

**PERCEIVING PROPENSITY FOR AGGRESSION ANALYZING
FACIAL ANTHROPOMETRY, FWHR & LUNG FUNCTION
PARAMETERS AMONGST CHILDREN OF ATHLETIC AND NON-
ATHLETIC TYPES IN WEST BENGAL**

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ABSTRACT

Background: Aggression is an offensive action, which includes the practice of doing assault or attack, physically or verbally to other in general. Facial-width-to-height ratio (fWHR), Farka's craniofacial landmarks and dynamic lung function parameters are found to be correlated amongst pre-pubertal child athletes & non athletes in West Bengal. **Objectives:** Comparing and contrasting phenotypic bio-markers of aggression amongst pre-pubertal child athletes and non-athletes in West Bengal depending on cognitive anthropometric parameters, facial anthropometry, aggression score, fWHR & LFT data.

Materials and Methods:

- Physical & Cranio-facial Anthropometric parameters.
- Dynamic lung function parameters
- Cognitive task analysis methods by BPAQ scale.

Results: All statistical results emerged, showed clear indications towards meaningful phenotypic trait markers of aggression amongst pre-pubertal child athletes & non-athletes of this area. **Discussion:** Social dominance hierarchies play a pivotal role in shaping athletic performances. To date, however, few physical and cognitive markers of dominance have been identified. Such markers would be valuable in terms of understanding the etiology of dominant behavior and changes in social hierarchies over time. **Conclusion:** Two sample t tests ensure the developing differences amongst athletic and non athletic children. Facial height, head length, vital capacity, verbal aggression, physical aggression and hostility scores are found to be instrumental regarding correlated phenotypic biomarkers amongst child athletes. However En-Ex, VA, PA and FEV-1/SVC are found to be equally instrumental amongst child non athletes at least in this part of the world.

KEYWORDS: Facial anthropometry, aggression, Spirometry, fWHR.

INTRODUCTION

Anthropometry is a conglomeration of scientific artistry extensively used nowadays for assessing soft tissue proportions with respect to skeletal back up. While it is true that error is found in measurements of this kind, a great many trends of growth and development and therapy changes can be recorded with a significant degree of accuracy. Recent studies and innovations regarding facial anthropometry has widen up the ways to identify several facts which includes physiological changes, nutritional status, social practices and cognitive changes. People with different values of facial dimensions sometimes conclude various positive correlations with other psychological signs. Identification of such facial dimensions can be much useful in analysis of the cognitive changes. Aggression defines the unpredictable behavior of a person who can cause harm to own or others, sometimes that harm can be caused in a very large scale from a community to a nation.^[1] Children are the future of nation and they need a healthy environment to grow, with lots of love, care and hospitality. Without all these lots of cruelties may grow within a child. Children from their childhood show their interest in various extracurricular activities like: sports, singing, dancing and recitation etc, which give them refreshment from studies or daily activities. Sometimes those hobbies or passions enforce them to become famous in later life. Amongst all these activities, sports are liked by the boys most. Boys of all ages, races and socioeconomic status love to play games of any types whether it is indoor or outdoor. Involvement in various sports activity gives physical strength, energy, good health and mental support to children. Psychologically they

became competitive, passionate and also became aggressive to achieve something. This cross sectional study is mainly based to find this behavioral differentiation amongst the athletic and non athletic boys, in correlation with various facial dimensions as well as unique pulmonary functions, which can be known as the predictor of aggressive behavior.

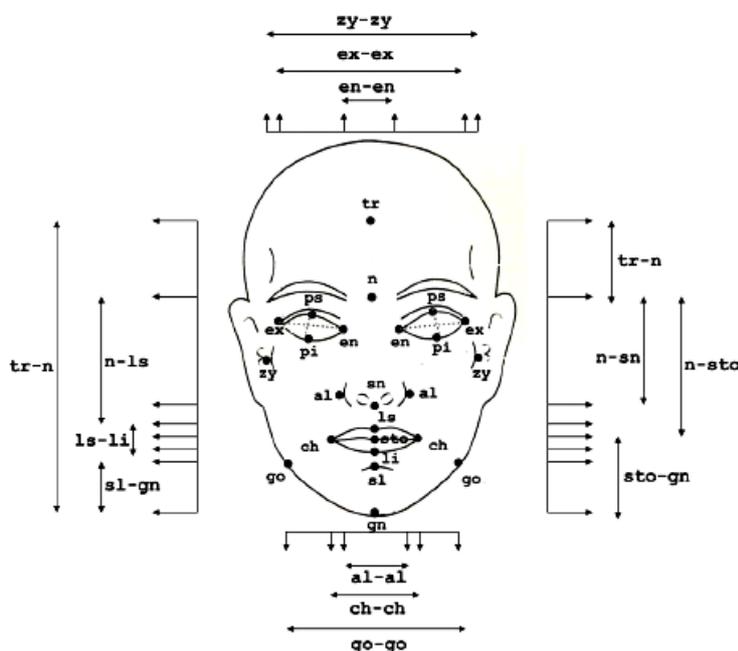


Fig. 1: Cranio-facial dimensions of human.^[10]

Amongst all the facial anthropometric parameters facial width to height ratio (fWHR) is one of the potent markers to determine irrational behavior amongst children. Distance between left and right Zygoma is considered as facial width and distance between upper lips to mid of eyebrows is considered as the facial height.^[2] Several research works have already done to draw some relation between the facial dimensions and aggression. Though proofs regarding these are merely found but some significant works are still there to generate clear ideas regarding identification of cruelty by fWHR.^[3] Study of fWHR is much evident in generating aggression amongst the boys those who are involved in various kinds of sports than that of athletic girls.^[4] FWHR also show positive predictions of fouls within midfielders and forwards, and goals and assists them in taking challenges to beat opponents.^[5] The aggression not only defines non cooperation and selfishness but also have some other shades, like competing mentality, uncontrollable desire to generate strength or effort regarding some good work, getting passionate to achieve something etc, which may be recognized as the positive site of aggression. Beside fWHR five major cranio-facial parameters of renowned scientist

Farka's has also taken into account to identify whether these Farka's land marks are able to predict any behavioral irrationality amongst athletes or not.^[6]

Pulmonary function test (PFT) is a part of patho-physiology, which measures how much and how quickly a person can move air out of lungs. In this test the person has to breathe into a mouthpiece attached to a machine called a Spirometer. Spirometric assessments can be divided into two types i) static pulmonary function test, which totally depends upon the consumption of air inside the lungs, called Slow vital capacity (SVC) & ii) dynamic function test consider the consumption of air volume inside the lungs according to the time, which is also known as Forced vital capacity (FVC). PFT includes many values, which help to assess the abnormal condition of a person's lungs, which are explained at Table no: 2.^[7]

Ideology generated from the early works state that Men's facial width to height ratio is said to be a reliable predictor of aggressive tendencies, though it is indicated very shortly but still a significant positive relationship is observed.^[8] Studies regarding facial anthropometry are changing day by day and opening up several frontiers in medical as well as ergonomic researches. Psychological assessments are also most of the times done on the basis of facial indexes, whether in cases of children or in adults. Expressions in both the cases are different from each other depending upon age. Similarly primary age can be considered as the age of learning, so children at this age are in various growth spurts which show different types of behavioral projections in them.^[9] Children at the age of pre puberty mostly show behavioral irrationality, which become vanished at post puberty along with the growing age.^[10] On the other hand calm and quiet children can also become aggressive at their adult age. Several strains of aggression can't be controlled genetically with growing age but also get reduced with proper counseling methods, which may include numerous extracurricular activities including sports. Pattern of breathing can also be different within an aggressive person, which can be assessed with the help of lung function test or Spirometry. There are numerous factors present within lung function test (LFT) and all these factors vary of an individual with their certain biological factors and also cause cognitive changes. Cognitive changes like stress for any reason can also influence the pattern of breathing, through which alteration in pulmonary gas exchanges occur.^[10,13] Amalgamation of facial anthropometric parameters along with the parameters of pulmonary function test may unfold some newer predictors of aggression, by which an aggressive individual can be easily identified from their childhood. This particular study is aimed find out the following objectives:

1. Whether values of fWHR ratio is able to correlate with other facial anthropometric parameters, especially with five major facial dimensions of Farka's.
2. Whether the values of fWHR shows any direct or indirect correlation with aggression amongst the children of both groups.
3. To identify the pattern of aggression amongst the children who are regularly exposed to sports or other physical exercises in comparison to the control counterparts.
4. Whether fWHR correlates with any of the parameters of lung function test.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Ethics: This study was performed following the human ethical guideline of Institutional ethical committee (Human), Hooghly Mohsin College, as per ICMR, (GOI) directions.



Fig. 2: Measuring En-Ex, Farka's landmark.

136 boys of 10 to 12 years are selected randomly from two different schools for this particular study. Amongst them 57 students are volley ball players who are placed at a single group considered to be the experimental or athletic group and rest 79 students are those who are not involved in any sports; are considered to be the control group or non athletic group. Parameters of facial and physical anthropometry are assessed, aggression questionnaire (revised, Buss & Perry, Aggression questionnaire, BPAQ)^[12] and pulmonary function test are performed to subjects of both the groups.

Parents of the children and all the teachers of both the schools had supported and cooperated tremendously in fulfillment for this piece of work. Measured cranio-facial anthropometric parameters are listed below in Table 1 with some basic physical parameters and their measuring devices.

Name of the parameters	Measuring tools
1. Height (cm)	Anthropometric rod
2. Weight (kg)	Weighing machine
3. Body mass index (BMI-kg/m ²)	From height and weight
4. Ponderal Index (PI-kg/m ³)	From height and weight
5. Head circumference (cm)	Tape
6. Neck circumference (cm)	Tape
7. Head breadth (cm)	Spreading calipers
8. Head length (cm)	Spreading calipers
9. Face height (cm)	Digital slide calipers
10. Face width (cm)	Digital slide calipers
11. fWHR (ratio of face width and face height)	From the height & width of face
12. Inter ocular breadth (cm)	Digital slide calipers
13. Britageon breadth (cm)	Digital slide calipers
14. Distance between endocanthion and exocanthion (en-ex) –cm	Digital slide calipers
15. Distance between vertex and tragus (v-tr)- cm	Digital slide calipers
16. Distance between chelion and targion (ch-t) cm	Digital slide calipers
17. Ear inclination	Goniometer
18. Mento cervical angle	Goniometer

Table 2: Parameters that are assessed in lung function test or Spirometry, assessing respiratory fitness, are enlisted.

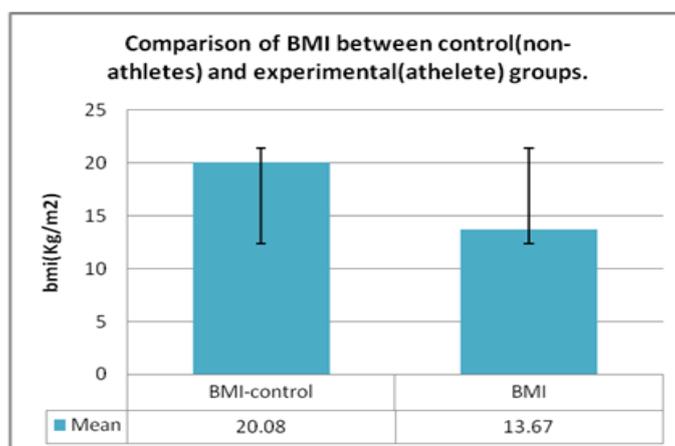
Lung Function Test	Instrument	Measures	Function
Spirometry	Chestgraph 801 Computerised Spirometer	Forced vital capacity(FVC)	Volume of air that is exhaled after maximum inhalation.
		Forced expiratory Volume(FEV)	Volume of air exhaled in one breadth
		Forced expiratory flow, 25 to 75%	Air flow in the middle of exhalation.
		Peak expiratory flow(PEF)	Rate of exhalation.
		maximum voluntary ventilation (MVV)	Volume of air that can be inspired and expired in 1 minute.
		Slow vital capacity(SVC)	Volume of air that can be slowly exhaled after inhaling past the tidal volume
		Total lung capacity(TLC)	Volume of air in the lungs after maximum inhalation.
		Functional residual capacity (FRC)	Volume of air left in the lungs after normal expiration.
		Residual Volume (RV)	Volume of air in the lungs after maximum exhalation
		Total lung capacity (TLC)	Maximum volume of air that the lungs can hold.
Expiratory Reserve Volume (ERV)	The volume of air that can be exhaled beyond normal exhalation.		

Comparisons are done of measured facial anthropometric parameters, parameters of lung function test to find out, whether both the group possesses any significant changes difference or not. Aggression score is also assessed with the help of Buss and Perry Aggression questionnaire and all the aggression scores are correlated with measured facial and physiological parameters. Parameters of aggression are physical aggression (PA), verbal aggression (VA), Anger and Hostility.

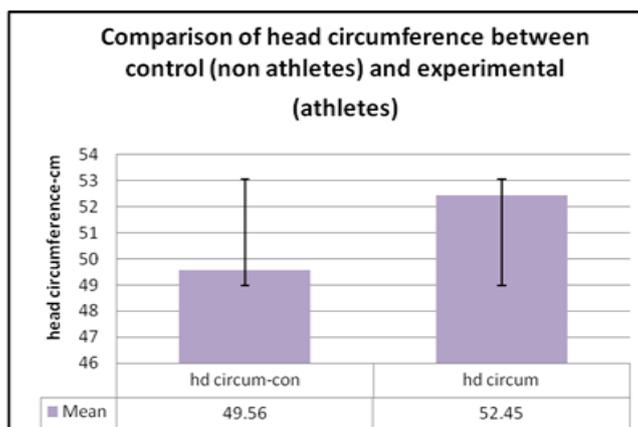
All the measured parameters are compared by a statistical method namely, two sample t test and correlated with the help of Pearson's correlation by Minitab software of statistics version 17.

RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS

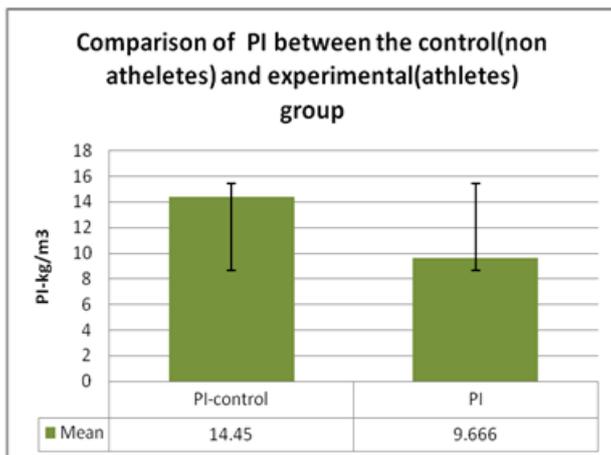
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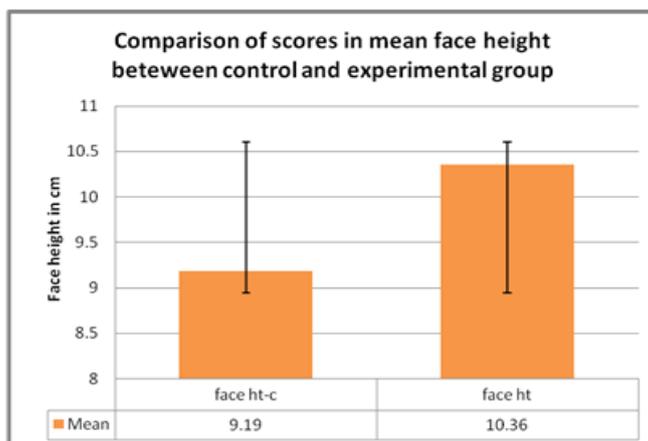
Bar Diagram 1: Shows that non athletes have significantly higher BMI than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).



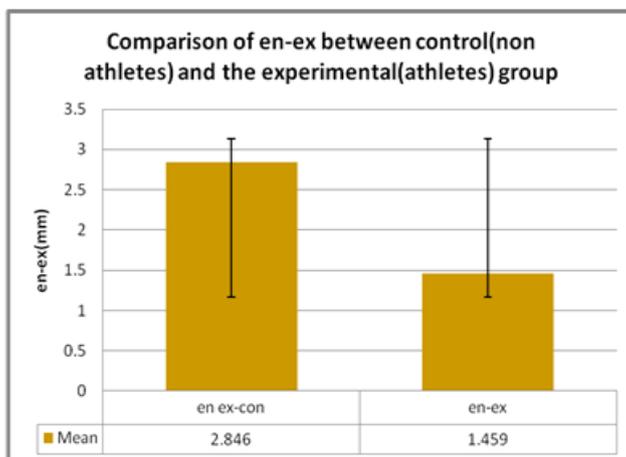
Bar diagram 2: Shows that athletes have significantly higher head circumference than that of non-athletes ($p < 0.05$).



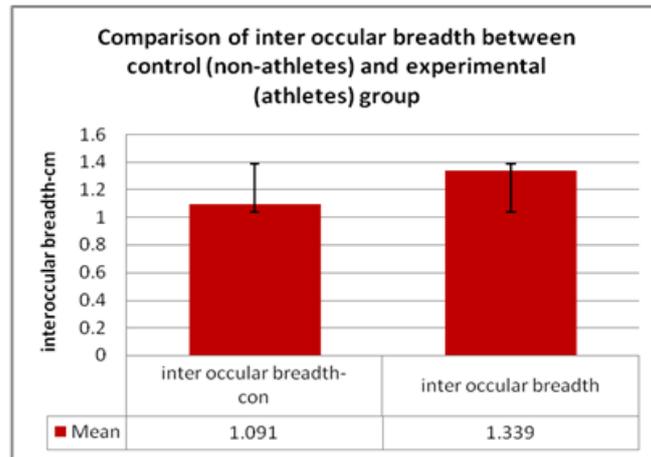
Bar diagram 3: Shows that non-athletes have significantly higher head circumference than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).



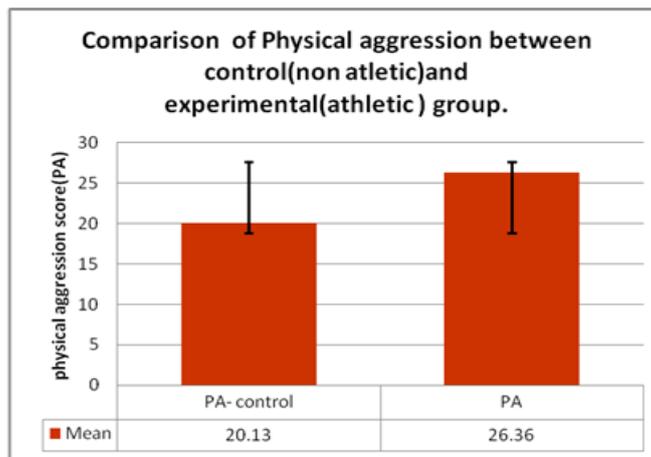
Bar diagram 4: Shows that athletes have significantly higher face height than that of non-athletes ($p < 0.05$).



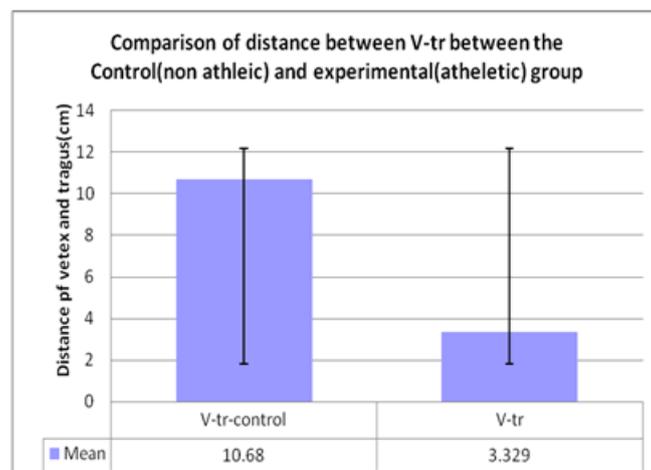
Bar diagram 5: Shows that non athletes have significantly higher en-ex than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).



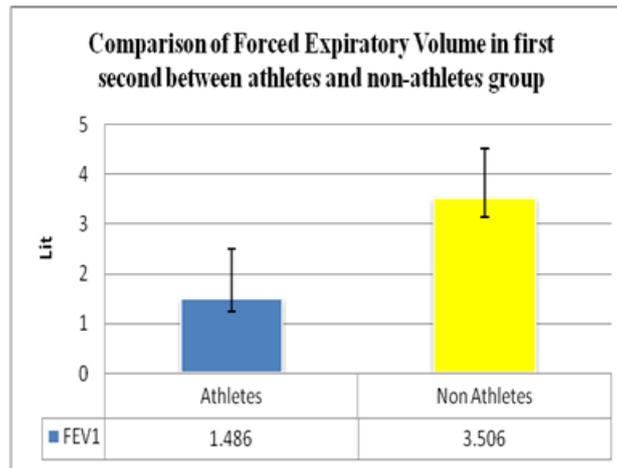
Bar diagram 6: Shows that athletes have significantly higher inter ocular breadth than that of non athletes ($p < 0.05$).



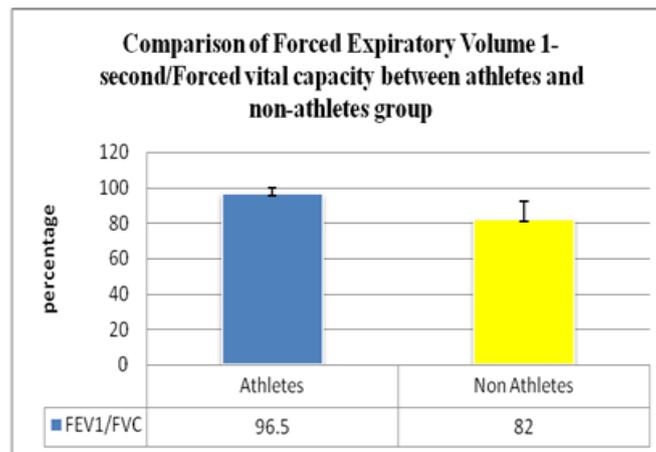
Bar diagram 7: Shows that athletes have significantly higher PA than that of non athletes ($p < 0.05$).



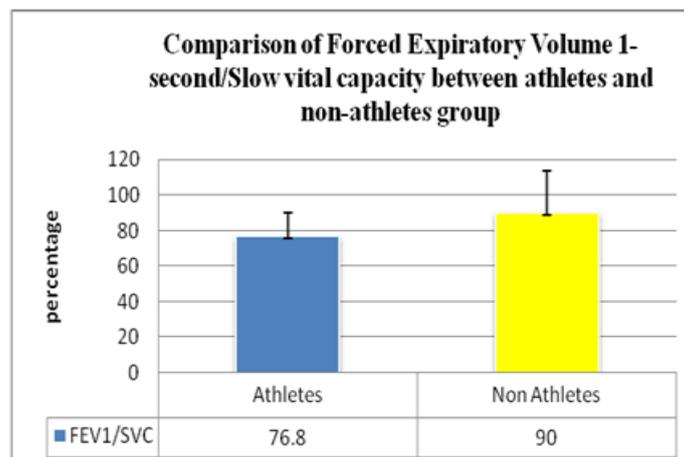
Bar diagram 8: Shows that non athletes have significantly higher v-tr than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).



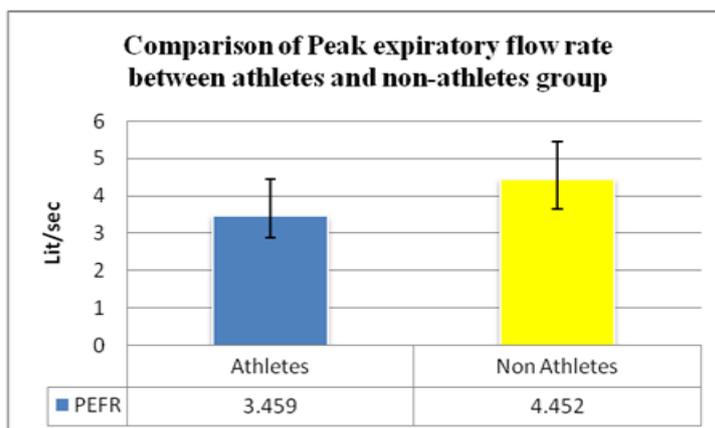
Bar diagram 9: Shows that non athletes have significantly higher FEV than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).



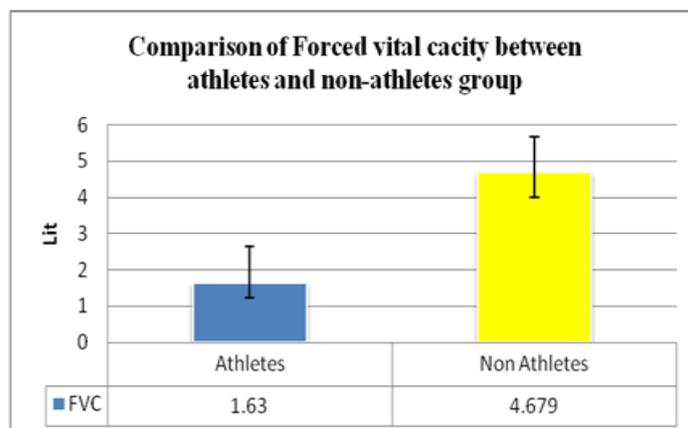
Bar diagram 10: Shows that athletes have significantly higher FEV-1/FVC than that of non athletes ($p < 0.05$).



Bar diagram 11: Shows that athletes have significantly higher FEV-1/SVC than that of non-athletes ($p < 0.05$).



Bar diagram 12: Shows that non athletes have significantly higher FVC than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).



Bar diagram 13: Shows that non athletes have significantly higher PEF than that of athletes ($p < 0.05$).

After comparing all the assessed parameters with the help of two sample t test, the following observations are obtained,

1. Physical Parameters like BMI, PI are significantly higher in the cases of non athletes than that of athletic counterpart.
2. Craniofacial parameters of Farka's like, en-ex and v-tr are found to be significantly higher amongst the non athletic boys group than that of athletic boys group.
3. Similarly craniofacial parameters like head circumference, inter ocular breadth and face height are found to be significantly higher in the athletic group than that of non athletic group.
4. Cognitive parameter namely physical aggression is found to be significantly higher in the athletic boys than that of non athletic boys.

From the comparison of different components of lung function test, it can be confirmed that non athletes have significantly higher values of PEF, FVC, FEV as well as FEV-1/SVC ratio than that of athletes of same age group. On the other hand athletic individuals contain significantly higher rate of FEV-1/FVC ratio than that of athletic counterpart.

Table 3: Pearson's Correlation amongst assessed Parameters.

Correlated parameters	Correlation found amongst Athletes subjects	Correlation found amongst Non-Athletes subjects	Exact p value obtained for significant r value
PA with Head circumference	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	Correlated	± 0.048
PEF with head length	Correlated	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	± 0.023
En-Ex with VA	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	Correlated	± 0.019
Head length with hostility score	Correlated	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	± 0.043
Inter ocular breadth with FEV-1/FVC	Correlated	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	± 0.036
PA with FEV-1/SVC	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	Correlated	± 0.042
Face height with VA	Correlated	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	± 0.027
VC with PA	Correlated	Not correlated ($p>0.05$)	± 0.033

1. Mean value of physical aggression of non athletic subjects are found to be significantly correlated with their mean scores of head circumference where, $p<0.048$.
2. Mean scores of peak expiratory flow (PEF) rates in athletes are found to be significantly correlated with their mean head length, where $p<0.023$.
3. Mean value of en-ex in non athletes are found to be significantly correlated with their mean scores of verbal aggression, where $p<0.019$
4. Similarly mean value of head length in athletes are found to be significantly correlated with their mean hostility scores where, $p<0.043$.
5. Mean Inter ocular breadths of athletic subjects are found significantly correlated with mean scores of FEV1/FVC ratio, where $p<0.036$.
6. Mean score of Physical aggression amongst non athletic subjects are found to be significantly correlated with the mean ratio of FEV-1/SVC where $p<0.042$.
7. Mean scores of facial height in athletic subjects are found to be significantly correlated with verbal aggression of them, where $p<0.027$.
8. Mean scores of Vital capacity of the athletic subjects are also found to be significantly correlated with their physical aggression scores, where $p<0.033$.

DISCUSSION

From the statistical analyses some newer dimensions emerge for the study of facial anthropometry as well as physiology and cognitive ergonomics. In one hand compared data are enough sound to prove that facial as well as body dimensions of athletic and non athletic persons is not same.^[14] Regarding this comparative observations amongst physical parameters like height, weight, BMI & PI, it has been surprisingly found that BMI & PI are found to be much higher in non athletes than athletes, although both the data fall within normal limits. It is axiomatic that child athletes who are utilizing additional calories with much higher workload show reduced BMI & PI. It indicates that proper & sufficient fueling and feeding are absent amongst these class. It has been also found that only FEV-1/FVC percentage is higher amongst the athletic subjects than that of its non athletic counterpart. All other studied dynamic lung function variables are found to be much higher in non athletes than that of athletes at least in this study.

On the other hand one of the most important findings amongst the child athletes and non athletes are specific facial anthropometric parameters, which are found to be typically and significantly correlated with specific, a) pulmonary function parameters, b) specific other facial data and c) aggression scores namely: verbal aggression, physical aggression and hostility. Cognitive aggression score showed all the three parameters have much authentic correlation with the anthropometric and physiological score amongst the athletes and are not much dominant amongst the non athletes. Therefore it can be said that respiratory health and cognitive scores are found to be reciprocal in this part. Researchers specifically found that most of the child athletes are belonging from very poor families with very big family sizes. This burgeoning truth reminds us that our nation is not that much fortunate economically, here “Reproductive success” is converted to “Reproductive excess” and depreciates individual’s cost of nutrition as a result development of negative intuition rather aggression.

On the contrary it can be said that hyper sensation rather aggression in any individual not only converges them towards negativity but also it can work in a positive manner especially for the athletes who may give effort to fetch victory for themselves or for the team. Though still researches are needed to propagate in this field to segregate the type of aggression and generate more parameters which may help to identify the pattern of aggressiveness whether it is helpful and harmful. Apart from this it can be also said that patterns of breathing can be one of the prior marker to identify the stress or impulsive attitude within a person whether he

is an athlete or non athlete. It may also appear that probably nutritional assurance, socioeconomic paradox and parental care are probably the major key factors for this kind of outcome. Further in depth study is required in this direction near future.

CONCLUSION

Numerous studies take place globally in identifying the aggression traits amongst the pre and post pubertal children, whether they are sedentary or athletic in nature. This particular study is a special one that attempts to recognize the pattern, amplitude and types of aggression in normal as well as athletic person in correlation with other physiological and anthropometric parameters.

Amongst several findings of the study few major findings are came in the limelight which include the following:

- i) Identification of verbally aggressive athletes by specific range of vital capacities
- ii) Face height can be another indicator for physical aggression amongst athletes as, fWHR do not show any significant correlation with any of the aggression scores
- iii) None of the Farka's land marks possess any significant correlation with any of the aggression scores amongst the athletes, but in non athletes one of the Farka's parameters namely En-Ex show significant correlation with verbal aggression and lastly
- iv) All the respiratory variables possess much higher values in non athletes except FEV-1/FVC.

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