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Title: Evaluation of maxillary anterior teeth and their relation to the golden proportion and golden standard in malaysian population

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Dear Sir/Madame

I am pleased to submit the manuscript entitled, “evaluation of maxillary anterior teeth and their relation to the golden proportion and golden standard in malaysian population” for your consideration.

This study is a cross sectional study conducted to investigate the occurrence of the golden proportion between the perceived widths of the maxillary anterior teeth. A second purpose was to evaluate whether consistent relationships exist between tooth width and height of the clinical crown dimensions. The study also aimed to compare these proportions among the 3 majority ethnic groups in Malaysia: Malay, Chinese and Indian.

The clinical significance of the study is to determine a mathematical or geometrical relationship between teeth in order to achieve an esthetic restorative result. It would be helpful if statistically reliable relationships existed to support existing relationships theories. This can simplify the diagnosis of facial and dental disharmonies and will help to restore optimal facial esthetics.

I hereby warrant the following to be true:
1. The manuscript has been approved for submission to the BioMedCentral (BMC) Oral Health by all authors.
2. The text and images in the manuscript submitted are the original work of the author(s).
3. The manuscript has not been published or being under consideration by another journal.

Dear Sir/Madame
I received an e-mail from the journal editorial office requiring some changes in the manuscript before starting the peer review process. 
Here I describe these changes made point-by-point:
1) We added this paragraph in the Methods:
   “Ethical approval obtained from the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry, MAHSA University College. All volunteers participated in the research signed informed consent prior to their participation which included the nature of the project and declared the confidentiality of all information.”
   This is added to discuss our efforts to comply with Helsinki Declaration.
2) We added this paragraph after the conclusions:
The authors declare that they have no competing interests

3) We added the authors’ contribution part to the manuscript.
MI AL-MARZOK took part in making the study conception and design, supervision of
the research group, analysis and interpretation of data, involved in drafting the
manuscript.
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the manuscript.
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Thank you for considering this manuscript.

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