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## Effects of Dietary Consistency on Craniofacial and Occlusal Development in the Rat

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### ABSTRACT

Moderate differences in the hardness of diet are related to significant differences in maxillary width and other measures of facial size. Probably even more important is a relationship to the coordination of Growth of different parts of the dentofacial complex. Muscular stimulation mediated through occlusal function seems to play a significant role in the coordinated development of facial structures.

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