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# Zygomaticus Major Muscle

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A muscle of facial expression that originates on the zygomatic arch and inserts into the fibers of the modiolus of the mouth, with innervation by the facial nerve, specifically the buccal and zygomatic branches, which functions to draw the angle of the mouth superiorly and posteriorly, allowing an individual to smile.