

Scientists reveal what makes the perfect pout (and why Emma Watson has the best lips in Hollywood)

- Study used responses to a series of altered images to judge which lips were best
- Results found that young people's idea of natural-looking lips was bigger
- It also found that balancing upper and lower lip surgery yields the best results
- Study author says Emma Watson has the best lips in Hollywood

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Knowing where the limit is with a lip job is vital for anyone looking to puff up their pout.

It can be tricky for even the most experienced plastic surgeon to know at what point someone's lips go from luscious to ludicrous.

Fortunately, science has the answer - a new study has worked out which lips are best using computer modelling.

The study found that a balanced upper and lower lip size yields the best results, and that young people's idea of natural, attractive lips was bigger than older groups.

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'I think Emma Watson's lips seems to follow the ideal proportion described in the literature and this study,' he told MailOnline.

'Acute angles at the corners of the lip, appropriate ratio of lower to upper lips height, and defined cupid bow.'

A 'Cupid's bow' in a pair of lips describes the double curve of the top of the upper lip resembling a perfect bow shape.

The study showed that perceptions of lips as either attractive or artificial are not strictly based on the dimension of the lips alone, Dr Kim said.

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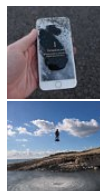
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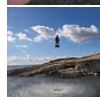
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'The key to achieving an attractive and natural lip enhancement is to perform a balanced augmentation of the upper and lower lips,' he told MailOnline.

The study also found a measurable difference in lip preference between people of different age groups.

THE FORMULA FOR PERFECT LIPS

- 1:16 ratio between the top lip and the outer thirds of the bottom lip
- Central segment of the lower lip is 1.2 vs the top lip, therefore thicker in the middle
- An accentuated 'Cupid's bow'
- Acute angles at the corners of the lip





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Pictured are some of the study's augmented lip images. Having a large upper lip (centre image) or large lower lip (left image) was not deemed attractive to survey participants. The research found that balanced lips (right image) were the most attractive and natural-looking



English actress Leslie Ash's (right) lip job famously went wrong as her bottom lip ballooned. Survey participants dubbed women with a large lower lip as having an unattractive and artificial-looking pout, such as glamour model and body builder Jodie Marsh (left)



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But this group were also harsher in their judgement, as they were shown to be more likely to judge lips as modified.

The research provided digitally altered photographs of a female model's lips in an internet-based survey.

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The lips were digitally altered incrementally in five sets of parameters - the upper lip, the lower lip, the upper and lower lips, and the shape of the cupid's bow.

Next, 101 participants viewed the photographs in a random sequence using an online survey and responded to two questionnaires after each photograph.

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Actresses Angelina Jolie (left) and Scarlett Johanson (right) are two celebrities with famous pairs of even lips. According to the study, the key to achieving an attractive and natural lip enhancement is to perform a balanced surgery of the upper and lower lips



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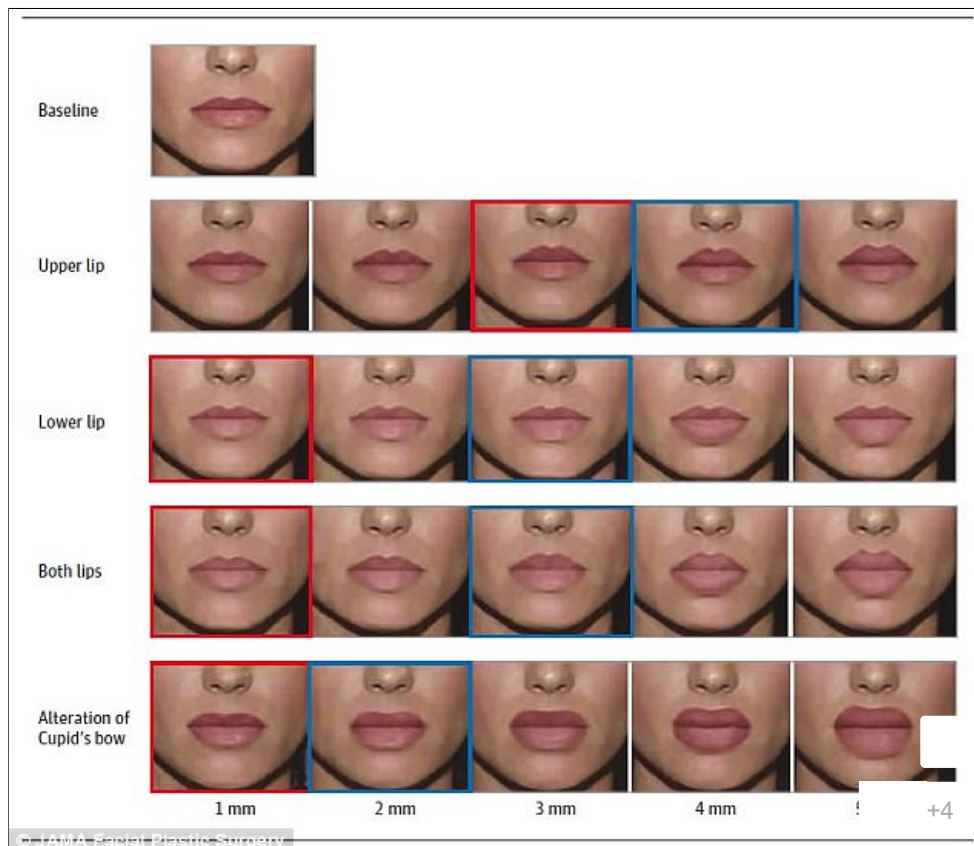
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The augmented lip images created by the research team. The images in the red boxes were considered treated and attractive. The images in the blue boxes were considered unnatural

and artificial

'The participants are prompted to respond whether each altered photograph of the lips appears to have received any cosmetic treatment, and whether the lips look "attractive and natural" or "artificial and unnatural",' Dr Kim told MailOnline.

'One interesting finding is that the artificial appearance of an over-enhanced upper lip can be corrected by over-enhancing the lower lip as long as the height of the lower lip is 1.6 times the height of the upper lip,'

'The ideal ratio in heights of the upper and lower lips is 1:1.6 which has often been described in the textbooks and literature as the "Divine Proportion" or the "Golden Ratio."'



Kylie Jenner is famous for her augmented pout. She is pictured left before her augmentation, and right post-augmentation

The authors say that 'quantitative measurement' of lips as a fixed guideline for lip surgery is neither practical nor realistic.

This is because there are too many variables in each face to assume that a strict set of measurements can predict other people's perception of the lips.

The goal of the study was to provide quantitative measurements to help guide clinicians, the authors said.

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