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Dear Dr. Fernandez

Please find the enclosed manuscript, *3D facial landmarks: Inter-operator variability of manual annotation*, which we would like submit for publication in *BMC Medical Imaging*.

The manuscript address an important aspect of facial morphological studies; the inter- and intra-operator variability introduced by manual annotation, thus the power of subsequent studies. We analyze the annotation variability of six operators and 36 facial 3D scans. Further, we suggest a scheme for sufficient and relative fast annotation of 3D facial scans, given a sparse set of landmark to annotate.

Given the relevance of facial morphological in e.g. detection of syndromes associated with minor physical abnormalities, we hope you consider our results of general importance and the manuscript worthy of publication in your journal.

Following changes are made: Added line numbering, the statement of ethics approval of the study in the method section and full postal address of all authors.

Yours sincerely

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