

The manuscript addresses an underexplored theme: the historical and cultural intersections between Irish, Italian, and African identities. By combining historical, sociological, and genetic perspectives, it opens a path toward a more nuanced understanding of migration, diaspora, and racial identity. The contribution is relevant for cultural studies, social history, and identity studies. However, the novelty of the work would benefit from a more systematic engagement with the most recent scholarly debates and from a deeper critical reflection on the methodological approach.

The current title is suitable and descriptive. It clearly conveys the scope and the comparative nature of the study. Alternative suggestion: *Tracing African Legacies in Irish and Italian Identities: Historical Intersections and Contemporary Perspectives*.

The abstract provides a general overview of the topic and highlights the main aims. However, it is somewhat broad and lacks a clear indication of research methodology and theoretical framework. I suggest adding:

- A brief reference to the types of sources (historical documents, secondary literature, genetic studies).
- A stronger concluding sentence that explicitly indicates the originality and the contribution to the field.

The English is understandable and generally clear. However, in several sections it would benefit from editing for conciseness, to avoid repetition and overly long sentences. Some terms (e.g., “genetic material of cattle breeds” in the genetic section) should be contextualized more carefully to avoid ambiguity. A light professional proofreading is recommended

**Introduction:** Clear in presenting the problem, but it should better state the research questions and the novelty of the paper.

**Historical Context:** Informative and well-structured; however, some passages are descriptive rather than analytical. A more critical engagement with migration studies would strengthen the section.

**Overlooked Historical Connections / African Influences:** Valuable contribution, but sources should be better integrated with academic debates rather than journalistic or general history accounts.

**Racial Identities and Stereotypes:** Well developed, but requires more recent references (e.g., studies on whiteness and racialization in migration history).

**Genetic Connections:** Interesting section, but the link between genetic findings and cultural identity is not fully clarified. Needs a more careful interdisciplinary framing.

**Conclusion:** Summarizes well, but should highlight more explicitly what is new in this study and what avenues of research it opens.

The reference list is fairly extensive and includes recent works (2020–2023). However, there are some issues:

- Several sources are books from Google Books without precise page numbers, which reduces academic rigor. Direct citation of scholarly journal articles would be preferable.
- Important works on diaspora studies, racialization, and postcolonial theory are missing (e.g., Paul Gilroy, Stuart Hall, Edward Said, or recent works on whiteness studies).
- Bibliography formatting is uneven: capitalization, italics, and DOI presentation should be standardized according to APA guidelines.
- Repetitions: no major duplications, but some references appear to be more illustrative than essential.

Suggestions: Enrich the bibliography with key peer-reviewed journal articles, ensure uniform APA style, and contextualize all references within the argument.

Specific Comments:

1. Clarify research questions and strengthen theoretical framework in the Introduction.
2. Reduce descriptive passages in favor of critical and analytical interpretation.
3. Revise the Abstract to better highlight methodology and originality.
4. Ensure coherence between genetic evidence and socio-historical interpretation.
5. Improve English expression and eliminate redundancies.
6. Standardize references (APA style) and expand bibliography with more peer-reviewed sources on diaspora, identity, and postcolonial theory.

Specific Comments:

The manuscript addresses an interesting and original topic; however, it lacks the scientific rigor expected for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The structure often remains descriptive rather than analytical, and the argumentation does not always follow the

standards of scholarly research articles. A clearer definition of research questions, methodology, and theoretical framework is required to strengthen the academic value of the work.

The bibliography is insufficient and does not meet the standards of rigor. Although some recent sources are included, the reference list is limited, not fully representative of the existing literature, and presented in a non-uniform format. References should be expanded with key peer-reviewed works in migration studies, diaspora and identity theory, and postcolonial analysis. Furthermore, all entries must be carefully revised and standardized according to the journal's guidelines.

While the manuscript has potential, it requires substantial revision to meet the scientific and formal criteria of the Journal of Comprehensive Social Science Research.