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Response to comments regarding the interlabial angle

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Dear Editor,

First, we would like to thank Drs. Ferrario and Sforza for their interest in our recent article on 3D anthropometric analysis of the orolabial region in Chinese young adults, which we published in your journal in 2013;51:908–12. They have pointed out that we did not cite their laboratory's earlier measurement of the interlabial angle.

Our paper reads: “*We introduced some new measurements and proportions that were not part of the traditional analysis scheme. The interlabial angle, **adapted from cephalometry**, would be particularly useful when patients with bimaxillary protrusion are being evaluated*” (page 910).¹ It was not our intention to claim that we invented this measurement.

Ferrario *et al.* point out: “*Our first paper where the interlabial angle was used is a 2001 publication about the three-dimensional assessment of dentolabial relationships*”. Indeed, this measurement has been employed by Dr Ferrario, but also by other laboratories prior to this date.^{2–4}

Moreover, we would like to take this opportunity to underline our respect and appreciation for the work undertaken by Drs. Ferrario and Sforza in quantifying facial morphology.

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