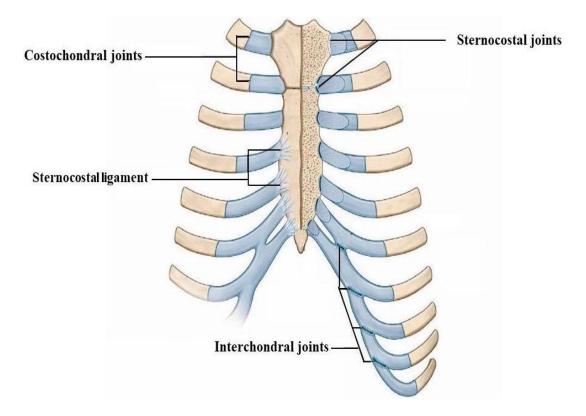


Figure 2.3. Articulations of Costal Cartilages (Modified from Grays Atlas of Anatomy) (Richard et al., 2015).

PART 3

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This retrospective study chose 200 individuals (100 female, 100 male) between the ages of 20-60 who were determined to be healthy and had no costal cartilage fracture or any pathology. These individuals previously applied to Karabük University Karabük Training and Research Hospital with various health problems.

Before the research, approval was obtained from the non-interventional clinical research ethics committee of Karabük University with decision number 321 dated 31.08.2020.

3.1. IMAGE ANALYSIS METHOD

Computed Tomography (CT) images of 200 individuals (100 female, 100 male) without costal cartilage fracture and any pathology were selected from the Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) of Karabük University Karabük Training and Research Hospital.

In this study, the collected CT images of 200 individuals are noted with details of name, age, gender on each CT image and examined with the help of a CT image viewer (RadiAnt DICOM Viewer, Version 2020, Poland). Each CT image was studied for looking to at evidence of any calcification in the costal cartilages by seeing the anterior view of the chest and then carefully studied for the patterns of calcification in the costal cartilages.

The CT image of the chest viewed by using the radiant DICOM viewer then used the tool of multiplanar reconstructions and selected the 3D MPR button, then adjust the view by using the tools of thickness, color, and zoom to show the best image of the sternum, costal cartilages, and ribs. After that, the images are saved and labeled with

the details of name, age, and gender. All of the costal cartilages are studied except the first costal cartilage which is not show any difference in the calcification patterns between males and females because it differs from the others in the nature of its calcification (Kampen et al., 1995).

By using the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004), classified the patterns of calcification as follows:

Type I: Peripheral pattern (P), characterized by calcification of the inferior and superior costal cartilage margin (Figure 3.1).

Type II: Central pattern (C), which is subdivided into three subtypes :

Type IIa: Central lingual pattern (Cl), characterized by pyramidal-shaped central tongues of calcification beginning at the fossae costarum (the fossa at the anterior end of a rib at the union with the costal cartilage).

Type IIb: Central globular pattern (Cg), consisting of centrally placed, smoothly contoured globules of calcification (Figure 3.2).

Type IIc: Central lingual and globular pattern (Clg) (Figure 3.3).

Type III: - Mixed (peripheral and central pattern) (Mix) (Figure 3.4).

Type IV:- Indifferent pattern (Ind)- incipient calcification without differentiation into a gender-specific pattern (Figure 3.5).

Type I was considered male and Type II female. Gender could not be determined in Types III or IV.

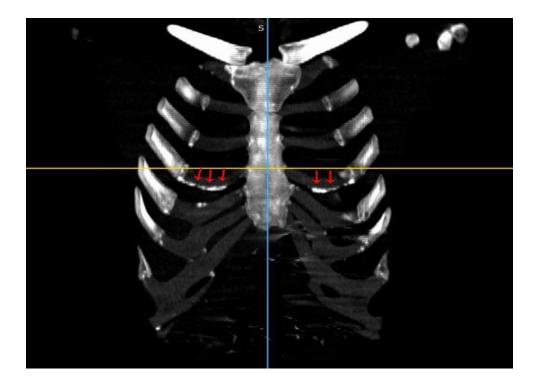


Figure 3.1. Peripheral pattern of costal cartilage calcification (Type I).

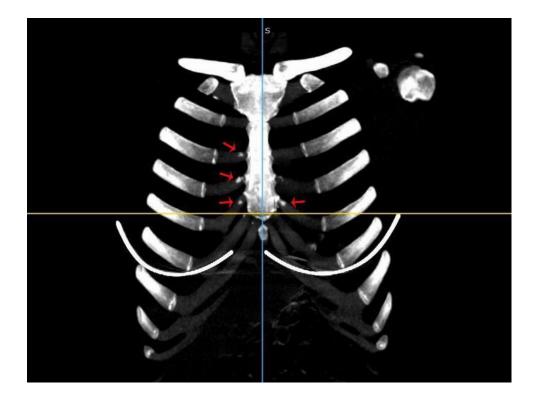


Figure 3.2. Central globular pattern of costal cartilage calcification (Type IIb).

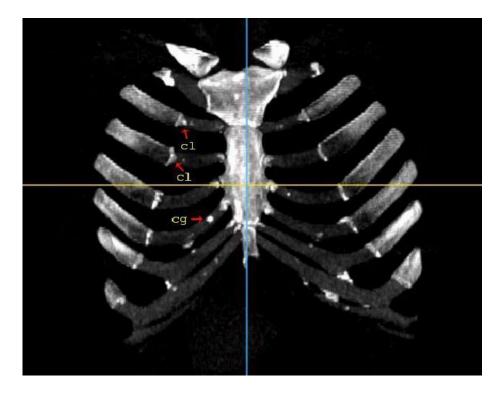


Figure 3.3. Central lingual and globular pattern of costal cartilage calcification (Type IIc).

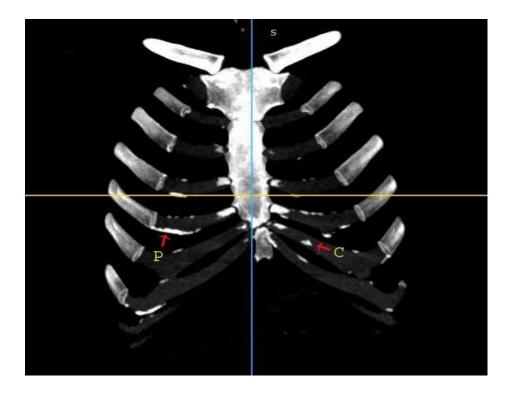


Figure 3.4. Mixed (peripheral and central pattern) Type III.

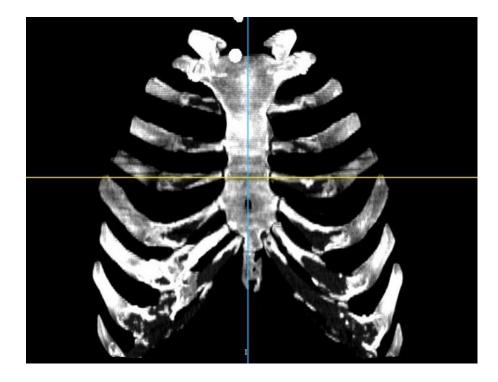


Figure 3.5. Indifferent pattern of costal cartilage calcification (Type IV).

Microsoft Excel (2010) was used for data analysis, which included making tables, distributing the numbers of cases according to the previously mentioned calcification patterns, and extracting the percentages for them.

PART 4

RESULTS

Our study applied to 200 individuals (100 female, 100 male) in the 20-60 age group in order to estimate the gender by calculating the number and percentage of the individuals with each costal cartilage calcification pattern. The mean age of the female was 41.12 ± 10.60 , and the mean age of the male was 35.39 ± 9.22 . Ages of male and female individuals were tested with the Anderson Darling test, which is a normality test, and it was found that they did not show normal distribution. With the Mann-Whitney U test, a significant difference was found between men and women according to age (p≤0.05),(Table 4.1).

Table 4.1. The mean age of female and male.

Median	Minimum	Maximum	P Value*
39.00	20	60	0.0001
34.50	20	60	
	39.00	39.00 20	39.00 20 60

*Mann-Whitney U Test

The results showed the number of individuals with costal cartilage calcification (CCC) was 193, in which 97 females and 96 males, while found only 7 individuals without any calcification in their costal cartilages, in which 3 females and 4 males (Table 4.2).

Gender	Negative	Positive	Total
Female	3	97	100
Male 4		96	100
Total	7	193	200

Table 4.2. Number of individuals with CCC in female and male.

Positive: with calcification, Negative: without calcification

The percentage of individuals with costal cartilage calcification was 96.5%, while found 3.5% of individuals without calcification (Figure 4.1).

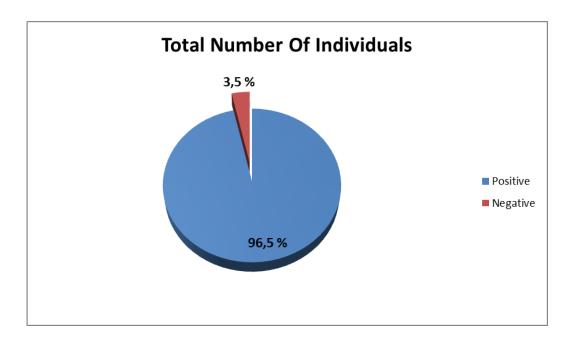


Figure 4.1. Percentage of individuals with CCC (Positive: with calcification, Negative: without calcification).

By using the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004), the patterns of costal cartilage calcification classified into four main types: peripheral pattern (P) (Type I) which characterized by calcification of the superior and inferior margin of costal cartilage, central pattern (C) (Type II) which characterized by a lingual or globular pattern of

calcification, mixed pattern (Mix) (Type III) which represent peripheral and central pattern, and Indifferent pattern (Ind) (Type IV) incipient calcification without differentiation into a gender-specific pattern.

The results showed the number of individuals with peripheral pattern (P) (Type I) was 6 males, while not found the peripheral pattern in females. The number of individuals with central pattern (C) (Type II) was 39, in which 36 females and 3 males. The number of individuals with mixed pattern (Mix) (Type III) was 129, in which 46 females and 83 males. The number of individuals with indifferent pattern (Ind) (Type IV) was 19, in which 15 females and 4 males (Table 4.3).

Table 4.3. Number of of each CCC pattern in female and male.

Gender	Ind	Р	С	Mix	Total
Female	15	0	36	46	97
Male	4	6	3	83	96
Total	19	6	39	129	193

P: Peripheral pattern, C: Central pattern, Mix: Mixed pattern, Ind: Indifferent pattern.

The percentage of individuals with peripheral pattern (P) (Type I) was 100% in males and 0% in females. The percentage of individuals with central pattern (C) (Type II) was 92.3% in females and 7.7% in males. The percentage of individuals with mixed pattern (Mix) (Type III) was 35.7% in females and 64.3% in males. The percentage of individuals with indifferent pattern (Ind) (Type IV) was 78.9% in females and 21.1% in males (Figure 4.2).

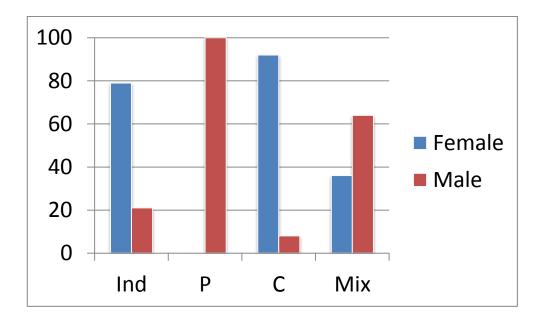


Figure 4.2. Percentage of each CCC pattern in female and male (P: Peripheral pattern, C: Central pattern, Mix: Mixed pattern, Ind: Indifferent pattern).

By using the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004), the central pattern (Type II) is subdivided into three subtypes: central lingual pattern (Cl) (Type IIa), central globular pattern (Cg) (Type IIb), and central lingual and globular pattern (Clg) (Type IIc).

The results showed the number of individuals with central globular pattern (Cg) (Type IIb) was 14, in which 13 females and one male. The number of individuals with central lingual and globular pattern (Clg) (Type IIc) was 25, in which 23 females and two males. While not found the central lingual pattern (Cl) (Type IIa) in males and females (Table 4.4).

Gender	Cl	Cg	Clg	Total
Female	0	13	23	36
Male	0	1	2	3
Total	0	14	25	39

Table 4.4. Number of each central pattern subtype in female and male

Cl: Central lingual pattern, Cg: Central globular pattern, Clg: Central lingual and globular pattern.

The percentage of individuals with central globular pattern (Cg) (Type IIb) was 92.9% in females and 7.1% in males. The percentage of individuals with central lingual and globular pattern (Clg) (Type IIc) was 92% in females and 8% in males. While the percentage of central lingual pattern (Cl) (Type IIa) was 0% in males and females (Figure 4.3).

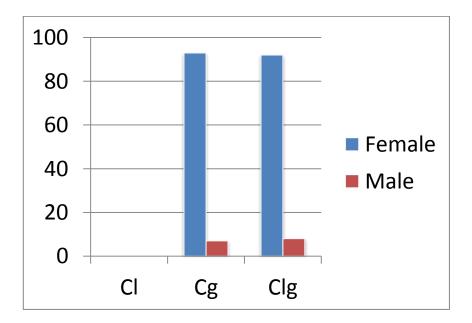


Figure 4.3. Percentage of each central pattern subtype in female and male (Cl: Central lingual pattern, Cg: Central globular pattern, Clg: Central lingual and globular pattern).

PART 5

DISCUSSION

The importance of human identification processes in forensic medicine is constantly growing with time. Because there is increasing in the occurrence of natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, and fires, and also due to mass disasters like accidents of a plane, train and maritime, wars, explosions and acts of terror, and can be also due to the heightened importance of security measures (Demir, 2014).

The most accurate and reliable technique for human identification is DNA analysis which is commonly used for Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) or in the identification of human remains found in mass graves. But this technique needs forensic laboratories and high cost, for this reasons have limited their diffusion on a large scale and preferred the traditional techniques more than it (Baraybar, 2008).

Gender estimation represents one of the most important components of the biological identity that used in the traditional techniques for human identification from skeletal remains (Vacca and Vella, 2012).

Between various methods for estimation gender, the radiological study of costal cartilage calcification pattern is a simple, rapid, and inexpensive method, requiring little expertise. It could best method for estimation the gender in all cases requiring gender establishment in the living or in the dead, provided the thoracic cage is intact (Nageshkumar and Lakshman, 1988).

Previous studies have used the difference in the calcification patterns that appeared in the costal cartilage for gender estimation, like the study that applied to the Czech population in (2004) and take 1044 chest and abdominal radiograms from the Department of Radiology, Charles University Hospital in Hradec Králové in the period (1995–2003), with age ranging from 10 to 95 years and included 537 male and 507 female. In this study, the first costal cartilage was ignored and used a method that classifies the patterns of calcification into main four groups (peripheral pattern, central pattern, mixed pattern, and indifferent pattern), and subdivided the central group into three further subgroups (central lingual pattern, central globular pattern, central lingual and globular pattern). The result of this study found calcification of the costal cartilage in 528 (51%) individuals and not found any calcification in 516 (49%) individuals. All the types of patterns were found in the individuals with costal cartilage calcification as the following: peripheral pattern found in 249 individuals of males and found in one individual of females, central pattern found in 201 individuals of females and not found any central pattern in males, mixed pattern found in 23 individuals of females and found in 4 individuals of males, indifferent pattern found in 35 individuals of females and found in 15 individuals of males. All the subtypes of central pattern found in this study as the following: central lingual pattern found in 114 (57%) individuals, central globular pattern found in 47 (23%) individuals, central lingual and globular pattern found in 40 (20%) individuals. At the end of the results, considered that the central pattern for female with 100% probability and peripheral pattern for male with 99.6% probability, while considered the gender could not be determined in Types III or IV.

In comparison with our study, the estimation of gender from the patterns of costal cartilage calcification was applied to CT images of 200 individuals (100 female and 100 male) that obtained from the Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) of Karabük University Karabük Training and Research Hospital, with age ranging from 20 to 60 years. By using the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004), the result showed 193 (96.5%) individuals with calcification in the costal cartilages and 7 (3.5%) individuals without calcification in their costal cartilages. All types of calcification patterns are found in our study. Peripheral pattern (Type I) was found in 6 males, while not found the peripheral pattern in females. Central pattern (Type III) was found in 129 individuals, in which 46 females and 83 males. Indifferent pattern (Type IV) was found in 19 individuals, in which 15 females and 4 males. Not all the subtypes of central pattern found in our study. Central globular pattern (Type IIb)

was found in 14 individuals, in which 13 females and one male. Central lingual and globular pattern (Type IIc) was found in 25 individuals, in which 23 females and two males. While not found the central lingual pattern (Cl) (Type IIa) in males and females. At the end of our results, considered that the central pattern for female with 92.3% probability and peripheral pattern for male with 100% probability, while considered the gender could not be determined in Types III or IV. On other hand, we can accurately estimate the gender from the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004), and the little difference in the percentage of accuracy of Type II female pattern between our study and the previous study may be due to many reasons like the difference in population samples that are studied, genetic and environmental factors that have a strong influence on skeletal development, differences in age sample, or differences in the radiological techniques that are used.

The other study that applied to the Scottish population and took 41 chest radiographs from the Laboratory of Human Anatomy, University of Glasgow, between 2006 and 2010, included 19 females and 22 males, with ages ranging from 67–91 years for female and 57–91 years for male. This study used the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004), to classify the calcification patterns of costal cartilages and found 22 individuals (53.7%) in which the gender indeterminate and 19 individuals wherein theory gender could be determined, 11 (57.9%) were correctly identified as female while 8 (42.1%) were males wrongly identified as females. In comparison with our study that applied to CT images of 200 individuals (100 female and 100 male) that obtained from the Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) of Karabük University Karabük Training and Research Hospital, with age ranging from 20 to 60 years. We found 148 (76.7%) individuals in which the gender indeterminate and 45 (23.3%) individuals wherein theory gender could be determined, 6 were correctly identified as male and 36 correctly identified as female, while 3 were males wrongly identified as females. In the other words, our results were more accurate in the estimation of gender than the previous study because from the total number of individuals (45) wherein theory gender could be determined, 42 individuals were correctly identified, 36 individuals as female and 6 individuals as male. While in the previous study from the total number of individuals (19) wherein theory gender could be determined, just 11 individuals were correctly identified as female.

PART 6

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

After natural disasters, mass disasters, wars, explosions, and acts of terror, we need to find simple, easy, accurate, and inexpensive technique for human identification. the estimation of gender is one of the most important parameters for human identification, so in our study suggested the estimation of gender from the patterns of calcification that occur in costal cartilage by using the method of Rejtarova et al. (2004). CT images of 200 individuals (100 female and 100 male) with age 20-60 were examined. The result showed 193 (96.5%) individuals with calcification in the costal cartilages and 7 (3.5%) individuals without calcification in their costal cartilages. Peripheral pattern (Type I) shown male gender estimation with 100% and central pattern (Type II) shown female gender estimation with 92.3%, while considered the gender could not be determined in Types III or IV.

We suggest using machine learning algorithms method for estimating gender from the calcification patterns of costal cartilages.

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APPENDIX



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