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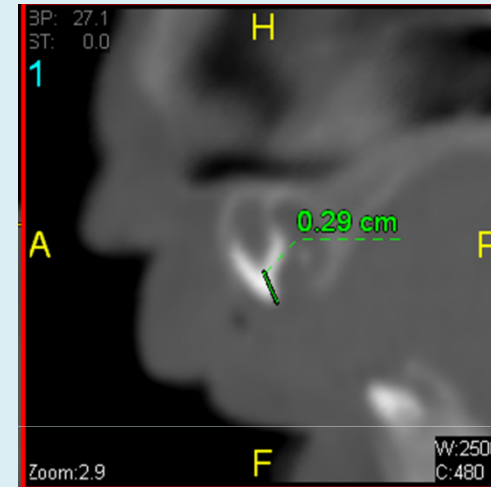
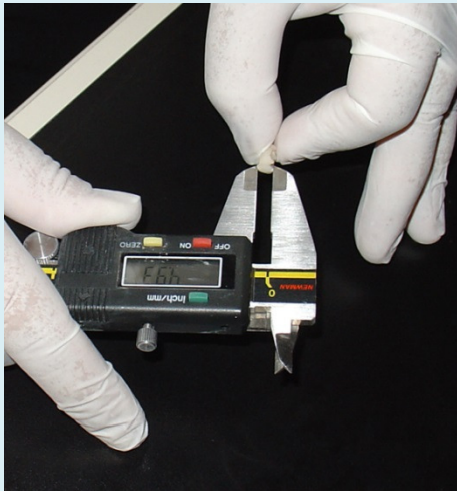
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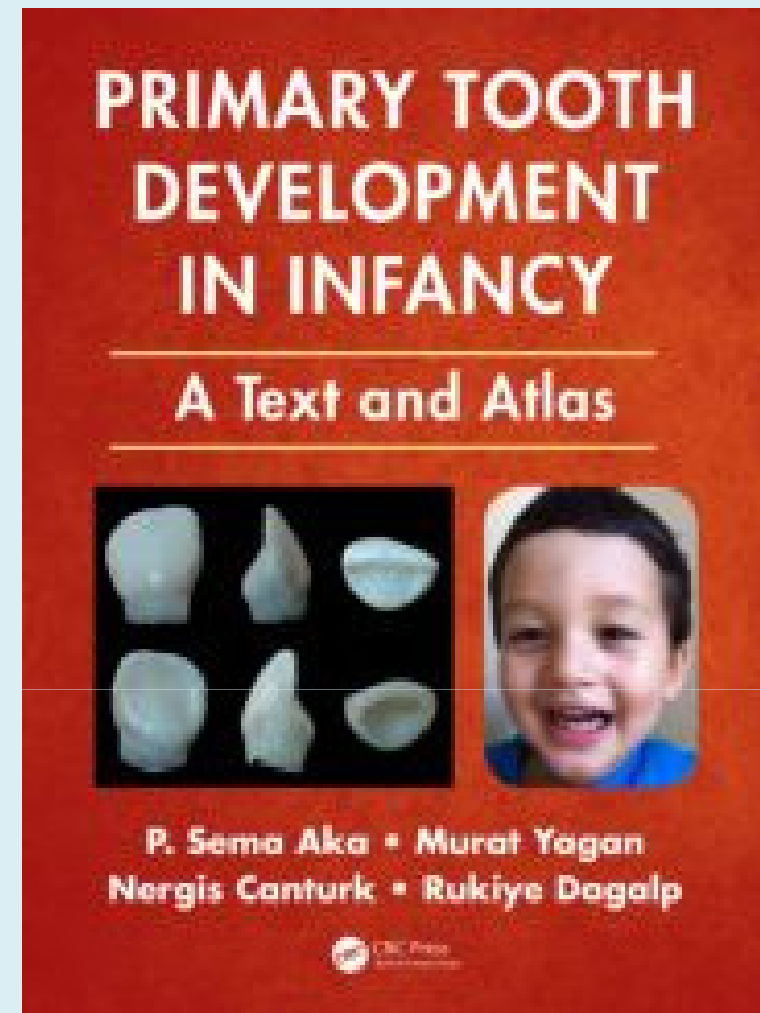
DIRECT AND INDIRECT AGE ESTIMATION METHODS FOR DECIDUOUS TEETH



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This presentation and a book* entitled «Primary Tooth Development in Infancy: A Text and Atlas» which will be published in January 2015, are the end products of a long span research , which has been prepared by a group of researchers: P. Sema Aka, Murat Yagan, Nergis Canturk, Rukiye Dagalp.



**This new publication will be the first atlas to show serial photographs of fetal and infant teeth in six aspects with all details and could be observed from the following *website of CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group:
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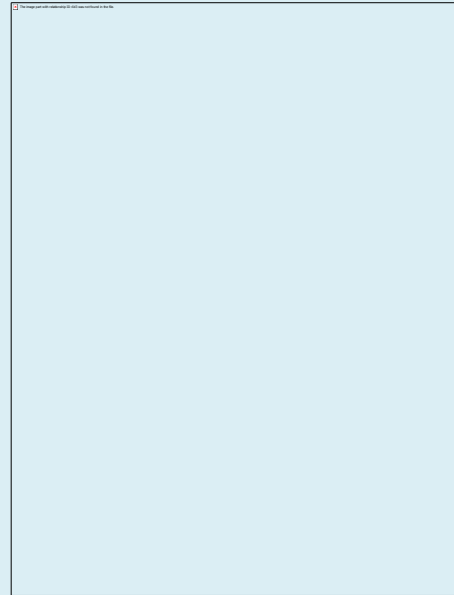
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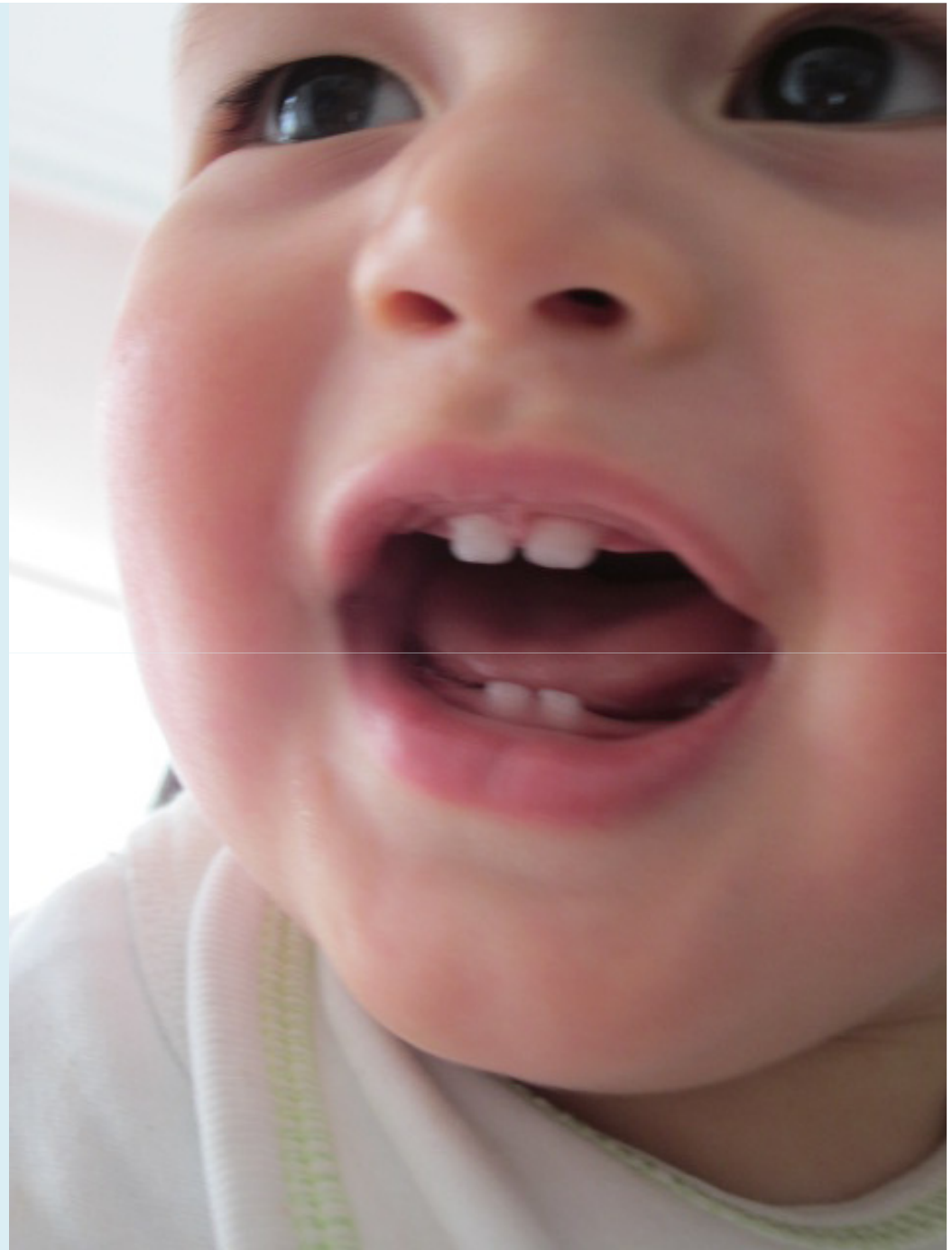


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Age estimation from primary teeth is an important matter for forensic odontology, which can be solved with the application of direct or indirect age estimation methods that are functions of tooth measurements. The most distinctive teeth among these are the central incisors because of their early development.



The cases shown in this research were examined under the legal permission of the Council of Forensic Medicine, Ministry of Justice, Turkey (Project number and date: B.03.1.ATK.0.01.00.08/237, May 30, 2006) and University of Ankara (Number and date of decision: 103-2692, December 4, 2006).



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Photos are obtained from five outer and one from the root direction of 480 deciduous teeth.

Macro shots are made with digital Sony DSC V1 camera on a black infinite background.

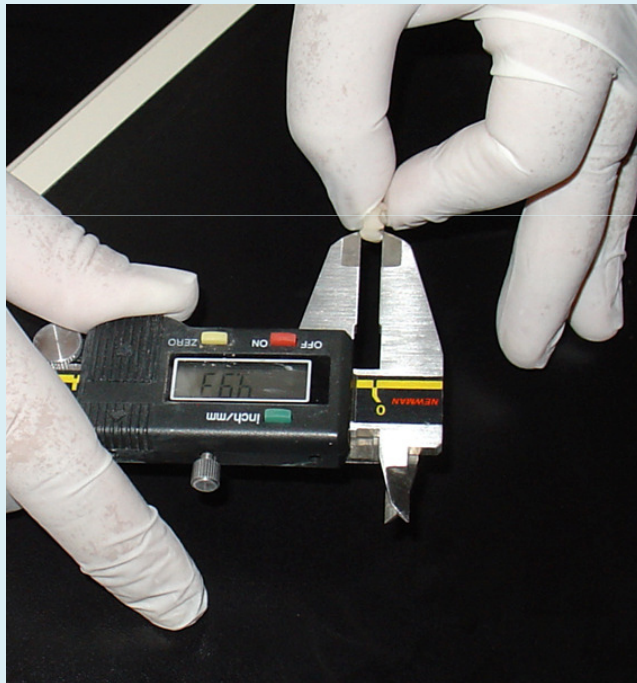


YAGAN and DAGALP during the photographing step.



Spherical incisal crowns of the deciduous dentition

The aim of this study is to determine the age of fetuses or infants by measuring the tooth development from the five aspects as; mesio-distal (MD), bucco-lingual (BL), crown height (CH), crown thickness (CrT) and root height (RH) dimensions. Measurements were taken with TWO TYPES OF COMPASSES in millimeters.



Digital Vernier compass, (*Mitutoyo, Japan*), used for MD, BL, CH, and RH dimensions.



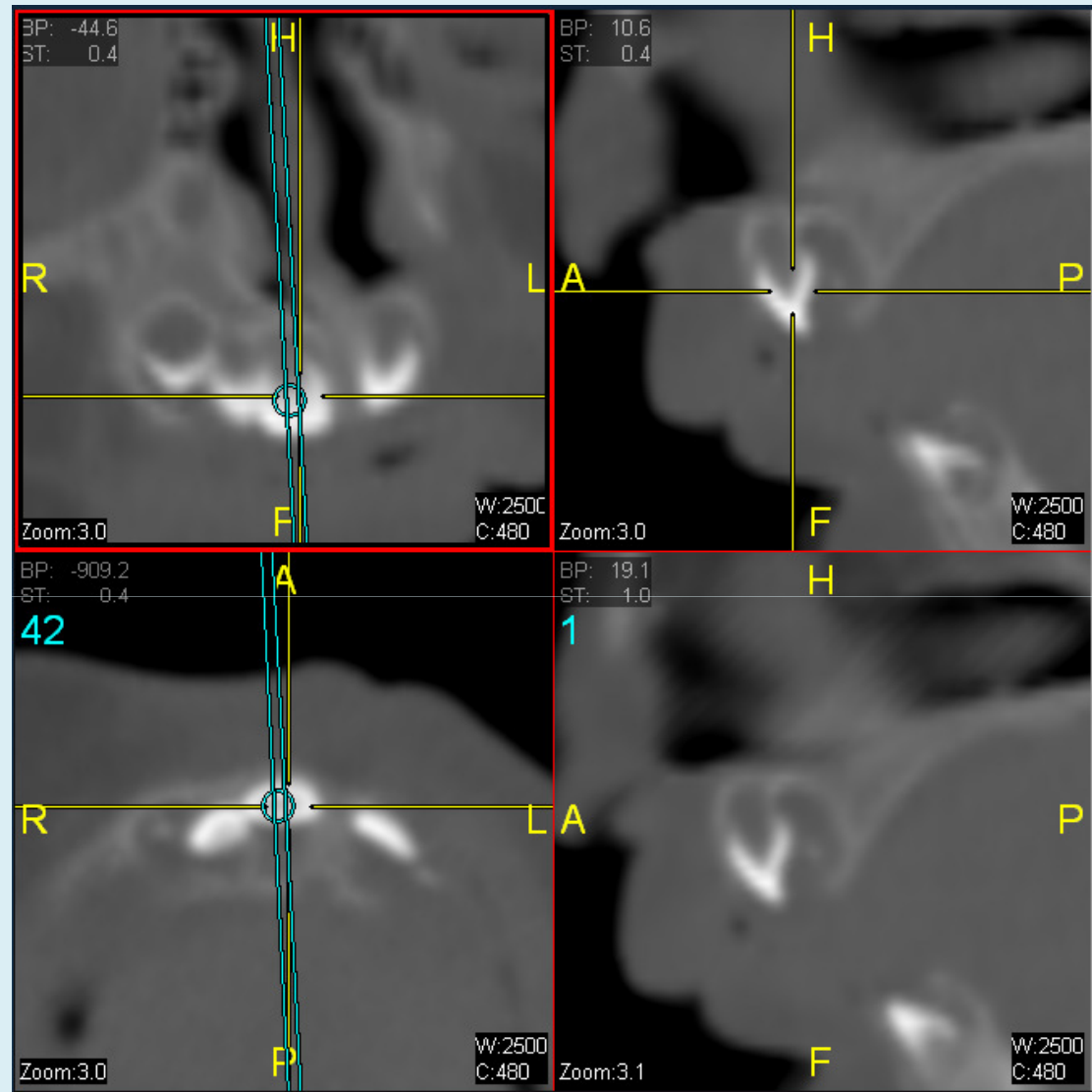
Dental metal thickness compass, (*Fara Dental, Germany*), used for (CrT) dimensions.

**Arithmetical average of two measurements were
were calculated to produce the data, which were
statistically processed by regression analysis and various
regression formulas were derived.**



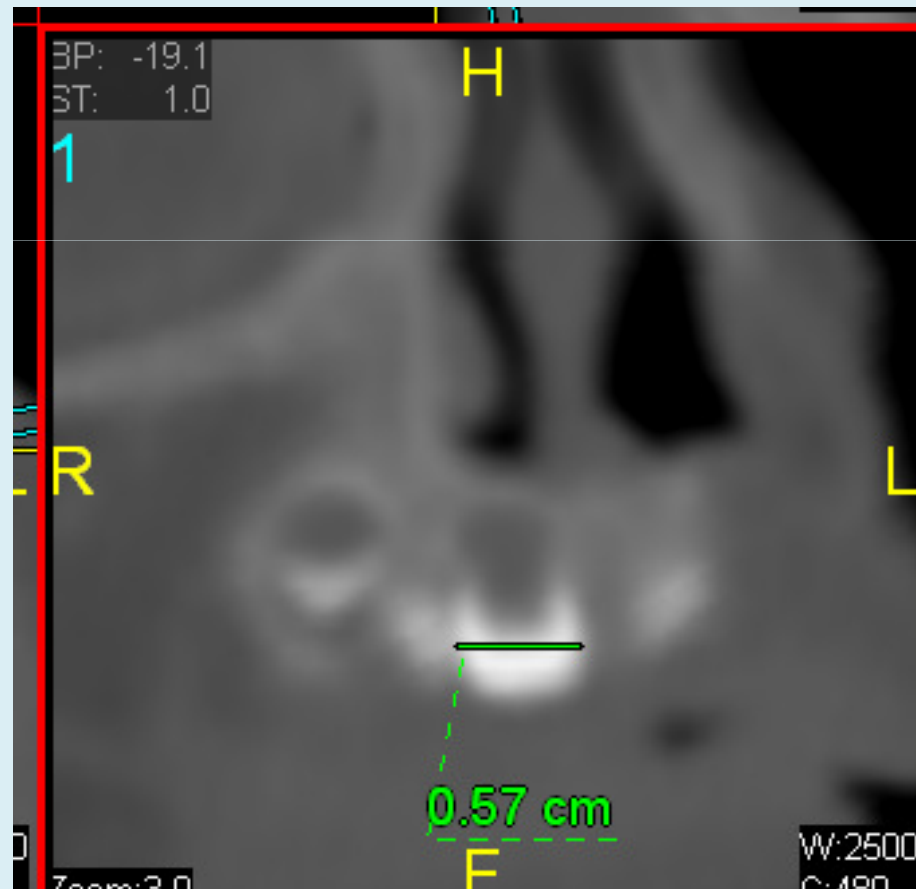
**AKA and CANTURK
during the measuring step.**

Age of teeth could also be estimated through the calculation of indirectly obtained data from the computerized tomography (CT) digital image measurements, where new regression formulas were derived.

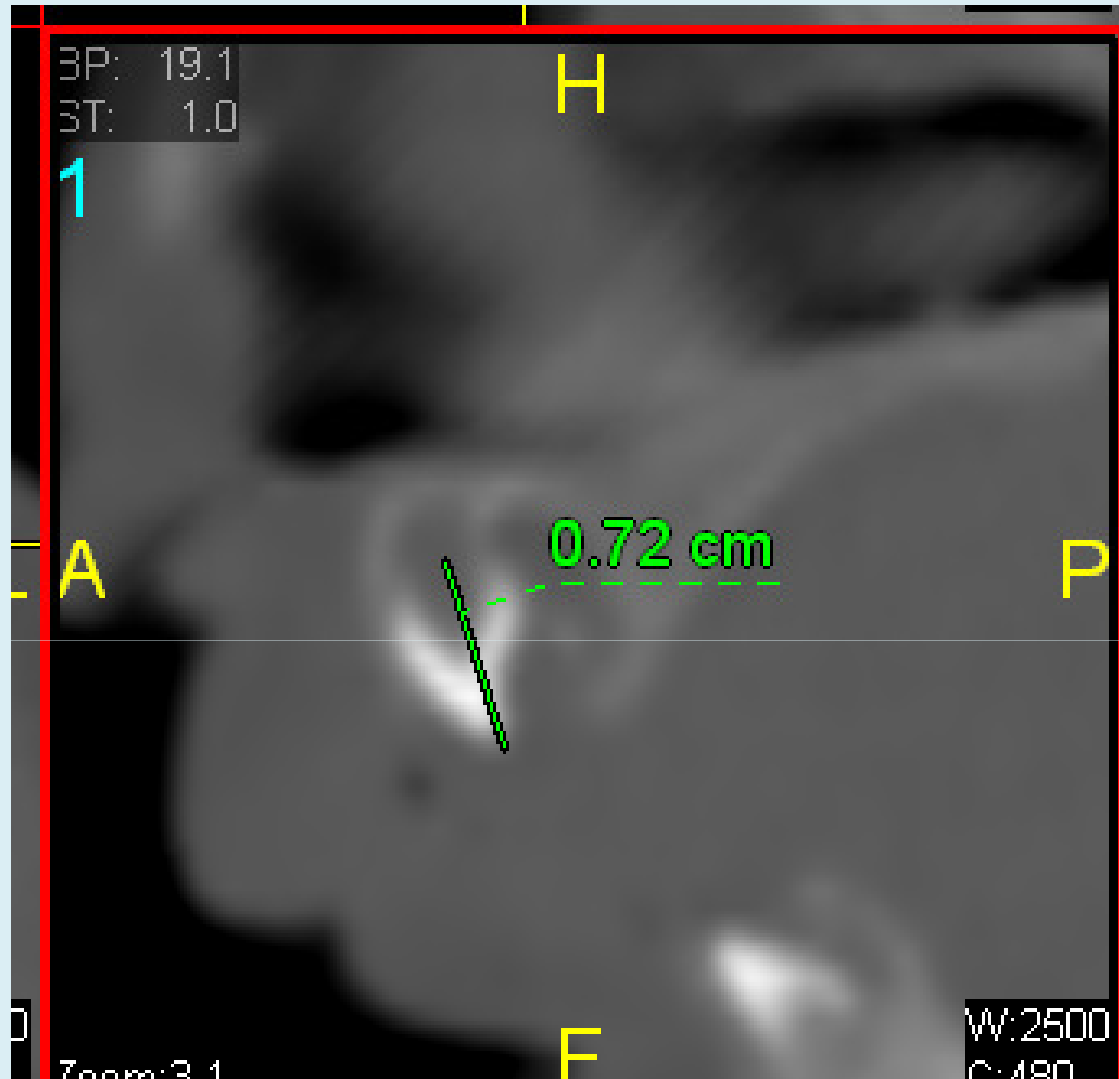


This method was proposed as Virtual Dental Identification (VirDent-ID) by the authors PS. Aka and N. Canturk, and is a matter of choice instead of traditional methods. Same dental measurements were tested on the image measurements and reliable results were obtained.

The results revealed that age could be estimated from various tooth dimensions within an accuracy of $\pm 0-2$ weeks for both methods.



The best measurements for age estimation can be obtained from the longest vertical dimension, which is the tooth height, and the best age estimation formula was also generated from the tooth height.



In conclusion, age formulas derived from direct or indirect measurements of fetus or infant tooth development stages may be used as an aid for dental identification, until the completion of upper central primary tooth development.

Additionally a user-friendly age estimation software is also prepared for quick and easy age estimation from both direct manual and indirect virtual dental measurements taken from the Computerized Tomography images which will be present in the text and atlas entitled «Primary Tooth Development in Infancy».

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* «**Kedici**» was the old surname of P. Sema AKA between 1976 - 2004.

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