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# Review of: "Hair Loss, Body Height and Attractiveness Malus for Men"

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The article **"Hair Loss, Body Height and Attractiveness Malus for Men"** provides a statistically detailed and conceptually interesting exploration of how androgenetic alopecia and perceived height influence social and personality impressions of men, supported by a large participant sample, strong inter-rater reliability, and advanced multivariate analyses that enrich face perception literature. The manuscript demonstrates solid methodological rigor and presents novel insights, particularly regarding the differentiation between judge-level and stimulus-level interpretations and the proposed "attractiveness malus" phenomenon. However, several limitations reduce the study's generalizability and contemporary relevance, including reliance on an older dataset collected in 2000, use of a highly selective sample of professional model photographs that may introduce attractiveness bias, absence of objective anthropometric verification of estimated height and weight, and limited cultural diversity among raters. Additionally, the manuscript is excessively lengthy with repetitive statistical descriptions that reduce clarity, and the theoretical interpretation occasionally extends beyond the empirical evidence. The article would benefit from replication using modern, ethnically diverse populations, inclusion of real biometric data or AI-assisted morphometric analysis, clearer hypothesis prioritization, and substantial condensation of the results and discussion sections to enhance readability and translational impact.

## Declarations

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