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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Medical Principles and Clinical Practice
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJMPCP_127184
Title of the Manuscript:	Anthropometric Analysis of External Ear Shape and Earlobe Attachment Patterns in the Hausa Ethnic Group of Nigeria
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript seeks to fill an interesting and useful niche in the understanding of morphological diversity in human populations by providing an insight into ear morphology among the Hausa ethnic group of Nigeria. Because the authors compared findings between genders, the study is useful for fields such as forensic science, plastic surgery, and anthropology. The study forms part of the expanding database on somatotypological differences among ethnic groups, which has both identification and diagnostic relevance. It challenges diversity in morphological studies which are usually centered on other ethnic groups especially the Hausa ethnic group.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	I will wish make this suggestion on the title which can make for improvement "Assessment of Earlobe Patterns and Ear Shapes in the Hausa Ethnic Group of Nigeria: Implications for Forensic and Clinical Applications." The title at the top summarizes the possibly main idea of the study while still pointing towards the potential to apply the findings.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is generally thorough, though it may benefit from greater explicit articulation of the practical implications of the study findings, particularly their relevance to forensic identification or healthcare domains like plastic surgery. In addition, it will help the reader to obtain a clearer preliminary understanding of the study's methodology by elucidating what the exact procedures used were. Where appropriate, it may also be helpful to refer to the statistical significance of findings.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The structure is well organised by subsections and the reader is guided through the study's objective, methodology, findings, and discussion. Each of these should be broken into their own subsections that address (1) earlobe attachment and (2) ear shape, and any gender differences with greater clarity. This would help readers move along with the discussion more easily.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The study is conceptually and methodologically rigorous and scientifically valid. The statistical analysis is appropriate for the comparisons conducted, and the discussion assembles and discusses pertinent literature. However, there are some elements which can be improved. But a more thorough examination of genetic and environmental influences on ear shape might help us to get a better picture. Also, the comparative analysis would be improved by the incorporation of other recent research from analogous populations / ethnic groups outside Nigeria Nigeria would enhance the comparative analysis. Overall, the article is well-conceived, but these enhancements could improve its contribution to the field.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. =	They are really not enough references, and the work would benefit from additional recent studies within the past 2–3 years, especially on ear morphology in different ethnic groups. It may also help contextualise the findings by adding studies from populations in Africa and other continents, most recently those published after 2020 to enable recent comparisons.	

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Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	While the language is mostly suitable, a few sections could be revised for grammatical clarity and readability. Phrases like "this agreed with the present study" could be streamlined for clarity, e.g., "aligns with findings of the present study." Minor language improvements will enhance the article's readability and scholarly tone.	
Optional/General comments	The study could also look at the possibility of extending the application of its findings beyond plastic surgery and forensic science, for example, to anthropology or evolutionary biology. Also, the reader will be better able to understand the different morphological patterns observed, if the diagrams or images of the ear shapes discussed are provided.	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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