

Review of: "Are non-native speakers' English pronunciation similar?: Evidence through PRAAT recording software"

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This article investigates the differences of pronunciation between two non-native speakers of English. Specifically, the author intends to verify differences in allophones and phonemes. Two female speakers from Bangladesh and China who are currently studying at a Sino-American University are invited to read a single word and a phrase; the stimuli have been acoustically analysed by means of Praat and then compared. The research questions and the hypothesis are very interesting but the study shows several weaknesses. First of all, the article needs to be proof-read: it is full of grammatical errors and several sentences are not clear. Secondly, some paragraphs are superfluous, like the one dedicated to the functionality of Praat and the articulation of sounds. These concepts should be taken for granted. On the other hand, there is confusion in the organization of other paragraphs: the RQs and the hypothesis should be exposed separately, while they are presented in the "English language in China" section. The article is, moreover, full of repetitions, some sentences are repeated two or three times in different paragraphs. Lastly, with reference to the research design, in order to collect and to present significant data, the study should involve more than two speakers. The contribution can be considered as a pilot study that has to be improved in order to provide some significant results.