Letter to Editor

Post mortem changes and clothing

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Dear Editor,

The recent report on post mortem changes is very interesting. Teo et al. concluded that “burial was significant in affecting post mortem change, F(1,11)=12.991, p<0.05 while type of clothing was not significant.” In fact, there are many factors that can affect the post mortem change. Whether clothing can affect changes or not is an interesting issue. In fact, there are many kinds of cloths. Different kind of clothes (such as nylon, silk, etc) might have different contribution. In depth study in this issue is required. In addition, the fluctuation of climate and temperature must be carefully considered since this can affect both cadaver and clothes. For example, in cold water, Karhunen et al. found that “wet clothing acted like dry clothing in slowing down body cooling.”

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