

Sonographic biometry of apparently normal parotid gland among adults in Asaba, South-South Nigeria.

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Mechanical review

Round 1

Comments (11-Mar-24)	Author's response (1-Apr-24) [Please write a response to each point. You must change the manuscript as per your response. Mention line numbers.]
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please follow the journal's cover letter template. 2. Provide completed the EQUATOR checklist. 3. Provide the word count of abstract and main text on the cover page. 4. "Methods of data analysis" should be the sub heading of "Methods". 5. Rearrange all tables from the "Results" section to the end of the manuscript. The "Results" section should only contain text, with appropriate references to the table numbers. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Journal templates have been followed. 2. EQUATOR checklist has been submitted. 3. Word count has been provided. 4. Correction has been made. 5. Correction has been made
Recommendation	Revisions Required

Technical review

Reviewer's information			
Date review assigned	10-Apr-24	Date review completed	13-Apr-24
Reviewer name	Shahjada Selim	Do you have any conflict of interest with the author/s?	No
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Reviewer's comments (15-Apr-24)	Score	Author's response (23-Apr-24) [Please write a response to each point. You must change the manuscript as per your response. Mention line numbers.]	
How would you rate the originality and depth of the manuscript?	8	-	
Is the manuscript written in a scholarly manner?	6	-	
Does the manuscript have the potential to make a valuable contribution to the world of knowledge?	8	-	
Does the manuscript meet ethical standards?	9	-	
Major points		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correction has been made. 2. Formatted highlights accordingly. 3. Given Introduction only. 4. Merged Table 1 and 2. 5. Replaced as "Department". 	
1. Line 4: The running title should be at the end of the abstract.			
2. Line 48-56: HIGHLIGHTS does not match BSMMU J article design.			
3. Line 57: BACKGROUND/ INTRODUCTION; one is to select.			
4. Result: Table 1 and 2 are better to be merged			
Minor points			
5. Line: department to be replaced by Department.			

Reviewer's information	
6. Line 105: start from 18year; correction- starts from 18 year.	6. Corrected.
7. LINE 108: Subject better to be replaced by participants.	7. Replaced as "Participants".
8. Line 119: Critically ill subjects- needs to be exemplified.	8. Exemplified the critically ill subjects.
9. Line 155: Method of data analysis should be black. Line 159: was- should be were. Line 225: Dost et al17and Bozzato et al22 should be - Dost et al17 and Bozzato et al22. Line 230: gland be replaced by glands.	9. Correction has been made.
Reviewer's Recommendation	Revisions Required

Responsible Editor's comments (15-Apr-24)		Author's response (23-Apr-24)
Name	M Mostafa Zaman	[Please write a response to each point. You must change the manuscript as per your response. Mention line numbers.]
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1. The abstract should be reduced to 250 words or less.		1. Reduced the word count of the Abstract.
2. Methods for data analysis should be replaced by Statistical analysis. Because your objective is to determine the normal size of the parotid gland, you should use 95% reference range to be calculated as the mean±1.96 standard deviation. Therefore the analysis section and the tables and concerned texts in the Results section should be revised. If you have a specific objective to see differences between men and women (which is logical), you should format your tables from total, men and women all through. Towards this end, tables 1 and 2 need revision. You should merge these two tables.		2. Given the separate section of Statistical analysis under Methods section.
3. Remove P values from the Discussion section. Bring lines 196-198 of the Results section to the Discussion section. This is not a result of your study. The concerned table (Table 5) should dropped.		3. Removed.
4. Separate the cover letter and the EQUATOR checklist from the manuscript file but ensure that these two files (cover letter and the EQUATOR) are correctly uploaded in the submission files.		4. Uploaded separately.
Editor's Decision	Major Revision	
Final decision of the Executive Editor (23-Apr-24)		ACCEPT