Reviewer’s report

Title: The relationship between the cranial base and jaw base in a Chinese population

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Minor Essential Revisions

The authors corrected the manuscript following the previous suggested comments, but some other issues should be evaluated.

In the INTRODUCTION section, the statement: “Genetics appear to play such a big role in facial growth that genetic influence is more apparent in some malocclusions than others, as can be seen in skeletal Class III cases” lacked reference.

Did the patients sign an informed consent? Is there an Ethical Committee Approval for this research? Please, specify.

The statements “Based on a pilot study that we conducted” in Materials and Methods section, and “Further studies have shown that the correlation between the two values was probably high due to topographical factors, most likely the rotation of the SN plane; thus the SN value was deemed an unreliable indicator.” in the Discussion, lacked references too.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests