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2. Forensic Anthropology Population Data
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4. Digital Reports
5. Mini reviews
6. Short surveys of new methods/findings
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8. Forensic validation studies

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