

1. Response to Reviewers:

The authors did not adequately address the reviewers' concerns. A proper response should include a point-by-point reply to each comment, clearly indicating how each issue was resolved. Additionally, revisions in the manuscript should be highlighted—preferably using a different font or color—to make them easily identifiable.

2. Cattle Link and Unsupported Claims:

Reviewer 1 raised a valid concern regarding the cattle link, which remains insufficiently justified in the revised manuscript. Furthermore, the paper contains problematic assertions. For instance, the authors claim:

"Genetic research reveals deep-rooted connections among Irish, Italian, and African populations, challenging simplistic racial divisions (Irish et al., 2020)" (p. 9).

However, upon reviewing Irish et al. (2020), the cited study actually states that

"dental nonmetric traits can serve as proxies for neutral genomic data," which does not support the authors' claim.

3. AI-Generated Style and Lack of Citations:

The manuscript reads as though it may have been generated by AI, with limited attention to factual accuracy. For example, the statement:

"The question of why Irish and Italian communities often deny their historical ties with Africa is rooted in a blend of historical, socio-cultural, and political factors" is presented without any supporting citations or references, which is characteristic of AI-generated content lacking scholarly rigor.

4. Reference Inconsistencies:

There are notable inconsistencies in the formatting of references. For example, *Antonio, M. L. et al.* is listed in one format, while *De Franceschi, L., Castiglioni, C., Condorelli, C., Valsecchi, D., Premoli, E., Fiocchi, C., & Perrone, V.* appears in another. Additionally, some titles are missing or truncated, which undermines the credibility of the reference list.

5. Overall Assessment:

Although I do not have a background in genetics, the recurring issues—lack of proper responses, unsupported claims, citation errors, and questionable authorship—lead me to conclude that the manuscript does not meet the standards required for publication.