

## Soft-dotted characters in the pipeline

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### Summary:

In reviewing Latin characters currently in the pipeline (primarily those identified in [L2/04-132](#)), I suggest that the following should be given the *soft dotted* property:

U+1D96 LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH RETROFLEX HOOK  
U+1DA4 MODIFIER LETTER SMALL I WITH STROKE  
U+1DA8 MODIFIER LETTER SMALL J WITH CROSSED-TAIL

### Details:

In as much as the Editors will need to decide the question eventually, I thought I'd put forward evidence to support the position that all three of these should be soft-dotted, namely:

In the third line of Figure 8 of L2/04-044 (or, equivalently, Figure 32 of L2/04-132), U+1DA4 MODIFIER LETTER SMALL I WITH STROKE appears with a diacritic and no dot.

Further, note that the two modifier letters are provided compatibility decompositions to characters that are themselves soft-dotted, specifically:

U+1DA4 MODIFIER LETTER SMALL I WITH STROKE	<sup> 0268
U+1DA8 MODIFIER LETTER SMALL J WITH CROSSED-TAIL	<sup> 029D

Also, in a similar situation identified in Public Review Issue #11, it was decided that U+02B2 MODIFIER LETTER SMALL J should be soft-dotted.

As for U+1D96 LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH RETROFLEX HOOK, L2/04-132 states "Other properties should match those of similar characters", and U+0069 LATIN SMALL LETTER I is, of course, soft-dotted.

Regards,

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