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Description

[0001] EP 1 291 807 A2 relates to a person recognition apparatus, where data of a person to be authenticated is registered as dictionary data, this authentication data of the person to be authenticated is acquired and collated with the registered dictionary data. In accordance with the collation result, the dictionary data is updated.

[0002] US 2015/0124053 A1 relates to an information processor configured to register user face identification data having a guidance display section adapted to display guidance prompting a user to rotate his or her face relative to an imaging device.

[0003] David White ET AL, in "Crowd Effects in Unfamiliar Face Matching : Crowd effects in unfamiliar face matching" (Applied Cognitive Psychology, vol. 27, no. 6, 1 November 2013 (2013-11-01), pages 769-777, DOI: 10.1002/acp.2971) study the accuracy of the crowd on a standard test of face matching ability.

[0004] Object of the present invention is to improve the reliability of facial examination by human examiners.

[0005] This object is achieved by a method according to claim 1, a storage medium according to claim 8, and a facial identification system according to claim 9. Advantageous embodiments are subject of the dependent claims.

[0006] While both finger and facial images exist as images for processing and comparison, there are key differences between the two:

- Fingerprint images are black and white while facial imagery can be color or black and white.
- Fingerprints are caused by touching a surface (which stabilizes the capture) while facial images are captured with little or no control over the subject.
- Finger details (ridge flows and minutia patterns) are a discrete type of image pattern whereas facial features vary widely across gender, race, age, hair, pose, lighting, facial obstructions, etc.
- There are many accepted courses and career tracks for the training of fingerprint examiners, whereas there are no current public courses for the training of facial examiners.

[0007] Human examiners can be presented with facial images for comparisons in two distinct ways:

- Computer based algorithms can be used to produce a list of candidates for review after searching a probe image. This is referred to as "Facial Recognition" or FR.
- Two images can be manually selected for review.

[0008] In both cases, it is up to the human facial examiner to analyze the two images and produce a final decision whether the person in both images is of the same person. This process has several commonly used definitions:

- Facial Examination (FE): A formal systematic examination of two facial images to determine if the same person is shown in both images. An example of this systematic examination technique, broadly accepted for use in fingerprint examinations, is called ACE-V (Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification).
- Facial Identification (FI): The human-based examination of the similarities and differences between two facial images with the goal of determining if the same person is shown in both.

[0009] In any current operational environment using facial biometrics, the act of the FI is where a human facial examiner (or a group of examiners working together) is responsible for making a decision as to whether the same person is shown in two distinct images being compared.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0010] The exemplary embodiments of the technology will be described in detail, with reference to the following figures wherein:

- Fig. 1 shows an exemplary setting of probe image eye locations;
- Fig. 2 shows setting candidate image eye locations;
- Fig. 3 shows an exemplary Side-by-Side probe and candidate images;
- Fig. 4 shows an exemplary comparison of skin;

- Fig. 5 shows an exemplary comparison of face/head outlines;
 Fig. 6 shows an exemplary comparison of face/head composition;
 Fig. 7 shows an exemplary comparison of hair/baldness patterns;
 Fig. 8 shows an exemplary comparison of a forehead region;
 5 Fig. 9 shows an exemplary comparison of eyebrows;
 Fig. 10 shows an exemplary comparison of eyes;
 Fig. 11 shows an exemplary comparison of cheeks;
 Fig. 12 shows an exemplary comparison of noses;
 Fig. 13 shows an exemplary comparison of ears;
 10 Fig. 14 shows an exemplary comparison of mouths;
 Fig. 15 shows an exemplary comparison of chin/jaw lines;
 Fig. 16 shows an exemplary comparison of necks;
 Fig. 17 shows an exemplary comparison of facial hair;
 Fig. 18 shows an exemplary comparison of facial lines;
 15 Fig. 19 shows an exemplary comparison of scars;
 Fig. 20 shows an exemplary comparison of facial marks;
 Fig. 21 shows an exemplary comparison of alterations;
 Fig. 22 shows an exemplary embodiment of embedded synchronized magnifiers;
 Fig. 23 shows an exemplary embodiment of a increased zoom feature of embedded synchronized magnifiers;
 20 Fig. 24 shows an exemplary embodiment of an increased zoom of embedded synchronized magnifiers.
 Fig. 25 shows an exemplary facial identification system;
 Fig. 26 is a flowchart showing an exemplary method of performing facial recognition;
 Fig. 27 shows an exemplary report; and
 Fig. 28-37 show examples of accepted anatomical definitions of facial components.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0011] Embodiments of systems and methods described herein can operationally ensure that a facial examiner follows specific predefined guidelines or best practices during a facial identification process. While accredited and accepted training for facial examiners evolve, an operational owner can integrate the appropriate guidelines or best practices directly into the actual facial identification processes used in real operational environments or training courses. Such guidelines or best practices can include a list of specific facial components that should be reviewed for every instance of a human facial examiner performing FI.

[0012] In one exemplary embodiment, the list of facial components includes, but is not limited to, one or more of skin, face/head outline, face/head composition, hairline or baldness pattern, forehead, eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, ears, mouth, chin or jaw line, neck, facial hair, facial lines, scars, facial marks, and alterations. Other embodiments of the list can include a different set of fewer (or more) facial components. Such guidelines or best practices can also include instructions for each of these facial components to train, assist, or guide the facial examiner when performing the FI for that facial component.

[0013] Embodiments of systems and methods described herein directly integrate the list of predefined facial components into the FI process:

1. Providing a direct on-screen reference to the list of facial components and their associated anatomical terminology during the facial review.
2. Displaying the areas on the facial components on the face as defined by the guidelines or best practices.
3. Optionally ensuring the facial examiner looks at every facial component in the list.
4. Audit that every facial component in the list is reviewed by the facial examiner.

Exemplary Steps:

Step 1:

[0014] The human facial examiner at a workstation sets the eye locations for both facial images (i.e., probe and candidate images). This operation can be done by manually reviewing and possibly (re)centering the eye locations over the left and right eye locations, as shown in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 (Image 1 104 and Image 2 204). For example, one or

more of the eye locations can be dragged-and-dropped to an updated center location using an input device such as a mouse. This setting of the eye locations is done to create landmarks so that all the facial components to be reviewed can be correlated to the eyes.

Step 2:

[0015] After the eye locations for both facial images are reviewed and accepted by the user at the workstation, both images 104 and 204 can be displayed side-by-side, as shown in the exemplary display in FIG. 3.

[0016] At this point, two windows 404 and 408 can appear as shown in Fig. 4 that are used during the enforced facial identification process.

1. In a first window 404 (which can optionally be a standalone window), any referenced document that the operational owner has decided to utilize in this facial identification process can be displayed to the user (i.e., facial examiner). The document can be placed in at any optimum location within the user's computer desktop environment.

2. The predefined list of the facial components mandated by the guidelines or best practice is displayed to the user in this window 404, which can also be placed in an optimum location within the user's computer desktop environment. In addition to displaying the list of facial components to be examined, other information, such as an identification information (ID), viewed status, and the results of the review can be associated with each facial component and optionally shown in one or more windows that can optionally be updated as the steps taken by the examiner are completed. Table 1 below provides an example of what may be presented to the user in this second standalone window.

- IDs may be associated with the facial components that must be reviewed; the IDs can enumerate and prioritize the facial components.

- The default state of Viewed Status can be NO.

- The default state of the Results (Similarity/Difference) can be NULL or empty.

TABLE 1

List of Facial Components			
ID	Facial Components	Viewed	Similarity (S)/Difference (D)
A	Skin	Y/N	S/D/NA
B	Face / Head Outline	Y/N	S/D/NA
C	Face / Head Composition	Y/N	S/D/NA
D	Hairline / Baldness Pattern	Y/N	S/D/NA
E	Forehead	Y/N	S/D/NA
F	Eyebrows	Y/N	S/D/NA
G	Eyes	Y/N	S/D/NA
H	Cheeks	Y/N	S/D/NA
I	Nose	Y/N	S/D/NA
J	Ears	Y/N	S/D/NA
K	Mouth	Y/N	S/D/NA
L	Chin / Jaw line	Y/N	S/D/NA
M	Neck	Y/N	S/D/NA
N	Facial Hair	Y/N	S/D/NA
O	Facial Lines	Y/N	S/D/NA
P	Scars	Y/N	S/D/NA
Q	Facial Marks	Y/N	S/D/NA
R	Alterations	Y/N	S/D/NA

Step 3:

[0017] At this point the user can sequence from facial component A through the last facial component to be examined during the process as shown in Figs. 5-21. In one embodiment, the list of facial components identifies every facial component that must be examined for the process to be considered properly performed and in conformance with a particular standard, regulation and/or guideline. As the facial components are sequenced:

- Visual boxes (or other highlighting technique(s)) can be shown to the user overlaid onto the facial images, which represent the specific facial component to be reviewed (See Figs. 5-21);
- The Viewed column is set from "No" to "Yes", as the user examines the facial component - this can optionally be automatically performed as the user/examiner views each specific facial component and steps to review the next; and
- The Similarity/Difference column can be set by the user indicating whether the specific facial component:
 - shows similarity (S),
 - does not show a similarity (D), or
 - cannot be evaluated (N/A).
- The referenced guideline or best practice document can optionally be automatically repositioned to show each specific facial component within the context of the document.

[0018] It is to be understood that the order in which the facial components are examined may differ from that described below. As discussed, Figs. 5-22 shown exemplary comparisons for various facial features. As illustrated in these exemplary Figures, a visual box(s) and/or highlight is placed around the feature(s) to be compared. Specifically, Fig. 5 shows an exemplary comparison of face/head outlines, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 6 shows an exemplary comparison of face/head composition, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 7 shows an exemplary comparison of hair/baldness patterns, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 8 shows an exemplary comparison of a forehead region, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 9 shows an exemplary comparison of eyebrows, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 10 shows an exemplary comparison of eyes, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 11 shows an exemplary comparison of cheeks, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 12 shows an exemplary comparison of noses, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 13 shows an exemplary comparison of ears, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 14 shows an exemplary comparison of mouths, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 15 shows an exemplary comparison of chin/jaw lines, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 16 shows an exemplary comparison of neck, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 17 shows an exemplary comparison of facial hair, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 18 shows an exemplary comparison of facial lines, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 19 shows an exemplary comparison of scars, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 20 shows an exemplary comparison of facial marks, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404. Fig. 21 shows an exemplary comparison of alterations, with guidelines for the comparison shown in window 404.

Step 4:

[0019] Fig. 22 shows an exemplary embodiment of embedded synchronized magnifiers 2204 where the eyes can be magnified to assist the user/examiner. These synchronized magnifiers can be moved to any part of the faces and are correlated to show the same portions of the faces 104 and 204 at the same time. Fig. 23 shows an exemplary embodiment of a first increased zoom feature 2304 of the embedded synchronized magnifiers and Fig. 24 shows a second exemplary embodiment of an increased zoom 2404 of embedded synchronized magnifiers. Here, the examiner has zoomed in significantly on one each in each of the probe and candidate images.

[0020] As each facial component is displayed to the user, a pair of synchronized magnification areas can optionally be displayed over the images allowing the user to zoom in on any discrete area, as shown, for example, in the above figures. At any time the size and zoom of the magnifiers can be controlled, updated or modified by the user.

Step 5:

[0021] In one embodiment, the user cannot complete the facial identification process unless:

- All facial components in the list have been reviewed by the user; and
- The user has specified whether for each facial component there is a similarity, a difference, or it cannot be evaluated.

[0022] The user can Exit the facial identification process at any stage in the process, but a decision as to whether the same person is in both images cannot be evaluated in such an event.

[0023] At the end of the entire facial identification process, a permanent auditing record may optionally be saved which confirms:

- Two images were reviewed in accordance with a predefined process (e.g., guidelines or best practices);
- On a specific date, a user on an operational workstation performed the facial identification controlled by the predefined process; and
- A final decision by the human examiner was arrived at.

[0024] Fig. 25 illustrates an exemplary system that can be used in conjunction with the above steps. The exemplary system includes a processor/controller 2504, memory 2508, I/O interface 2512, GPU 2516, facial components database 2520, facial component manager 2524, facial component list manager, verifier and auditor 2528, magnifier module 2532, folder manager 2536, dynamic report generator 2540, audit report module 2544, guidelines 2548, one or more displays 2552, one or more I/O devices 2556, and one or more remote biometric system(s)/databases/back-end systems 2560 (connected via the network(s)).

[0025] In operation, and in accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the system can be configured to resemble an email system. While other configurations are certainly possible, the emulation of an email system in terms of workflow at least assists with management and organization of the various images.

[0026] In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the facial component manager 2524, in conjunction with the processor 2504, memory 2508, GPU 2516 and facial components database 2520 present a probe sample to the user at display 2552. This probe sample can be forwarded to a back-end system, such as remote biometric system 2560 to perform initial matching. Once sent, the folder manager 2536 can place the sent probe sample in a "sent folder"- the "sent folder" representing that the probe sample has been sent away for a search to be done by the back-end system 2560. In conjunction with the search being sent out, a demographic filter and/or other filtering criteria can be sent with the image to help reduce the number of false positives received back from the back-end system.

[0027] On receipt of the results from the back-end system 2560, an indication can be placed in an "Inbox" by the folder manager 2536 alerting the user/examiner that there are probe and candidate samples ready to review (these results can be stored in the facial components database 2520). The GPU 2516 can provide to the user/examiner, on displays 2552, a candidate screen that shows all candidates returned by the back-end system 2560. This candidate screen, in conjunction with the facial components database 2520 and facial component manager 2524, can be filtered to reduce the number of candidates. For example, a user/examiner can select Yes, No or Maybe, to reduce the number of candidates to a more manageable number with the No candidates optionally being removed from the display.

[0028] Next, the user/examiner can perform a detailed review of the probe sample to one or more of the candidates as shown in Figs. 3-25. During the comparison, the user/examiner can one or more of calibrate the faces, perform a visual alignment of the faces, adjust scaling, adjust colors, and in general adjust any one or more of the characteristics of the probe and candidate sample either in unison or separately. In general any type of image adjustment can be performed including one or more of invert, color channel adjustment, greyscale adjustment, CYMK adjustment, or the like.

[0029] As the user/examiner reviews each of the facial characteristics, the facial component list manager, verifier and auditor 2528, in conjunction with the processor 2504, facial component manager 2524 and facial component database 2520, tracks the actions and records the results of the comparisons. The user/examiner during this process can take snapshots of particular features of interest with these snapshots being captured and added into a report which is being dynamically generated by the dynamic report generator 2540. These snapshots can then optionally be supplemented with one or more comments from the user/examiner.

[0030] Also, at any time, the guidelines 2548 can be retrieved and displayed to the user/examiner. These guidelines can be dynamically linked to facial features such that if the user/examiner clicks on a particular feature (such as the eyes) the corresponding guidelines (such as in a PDF, text or other document format) for eye comparison can be displayed - such as the guideline shown in Figs. 10-21 in windows 404.

[0031] Optionally, the audit report module 2544 can keep track and store one or more actions taken by the user/examiner, with the stored information usable for one or more of training, to confirm lack of biases, to identify errors and/or to ensure any applicable guidelines have been complied with. This audit trail can then be stored in the facial components database 2520 (or in general at any location and/or printed or sent to a destination such as via email) along with any information about the probe and/or candidate.

[0032] Optionally, the dynamic report generator 2540 can generate one or more reports. These reports can be compiled at the end of the review process (e.g., a finalization report) and/or dynamically created as the comparisons are made. As one example shows in Fig. 26, the report 2604 includes one or more sections populated with information regarding comparison decisions that were made. The exemplary sections include: "Snapshot", "Feature", "Same/Different", "Snapshot Images", "Comments", and "Data Path.". Snapshot can indicate a sequence number for the snapshot. Feature can indicate which feature the snapshot is for. Same/Different can represent whether the examiner believes the feature is the same or different. Snapshot images can include images of the comparison. Comments can include any examiner comments and data path can include information regarding the source file for the captured images.

[0033] As discussed above, the system can optionally be configured in an email-like manner. Thus, the system can have, for example, a reviewed folder, indicating that the examiner has reviewed and/or completed the comparison. The system can also optionally include a "needs attention" folder for situations where there has been an anomalous error.

[0034] For all of the various information, captures, reports etc. described herein, metadata can be associated with that information and can optionally be used for sorting (name, date, ID, etc.) or the like.

[0035] Fig. 27 outlines an exemplary method for performing facial recognition. In particular, control begins in step S2704 and continues to step S2708. In step S2708 a probe sample is loaded for display. Next, in step S2712, one or more candidate samples are loaded for display. Then, in Step S2716, the samples can be displayed in a side-by-side or other manner. Control then continues to step S2720.

[0036] In step S2720, a predefined list of facial components to be compared is maintained and managed. As discussed, an exemplary embodiment can include one or more of the following facial components that require comparisons: skin, face/head outline, face/head composition, hairline or baldness pattern, forehead, eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, ears, mouth, chin or jaw line, neck, facial hair, facial lines, scars, facial marks, and alterations. Next, in step S2724, the user is guided through the examination process with reference to the predefined list. Then, in step S2728, the user is optionally provided one or more of guidelines/reference material/instructions/examples for the specific comparison being made. Optionally further, the user can have their attention drawn to a specific facial feature being compared. Optionally still, the system can automatically update the display with one or more of the guidelines/reference material/instructions/examples/drawings to correspond to the facial component currently being examined. Control then continues to step S2732.

[0037] In step S2732, the predefined list can be updated as each facial component comparison is completed. Next, in step S2736, the user can optionally be required to complete a current comparison before being allowed to proceed to a next comparison. Then, in step S 2740, user actions can optionally be logged as discussed. Control then continues to step S2744.

[0038] In step S2744, the user can optionally record one or more of notes/comments/images/comparison results associated with one or more of the comparisons - with one or more of these items optionally being added to a report. Next, in step S2748, the user can optionally be required to perform all comparisons for completion of the facial identification process - with the user optionally being returned to complete any incomplete comparisons. Then, in step S2752 an audit report can optionally be generated. Control then continues to step S2756. In step S2756, a finalization report can be generated with control continuing to step S2760 where the control sequence ends.

[0039] In accordance with yet another optional embodiment, the system can include an application that can run on a desktop (e.g., Forensic Spectacles) which allows a user to control and directly push any two images currently displayed anywhere on the desktop directly into a 1:1 examination screen. This allows a user to, for example, see facial expressions - this allows "one click facial review." In another exemplary embodiment, the linked magnifiers can "snap" examination areas of interest into an off screen repository where they can then be directly published into a finalization document. This allows users to create the final examination report as part of their workflow which can, for example, dramatically shorten the time to create the final report.

[0040] In accordance with another exemplary embodiment, the checklist (predefined list) can also lay out the facial components. Another window can optionally be shown that references the correct and accepted anatomical definitions of the facial components. Both the checklist and the definitions can be synced to the facial component the examiner is currently reviewing. This can provide for each facial component 1) a checklist of what to look for, and 2) the proper anatomical terms for the specific component. Therefore, the examiner can be given a full suite of items and proper anatomical definitions for managing the facial identification. Figs. 28-37 show examples of accepted anatomical definitions of the facial components which are available from fiswg.org - Facial Image Comparison Feature List for Morphological Analysis, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0041] Additionally, the following two documents provide information and background: SWGFAST, Document #10, Standards for Examining Friction Ridge, Impressions and Resulting Conclusions (Latent/Tenprint) at www.swgfast.org/documents/examinations-conclusions/121124_Examinations-Conclusions_2.0.pdf and SWGFAST, Document #8, Standard for the Documentation of Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification (ACE-V) at www.swgfast.org/documents/documentation/121124_Standard-Docummentation-ACE-V_2.0.pdf.

[0042] Exemplary aspects are directed toward:

A method of performing a facial identification process, the method comprising:

displaying two facial images on a display screen adjacent to each other;

electronically maintaining a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images on the display screen are analyzed by a user to determine whether the facial images are of different persons or of a same person; and

automatically guiding the user through the facial identification process in response to the electronically maintained list of facial components.

[0043] Any of the above aspects, wherein the list of facial components includes skin, face/head outline, face/head composition, hairline or baldness pattern, forehead, eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, ears, mouth, chin or jaw line, neck, facial hair, facial lines, scars, facial marks, and alterations.

[0044] Any of the above aspects, further comprising requiring the user to complete examination of a facial component currently being examined before examination can proceed to another facial component in the list of facial components.

[0045] Any of the above aspects, further comprising synchronizing the display of the two facial images with a facial component currently being examined by the user.

[0046] Any of the above aspects, wherein the synchronizing the display of the two facial images with the facial component currently being examined by the user includes electronically drawing attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images.

[0047] Any of the above aspects, wherein electronically drawing attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images includes one or more of: drawing a box around the current facial component, pointing an arrow to the current facial component, correlating the facial component to pertinent reference material, magnifying the facial component being reviewed, placing the two facial components in a way which is easier for the user to compare, blurring the facial areas not being reviewed, and highlighting the current facial component with color.

[0048] Any of the above aspects, further comprising displaying the list of facial components on a display screen, while the two facial images are being displayed.

[0049] Any of the above aspects, further comprising electronically displaying one or more of a description, instructions, and drawings related to performing an examination of a facial component currently being examined by the user, while the two facial images are being displayed.

[0050] Any of the above aspects, further comprising automatically updating the display of the one or more of a description, instructions, and drawings to correspond to the facial component currently being examined.

[0051] Any of the above aspects, further comprising generating an audit record containing every facial component in the list that was examined by the user.

[0052] Any of the above aspects, further comprising requiring the user to examine every facial component in the list of facial components in order to complete the facial identification process.

[0053] Any of the above aspects, further comprising receiving input from the user that centers eye locations in each of the displayed facial images.

[0054] Any of the above aspects, further comprising maintaining a viewed status and a comparison results status for each of the facial components in the list.

[0055] Any of the above aspects, wherein the automatically guiding the user through the facial identification process includes examining the facial components in the predefined list of facial components sequentially.

[0056] Any of the above aspects, further comprising magnifying a facial component currently being examined in both of the displayed facial images.

[0057] Computer program product for performing a facial identification process, the computer program product comprising:

a non-transitory computer readable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied therewith, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that, if executed, displays two facial images on a display screen adjacent to each other;

computer readable program code that, if executed, provides a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images on the display screen are analyzed by a user to determine whether the facial images are of different persons or of a same person;

computer readable program code that, if executed, automatically guides the user through the facial identification process based on the list of facial components.

[0058] Any of the above aspects, wherein the list of facial components includes skin, face/head outline, face/head composition, hairline or baldness pattern, forehead, eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, ears, mouth, chin or jaw line, neck, facial hair, facial lines, scars, facial marks, and alterations.

[0059] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, requires the user to complete examination of a facial component currently being examined before examination can proceed to another facial component in the list of facial components.

[0060] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, synchronizes the display of the two facial images with a facial component currently being examined by the user.

[0061] Any of the above aspects, wherein the computer readable program code that, if executed, synchronizes the display of the two facial images with the facial component currently being examined by the user includes computer readable program code that, if executed, electronically draws attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images.

[0062] Any of the above aspects, wherein the computer readable program code that, if executed, electronically draws attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images includes computer readable program code to perform one or more of: drawing a box around the current facial component, pointing an arrow to the current facial component, correlating the facial component to pertinent reference material, magnifying the facial component being reviewed, placing the two facial components in a way which is easier for the user to compare, blurring the facial areas not being reviewed, and highlighting the current facial component with color.

[0063] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, displays the list of facial components on a display screen, while the two facial images are being displayed.

[0064] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, electronically displays one or more of a description, instructions, and drawings related to performing an examination of a facial component currently being examined by the user, while the two facial images are being displayed.

[0065] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, automatically updates the display of the one or more of a description, instructions, and drawings to correspond to the facial component currently being examined.

[0066] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, generates an audit record containing every facial component in the list that was examined by the user.

[0067] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, requires the user to examine every facial component in the list of facial components in order to complete the facial identification process.

[0068] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, receives input from the user that centers eye locations in each of the displayed facial images.

[0069] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, maintains a viewed status and a comparison results status for each of the facial components in the list.

[0070] Any of the above aspects, wherein the computer readable program code that, if executed, automatically guides the user through the facial identification process includes computer readable program code that, if executed, sequentially examines the facial components in the predefined list of facial components.

[0071] Any of the above aspects, further comprising computer readable program code that, if executed, magnifies a facial component currently being examined in both of the displayed facial images.

[0072] A computer system of performing a facial identification process, the computer system comprising:

memory storing program code used to perform a facial identification process;

a processor executing the program code stored in the memory to:

display two facial images on a display screen adjacent to each other;

electronically maintain a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images on the display screen are analyzed by a user to determine whether the facial images are of different persons or of a same person; and

automatically guide the user through the facial identification process in response to the electronically maintained list of facial components.

[0073] Any of the above aspects, wherein the computer system is configured to perform any of the above aspects.

[0074] A facial identification system to automatically assist with performing a facial identification process comprising:

an I/O interface in communication with one or more biometric systems and databases, the I/O interface receiving

image information including facial images;

at least one display and graphics processing unit in communication that cooperate to display at least two facial images near one other;

a processor and storage in electrical communication that electronically maintain a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images on the at least one display are analyzed by a user to determine whether the facial images are of different persons or of a same person;

a guideline database; and

a facial component list manager that automatically guides the user through the facial identification process in response to the electronically maintained list of facial components, wherein the automatic guiding includes providing one or more of instructions, guidelines and anatomical definitions from the guideline database to the user and keeping track of which facial components have been examined.

[0075] Any of the above aspects, wherein the facial images are managed in one or more folders including a sent folder, an inbox folder and a reviewed folder.

[0076] A system for performing a facial identification process comprising:

means for displaying two facial images on a display screen adjacent to each other;

means for electronically maintaining a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images on the display screen are analyzed by a user to determine whether the facial images are of different persons or of a same person; and

means for automatically guiding the user through the facial identification process in response to the electronically maintained list of facial components.

[0077] One or more means for performing any one or more of the above functions.

[0078] Any one or more of the features as substantially described herein.

[0079] For purposes of explanation, numerous details are set forth in order to provide a thorough understanding of the present embodiments. It should be appreciated however that the techniques herein may be practiced in a variety of ways beyond the specific details set forth herein.

[0080] Furthermore, while the exemplary embodiments illustrated herein may show the various components of the system collocated, it is to be appreciated that the various components of the system can be located at distant portions of a distributed network, such as a communications network and/or the Internet, or within a dedicated secure, unsecured and/or encrypted system. Thus, it should be appreciated that the components of the system can be combined into one or more devices, or collocated on a particular node/element(s) of a distributed network, such as a communications network. As will be appreciated from the description, and for reasons of computational efficiency, the components of the system can be arranged at any location within a distributed network without affecting the operation of the system.

[0081] Furthermore, it should be appreciated that the various links, including communications channel(s), connecting the elements (which may not be shown) can be wired or wireless links, or any combination thereof, or any other known or later developed element(s) that is capable of supplying and/or communicating data and/or signals to and from the connected elements. The term module as used herein can refer to any known or later developed hardware, software, firmware, or combination thereof that is capable of performing the functionality associated with that element. The terms determine, calculate and compute, and variations thereof, as used herein are used interchangeably and include any type of methodology, process, mathematical operation or technique.

[0082] While the above-described flowcharts/operational flows have been discussed in relation to a particular exemplary sequence of events, it should be appreciated that changes to this sequence can occur without materially effecting the operation of the embodiment(s). Additionally, the exact sequence of events need not occur as set forth in the exemplary embodiments, but rather the steps can be performed by one or the other device(s) in the system. Additionally, the exemplary techniques illustrated herein are not limited to the specifically illustrated embodiments but can also be utilized with the other exemplary embodiments and each described feature is individually and separately claimable.

[0083] As will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, aspects of the present disclosure may be embodied as a system, method, and/or computer program product. Thus, aspects of the present disclosure may be embodied entirely in hardware, entirely in software (including, but not limited to, firmware, program code, resident software, microcode), or in a combination of hardware and software. All such embodiments may generally be referred to herein as a circuit, a module, or

a system. In addition, aspects of the present invention may be in the form of a computer program product embodied in one or more computer readable media having computer readable program code embodied thereon.

[0084] The computer readable medium may be a computer readable storage medium, examples of which include, but are not limited to, an electronic, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, infrared, or semiconductor system, apparatus, or device, or any suitable combination thereof. As used herein, a computer readable storage medium may be any non-transitory, tangible medium that can contain or store a program for use by or in connection with an instruction execution system, apparatus, device, computer, computing system, computer system, or any programmable machine or device that inputs, processes, and outputs instructions, commands, or data. A non-exhaustive list of specific examples of a computer readable storage medium include an electrical connection having one or more wires, a portable computer diskette, a floppy disk, a hard disk, a random access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), a USB flash drive, an non-volatile RAM (NVRAM or NOVRAM), an erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM or Flash memory), a flash memory card, an electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), an optical fiber, a portable compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM), a DVD-ROM, an optical storage device, a magnetic storage device, or any suitable combination thereof. A computer readable storage medium can be any computer readable medium that is not a computer readable signal medium such as a propagated data signal with computer readable program code embodied therein.

[0085] Program code may be embodied as computer-readable instructions stored on or in a computer readable storage medium as, for example, source code, object code, interpretive code, executable code, or combinations thereof. Any standard or proprietary, programming or interpretive language can be used to produce the computer-executable instructions. Examples of such languages include C, C++, C#, Pascal, JAVA, JAVA Script, BASIC, Smalltalk, Visual Basic, and Visual C++.

[0086] Transmission of program code embodied on a computer readable medium can occur using any appropriate medium including, but not limited to, wireless, wired, optical fiber cable, radio frequency (RF), or any suitable combination thereof.

[0087] The program code may execute entirely on a user's computer, partly on the user's computer, as a stand-alone software package, partly on the user's computer and partly on a remote computer or entirely on a remote computer or server. Any such remote computer may be connected to the user's computer through any type of network, including a local area network (LAN) or a wide area network (WAN), or the connection may be made to an external computer (for example, through the Internet using an Internet Service Provider).

[0088] Additionally, the systems, methods and protocols can be implemented to improve one or more of a special purpose computer, a programmed microprocessor or microcontroller and peripheral integrated circuit element(s), an ASIC or other integrated circuit, a digital signal processor, a hard-wired electronic or logic circuit such as discrete element circuit, a programmable logic device such as PLD, PLA, FPGA, PAL, any comparable means, or the like. In general, any device capable of implementing a state machine that is in turn capable of implementing the methodology illustrated herein can benefit from the various communication methods, protocols and techniques according to the disclosure provided herein.

[0089] Examples of the processors as described herein may include, but are not limited to, at least one of Qualcomm® Snapdragon® 800 and 801, Qualcomm® Snapdragon® 610 and 615 with 4G LTE Integration and 64-bit computing, Apple® A7 processor with 64-bit architecture, Apple® M7 motion coprocessors, Samsung® Exynos® series, the Intel® Core™ family of processors, the Intel® Xeon® family of processors, the Intel® Atom™ family of processors, the Intel® Itanium® family of processors, Intel® Core® i5-4670K and i7-4770K 22nm Haswell, Intel® Core® i5-3570K 22nm Ivy Bridge, the AMD® FX™ family of processors, AMD® FX-4300, FX-6300, and FX-8350 32nm Vishera, AMD® Kaveri processors, Texas Instruments® Jacinto C6000™ automotive infotainment processors, Texas Instruments® OMAP™ automotive-grade mobile processors, ARM® Cortex™-M processors, ARM® Cortex-A and ARM926EJ-S™ processors, Broadcom® AirForce BCM4704/BCM4703 wireless networking processors, the AR7100 Wireless Network Processing Unit, other industry-equivalent processors, and may perform computational functions using any known or future-developed standard, instruction set, libraries, and/or architecture.

[0090] Furthermore, the disclosed methods may be readily implemented in software using object or object-oriented software development environments that provide portable source code that can be used on a variety of computer, workstation or mobile device platforms. Alternatively, the disclosed system may be implemented partially in hardware using standard logic circuits or a VLSI design. Whether software or hardware is used to implement the systems in accordance with this invention is dependent on the speed and/or efficiency requirements of the system, the particular function, and the particular software or hardware systems or microprocessor or microcomputer systems being utilized. The methods illustrated herein however can be readily implemented in hardware and/or software using any known or later developed systems or structures, devices and/or software by those of ordinary skill in the applicable art from the functional description provided herein and with a general basic knowledge of the computer and image processing arts.

[0091] Moreover, the disclosed methods may be readily implemented in software executed on programmed general-purpose computer, a special purpose computer, mobile device, smartphone, a microprocessor, or the like. In these

instances, the systems and methods of this invention can be implemented as program embedded on personal computer such as JAVA® or CGI script, as a resource residing on a server or graphics workstation, as a routine embedded in a dedicated fingerprint processing system, as a plug-in, or the like. The system can also be implemented by physically incorporating the system and method into a software and/or hardware system, such as the hardware and software systems of an image processor.

Claims

1. Method of electronically assisted facial identification comprising:

displaying, on at least one display, at least two facial images (104, 204) near one other;
electronically maintaining, by a processor (2504) and storage, a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images (104, 204) on the at least one display are analyzed by a human facial examiner to determine whether the facial images (104, 204) are of different persons or of a same person; and automatically guiding the human facial examiner through the facial identification process in response to the electronically maintained list of facial components, wherein the automatic guiding includes providing one or more of instructions, guidelines and anatomical definitions to the human facial examiner and keeping track of which facial components have been examined.

2. Method of claim 1, wherein the list of facial components includes one or more of: skin, face/head outline, face/head composition, hairline or baldness pattern, forehead, eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, ears, mouth, chin or jaw line, neck, facial hair, facial lines, scars, facial marks, and alterations.

3. Method of claim 1 or 2, further comprising requiring the human facial examiner to complete examination of a facial component currently being examined before examination can proceed to another facial component in the list of facial components.

4. Method of any one of the preceding claims, further comprising automatically synchronizing the display of the two facial images (104, 204) with a facial component currently being examined by the human facial examiner, preferably wherein the synchronizing the display of the two facial images (104, 204) with the facial component currently being examined by the human facial examiner includes automatically electronically drawing attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images (104, 204), in particular wherein electronically drawing attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images (104, 204) includes one or more of: drawing a box around the current facial component, pointing an arrow to the current facial component, correlating the facial component to pertinent reference material, magnifying the facial component being reviewed, placing the two facial components in a way which is easier for the human facial examiner to compare, blurring the facial areas not being reviewed, and highlighting the current facial component with color.

5. Method of any one of the preceding claims, further comprising displaying the list of facial components on a display screen, while the two facial images (104, 204) are being displayed; and/or further comprising automatically and dynamically electronically displaying one or more of a description, the instructions, and drawings related to performing an examination of a facial component currently being examined by the human facial examiner, while the two facial images (104, 204) are being displayed, preferably further comprising automatically updating the display of the one or more of a description, instructions, and drawings to correspond to the facial component currently being examined.

6. Method of any one of the preceding claims, further comprising:

generating an audit record containing every facial component in the list that was examined by the human facial examiner; and/or
further comprising requiring the human facial examiner to examine every facial component in the list of facial components in order to complete the facial identification process; and/or
further comprising receiving input from the human facial examiner that centers eye locations in each of the displayed facial images (104, 204); and/or
further comprising maintaining a viewed status and a comparison results status for each of the facial components in the list.

7. Method of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the automatically guiding the human facial examiner through the facial identification process includes examining the facial components in the predefined list of facial components sequentially; and/or
 wherein the method further comprising magnifying a facial component currently being examined in both of the displayed facial images (104, 204).
8. Non-transitory computer-readable information storage medium comprising instructions, that when executed by one or more processors (2504), cause to be performed a method according to any one of the preceding claims.
9. Facial identification system to automatically assist with performing a facial identification process comprising:
 - at least one display and graphics processing unit that cooperate to display at least two facial images (104, 204) near one other;
 - a processor (2504) and storage in electrical communication that electronically maintain a predefined list of facial components to be examined when the two facial images (104, 204) on the at least one display are analyzed by the human facial examiner to determine whether the facial images (104, 204) are of different persons or of a same person; and
 - a facial component list manager (2528) that automatically guides the human facial examiner through the facial identification process in response to the electronically maintained list of facial components, wherein the automatic guiding includes providing one or more of instructions, guidelines and anatomical definitions to the human facial examiner and keeping track of which facial components have been examined.
10. System of claim 9, wherein the list of facial components includes one or more of: skin, face/head outline, face/head composition, hairline or baldness pattern, forehead, eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, ears, mouth, chin or jaw line, neck, facial hair, facial lines, scars, facial marks, and alterations.
11. System of claims 9 or 10, further comprising a facial component auditor (2528) that requires the human facial examiner to complete examination of a facial component currently being examined before examination can proceed to another facial component in the list of facial components.
12. System of any one of claims 9 to 11, wherein the graphics processing unit automatically synchronizes the display of the two facial images (104, 204) with a facial component currently being examined by the human facial examiner, preferably wherein the synchronizing the display of the two facial images (104, 204) with the facial component currently being examined by the human facial examiner includes automatically electronically drawing attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images (104, 204),
 in particular wherein electronically drawing attention to the current facial component in both of the facial images (104, 204) includes one or more of: drawing a box around the current facial component, pointing an arrow to the current facial component, correlating the facial component to pertinent reference material, magnifying the facial component being reviewed, placing the two facial components in a way which is easier for the human facial examiner to compare, blurring the facial areas not being reviewed, and highlighting the current facial component with color.
13. System of any one of claims 9 to 12, wherein the facial component list manager (2528) displays the list of facial components on a display screen, while the two facial images (104, 204) are being displayed; and/or
 further comprising automatically and dynamically electronically displaying one or more of a description, the instructions, and drawings related to performing an examination of a facial component currently being examined by the human facial examiner, while the two facial images (104, 204) are being displayed,
 preferably further comprising a facial component verifier that automatically updates the display of the one or more of a description, instructions, and drawings to correspond to the facial component currently being examined.
14. System of any one of claims 9 to 13, further comprising an audit report module (2544) in electrical communication with the processor (2504) to generate an audit record containing every facial component in the list that was examined by the human facial examiner; and/or
 further comprising a facial component auditor (2528) that requires the human facial examiner to examine every facial component in the list of facial components in order to complete the facial identification process; and/or
 further comprising an I/O device (2556) that receives input from the human facial examiner that centers eye locations in each of the displayed facial images (104, 204); and/or
 further comprising a facial component auditor (2528) that maintains in the storage a viewed status and a comparison results status for each of the facial components in the list.

15. System of any one of claims 9 to 14, wherein the automatically guiding the human facial examiner through the facial identification process includes examining the facial components in the predefined list of facial components sequentially; and/or further comprising a magnifier module that magnifies a facial component currently being examined in both of the displayed facial images (104, 204).

Patentansprüche

1. Verfahren zur elektronisch unterstützten Gesichtserkennung, umfassend:

Anzeigen mindestens zweier Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) in der Nähe zueinander auf mindestens einer Anzeige; elektronisches Verwalten einer vordefinierten Liste zu untersuchender Gesichtskomponenten durch einen Prozessor (2504) und Speicher, wenn die zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) auf der mindestens einen Anzeige durch einen menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer analysiert werden, um festzustellen, ob die Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) von verschiedenen Personen oder von derselben Person stammen; und automatisches Führen des menschlichen Gesichtsprüfers durch den Gesichtserkennungsprozess als Reaktion auf die elektronisch verwaltete Liste von Gesichtskomponenten, wobei das automatische Führen ein Bereitstellen einer oder mehrerer Anweisungen, Richtlinien und anatomischer Definitionen für den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer und ein Verfolgen beinhaltet, welche Gesichtskomponenten untersucht worden sind.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Liste der Gesichtskomponenten eines oder mehrere aus Folgenden beinhaltet: Haut, Gesichts-/Kopfumriss, Gesichts-/Kopfstruktur, Haaransatz- oder Kahlheitsmuster, Stirn, Augenbrauen, Augen, Wangen, Nase, Ohren, Mund, Kinn- oder Kieferlinie, Nacken, Gesichtsbehaarung, Gesichtslinien, Narben, Gesichtsflecken und Veränderungen.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, ferner umfassend ein Auffordern des menschlichen Gesichtsprüfers, die Untersuchung einer gegenwärtig untersuchten Gesichtskomponente abzuschließen, bevor die Untersuchung zu einer anderen Gesichtskomponente in der Liste der Gesichtskomponenten weitergehen kann.

4. Verfahren nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, ferner umfassend ein automatisches Synchronisieren der Anzeige der zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) mit einer Gesichtskomponente, die gegenwärtig durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wird, vorzugsweise wobei das Synchronisieren der Anzeige der zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) mit der Gesichtskomponente, die gegenwärtig durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wird, ein automatisches elektronisches Lenken der Aufmerksamkeit auf die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente in beiden Gesichtsbildern (104, 204) beinhaltet, insbesondere wobei das elektronische Lenken der Aufmerksamkeit auf die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente in beiden Gesichtsbildern (104, 204) eines oder mehrere aus Folgenden beinhaltet: Zeichnen eines Kastens um die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente, Ausrichten eines Pfeils auf die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente, Korrelieren der Gesichtskomponente mit zugehörigem Referenzmaterial Vergrößern der gegenwärtig überprüften Gesichtskomponente, Platzieren der zwei Gesichtskomponenten auf eine Weise, die für den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer einfacher zu vergleichen ist, Verschleiern der nicht überprüften Gesichtsbereiche und Hervorheben der aktuellen Gesichtskomponente mit Farbe.

5. Verfahren nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, ferner umfassend das Anzeigen der Liste von Gesichtskomponenten auf einem Anzeigebildschirm, während die zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) angezeigt werden; und/oder ferner umfassend ein automatisches und dynamisches elektronisches Anzeigen von einem oder mehreren aus einer Beschreibung, den Anweisungen und Zeichnungen, die das Durchführen einer Untersuchung einer Gesichtskomponente betreffen, die gegenwärtig durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wird, während die zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) angezeigt werden, vorzugsweise ferner umfassend ein automatisches Aktualisieren der Anzeige des einen oder der mehreren aus einer Beschreibung, Anweisungen und/oder Zeichnungen, sodass diese der gegenwärtig untersuchten Gesichtskomponente entsprechen.

6. Verfahren nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, ferner umfassend:

Erzeugen eines Prüfungsprotokolls, das jede Gesichtskomponente in der Liste enthält, die durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wurde; und/oder ferner umfassend ein Auffordern des menschlichen Gesichtsprüfers

prüfers, jede Gesichtskomponente in der Liste der Gesichtskomponenten zu untersuchen, um den Gesichtserkennungsprozess abzuschließen; und/oder
 ferner umfassend ein Empfangen einer Eingabe vom menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer, die Augenpositionen in jedem der angezeigten Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) zentriert; und/oder
 ferner umfassend ein Verwalten eines Betrachtungsstatus und eines Vergleichsergebnisstatus für jede der Gesichtskomponenten in der Liste.

7. Verfahren nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, wobei das automatische Führen des menschlichen Gesichtsprüfers durch den Gesichtserkennungsprozess das aufeinanderfolgende Untersuchen der Gesichtskomponenten in der vordefinierten Liste von Gesichtskomponenten beinhaltet; und/oder wobei das Verfahren ferner ein Vergrößern einer Gesichtskomponente umfasst, die gegenwärtig in beiden angezeigten Gesichtsbildern (104, 204) untersucht wird.

8. Nichtflüchtiges computerlesbares Informationsspeichermedium, umfassend Anweisungen, die bei Ausführung durch einen oder mehrere Prozessoren (2504) bewirken, dass ein Verfahren nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche ausgeführt wird.

9. Gesichtserkennungssystem zur automatischen Unterstützung bei der Durchführung eines Gesichtserkennungsprozesses, umfassend:

mindestens eine Anzeige- und Grafikverarbeitungseinheit, die zusammenarbeiten, um mindestens zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) nahe beieinander anzuzeigen;
 einen Prozessor (2504) und einen Speicher in elektrischer Kommunikation, die eine vordefinierte Liste von zu untersuchenden Gesichtskomponenten elektronisch verwalten, wenn die zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) auf der mindestens einen Anzeige durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer analysiert werden, um zu ermitteln, ob die Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) von verschiedenen Personen oder von derselben Person stammen; und
 eine Gesichtskomponentenlisten-Verwaltungseinheit (2528), die den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer als Reaktion auf die elektronisch verwaltete Liste von Gesichtskomponenten automatisch durch den Gesichtserkennungsprozess führt, wobei das automatische Führen das Bereitstellen einer oder mehrerer Anweisungen, Richtlinien und anatomischer Definitionen für den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer und das Verfolgen beinhaltet, welche Gesichtskomponenten untersucht worden sind.

10. System nach Anspruch 9, wobei die Liste der Gesichtskomponenten eines oder mehrere aus Folgenden beinhaltet: Haut, Gesichts-/Kopfumriss, Gesichts-/Kopfstruktur, Haaransatz- oder Kahlheitsmuster, Stirn, Augenbrauen, Augen, Wangen, Nase, Ohren, Mund, Kinn- oder Kieferlinie, Nacken, Gesichtsbehaarung, Gesichtslinien, Narben, Gesichtsflecken und Veränderungen.

11. System nach Anspruch 9 oder 10, ferner umfassend eine Gesichtskomponentenprüfeinheit (2528), die den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer auffordert, die Untersuchung einer gegenwärtig untersuchten Gesichtskomponente abzuschließen, bevor die Untersuchung zu einer anderen Gesichtskomponente in der Liste der Gesichtskomponenten weitergehen kann.

12. System nach einem der Ansprüche 9 bis 11, wobei die Grafikverarbeitungseinheit die Anzeige der zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) automatisch mit einer Gesichtskomponente synchronisiert, die gegenwärtig durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wird, vorzugsweise wobei das Synchronisieren der Anzeige der zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) mit der Gesichtskomponente, die gegenwärtig durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wird, ein automatisches elektronisches Lenken der Aufmerksamkeit auf die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente in beiden Gesichtsbildern (104, 204) beinhaltet, insbesondere wobei das elektronische Lenken der Aufmerksamkeit auf die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente in beiden Gesichtsbildern (104, 204) eines oder mehrere aus Folgenden beinhaltet: Zeichnen eines Kastens um die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente, Ausrichten eines Pfeils auf die aktuelle Gesichtskomponente, Korrelieren der Gesichtskomponente mit zugehörigem Referenzmaterial: Vergrößern der gegenwärtig überprüften Gesichtskomponente, Platzieren der zwei Gesichtskomponenten auf eine Weise, die für den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer einfacher zu vergleichen ist, Verschleiern der nicht überprüften Gesichtsbereiche und Hervorheben der aktuellen Gesichtskomponente mit Farbe.

13. System nach einem der Ansprüche 9 bis 12, wobei die Gesichtskomponentenlisten-Verwaltungseinheit (2528) die Liste der Gesichtskomponenten auf einem Anzeigebildschirm anzeigt, während die zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204)

angezeigt werden; und/oder

ferner umfassend ein automatisches und dynamisches elektronisches Anzeigen von einem oder mehreren aus einer Beschreibung, den Anweisungen und Zeichnungen, die das Durchführen einer Untersuchung einer Gesichtskomponente betreffen, die gegenwärtig durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wird, während die zwei Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) angezeigt werden, vorzugsweise ferner umfassend eine Gesichtskomponenten-Überprüfungseinheit, die die Anzeige einer Beschreibung, von Anweisungen und/oder Zeichnungen automatisch aktualisiert, sodass diese der gegenwärtig untersuchten Gesichtskomponente entsprechen.

14. System nach einem der Ansprüche 9 bis 13, ferner umfassend ein Prüfberichtsmodul (2544) in elektrischer Kommunikation mit dem Prozessor (2504), um ein Prüfprotokoll zu erzeugen, das jede Gesichtskomponente in der Liste enthält, die durch den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer untersucht wurde; und/oder ferner umfassend eine Gesichtskomponentenprüfeinheit (2528), die den menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer auffordert, jede Gesichtskomponente in der Liste der Gesichtskomponenten zu untersuchen, um den Gesichtserkennungsprozess abzuschließen; und/oder ferner umfassend eine E/A-Vorrichtung (2556), die eine Eingabe vom menschlichen Gesichtsprüfer empfängt, die Augenpositionen in jedem der angezeigten Gesichtsbilder (104, 204) zentriert; und/oder ferner umfassend eine Gesichtskomponentenprüfeinheit (2528), die im Speicher einen Betrachtungsstatus und einen Vergleichsergebnisstatus für jede der Gesichtskomponenten in der Liste verwaltet.
15. System nach einem der Ansprüche 9 bis 14, wobei das automatische Führen des menschlichen Gesichtsprüfers durch den Gesichtserkennungsprozess das aufeinanderfolgende Untersuchen der Gesichtskomponenten in der vordefinierten Liste von Gesichtskomponenten beinhaltet; und/oder ferner umfassend ein Vergrößerungsmodul, das eine Gesichtskomponente vergrößert, die gegenwärtig in beiden angezeigten Gesichtsbildern (104, 204) untersucht wird.

Revendications

1. Procédé d'identification faciale assistée électroniquement comprenant :

l'affichage, sur au moins un affichage, d'au moins deux images faciales (104, 204) proches l'une de l'autre ;
le maintien électronique, par un processeur (2504) et un stockage, d'une liste prédéfinie de composants faciaux à examiner lorsque les deux images faciales (104, 204) sur l'au moins un affichage sont analysées par un examinateur humain du visage afin de déterminer si les images faciales (104, 204) sont de personnes différentes ou d'une même personne ; et
le guidage automatique de l'examineur humain du visage tout au long du processus d'identification faciale en réponse à la liste de composants faciaux maintenue par voie électronique, le guidage automatique consistant à fournir un ou plusieurs éléments parmi des instructions, lignes directrices et définitions anatomiques à l'examineur humain du visage et à garder trace de quels composants faciaux ont été examinés.

2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la liste des composants faciaux comprend un ou plusieurs de : la peau, un contour du visage et de la tête, une composition du visage et de la tête, un motif de naissance des cheveux ou de calvitie, un front, des sourcils, des yeux, des joues, un nez, des oreilles, une bouche, un menton ou une ligne de la mâchoire, un cou, une pilosité faciale, des rides sur le visage, des cicatrices, des marques faciales et des altérations.
3. Procédé selon la revendication 1 ou 2, comprenant en outre le fait de demander à l'examineur humain du visage de terminer l'examen d'un composant facial en cours d'examen avant que l'examen ne puisse passer à un autre composant facial de la liste des composants faciaux.
4. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant en outre la synchronisation automatique de l'affichage des deux images faciales (104, 204) avec un composant facial en cours d'examen par l'examineur humain du visage, de préférence dans lequel la synchronisation de l'affichage des deux images faciales (104, 204) avec le composant facial en cours d'examen par l'examineur humain du visage inclut le fait d'attirer automatiquement l'attention par voie électronique sur le composant facial actuel dans les deux images faciales (104, 204), en particulier dans lequel attirer électroniquement l'attention sur le composant facial actuel dans les deux images faciales (104, 204) comprend un ou plusieurs des éléments suivants : tracer un cadre autour du composant facial actuel, pointer une flèche sur

le composant facial actuel, corréler le composant facial à un matériau de référence pertinent, agrandir le composant facial examiné, placer les deux composants faciaux de manière plus facile à comparer pour l'examineur humain du visage, flouter les zones du visage non examinées et mettre en évidence le composant facial actuel avec de la couleur.

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5. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant en outre l'affichage de la liste des composants faciaux sur un écran d'affichage, pendant que les deux images faciales (104, 204) sont en cours d'affichage ; et/ou comprenant en outre l'affichage électronique automatique et dynamique d'un ou plusieurs éléments parmi une description, des instructions et des dessins relatifs à la réalisation d'un examen d'un composant facial en cours d'examen par l'examineur humain du visage, tandis que les deux images faciales (104, 204) sont affichées,
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- comprenant de préférence en outre la mise à jour automatique de l'affichage de l'un ou des éléments parmi une description, des instructions et des dessins pour correspondre au composant facial en cours d'examen.

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6. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant en outre :

la génération d'un enregistrement d'audit contenant chaque composant facial de la liste qui a été examiné par l'examineur humain du visage ; et/ou comprenant en outre la nécessité de demander à l'examineur humain du visage d'examiner chaque composant facial de la liste des composants faciaux afin de compléter le processus d'identification faciale ; et/ou

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comprenant en outre la réception d'une entrée provenant de l'examineur humain du visage qui centre les emplacements des yeux dans chacune des images faciales affichées (104, 204) ; et/ou

comprenant en outre le maintien d'un statut visualisé et d'un statut de résultats de comparaison pour chacun des composants faciaux dans la liste.

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7. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel le guidage automatique de l'examineur humain du visage tout au long du processus d'identification faciale comprend l'examen des composants faciaux dans la liste prédéfinie de composants faciaux de manière séquentielle ; et/ou dans lequel le procédé consiste en outre à grossir un composant facial en cours d'examen dans les deux images faciales affichées (104, 204).

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8. Support de stockage d'informations lisible par ordinateur non transitoire comprenant des instructions qui, lorsqu'elles sont exécutées par un ou plusieurs processeurs (2504), entraînent l'exécution d'un procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes.

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9. Système d'identification faciale pour assister automatiquement l'exécution d'un processus d'identification faciale comprenant :

au moins une unité d'affichage et de traitement graphique coopérant pour afficher au moins deux images faciales (104, 204) proches l'une de l'autre ;

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un processeur (2504) et un stockage en communication électrique qui maintiennent électroniquement une liste prédéfinie de composants faciaux à examiner lorsque les deux images faciales (104, 204) sur l'au moins un écran sont analysées par l'examineur humain du visage pour déterminer si les images faciales (104, 204) représentent des personnes différentes ou une même personne ; et

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un gestionnaire de liste de composants faciaux (2528) qui guide automatiquement l'examineur humain du visage tout au long du processus d'identification faciale en réponse à la liste maintenue électroniquement de composants faciaux, le guidage automatique comprenant la fourniture d'un ou de plusieurs éléments parmi des instructions, lignes directrices et définitions anatomiques à l'examineur humain du visage et la conservation d'une trace de quels composants faciaux ont été examinés.

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10. Système selon la revendication 9, dans lequel la liste des composants faciaux comprend un ou plusieurs de : la peau, un contour du visage et de la tête, une composition du visage et de la tête, un motif de naissance des cheveux ou de calvitie, un front, des sourcils, des yeux, des joues, un nez, des oreilles, une bouche, un menton ou une ligne de la mâchoire, un cou, une pilosité faciale, des rides sur le visage, des cicatrices, des marques faciales et des altérations.

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11. Système selon les revendications 9 ou 10, comprenant en outre un auditeur de composant facial (2528) qui demande à l'examineur humain du visage de terminer l'examen d'un composant facial en cours d'examen avant que l'examen ne puisse passer à un autre composant facial de la liste des composants faciaux.

12. Système selon l'une quelconque des revendications 9 à 11, dans lequel l'unité de traitement graphique synchronise automatiquement l'affichage des deux images faciales (104, 204) avec un composant facial en cours d'examen par l'examineur humain du visage,
de préférence dans lequel la synchronisation de l'affichage des deux images faciales (104, 204) avec le composant facial en cours d'examen par l'examineur humain du visage inclut le fait d'attirer automatiquement l'attention par voie électronique sur le composant facial actuel dans les deux images faciales (104, 204),
en particulier dans lequel attirer électroniquement l'attention sur le composant facial actuel dans les deux images faciales (104, 204) comprend un ou plusieurs des éléments suivants : tracer un cadre autour du composant facial actuel, pointer une flèche sur le composant facial actuel, corréler le composant facial à un matériau de référence pertinent, agrandir le composant facial examiné, placer les deux composants faciaux de manière plus facile à comparer pour l'examineur humain du visage, flouter les zones du visage non examinées et mettre en évidence le composant facial actuel avec de la couleur.
13. Système selon l'une quelconque des revendications 9 à 12, dans lequel le gestionnaire de liste de composants faciaux (2528) affiche la liste de composants faciaux sur un écran d'affichage, tandis que les deux images faciales (104, 204) sont en cours d'affichage ; et/ou
comprenant en outre l'affichage électronique automatique et dynamique d'un ou plusieurs éléments parmi une description, des instructions et des dessins relatifs à la réalisation d'un examen d'un composant facial en cours d'examen par l'examineur humain du visage, tandis que les deux images faciales (104, 204) sont affichées,
de préférence comprenant en outre un vérificateur de composant facial qui met à jour automatiquement l'affichage de l'un ou des plusieurs éléments parmi une description, des instructions et des dessins pour correspondre au composant facial en cours d'examen.
14. Système selon l'une quelconque des revendications 9 à 13, comprenant en outre un module de rapport d'audit (2544) en communication électrique avec le processeur (2504) pour générer un enregistrement d'audit contenant chaque composant facial de la liste qui a été examiné par l'examineur humain du visage ; et/ou
comprenant en outre un auditeur de composant facial (2528) qui demande à l'examineur humain du visage d'examiner chaque composant facial de la liste des composants faciaux afin de compléter le processus d'identification faciale ; et/ou comprenant en outre un dispositif E/S (2556) qui reçoit une entrée de l'examineur humain du visage qui centre les emplacements des yeux dans chacune des images faciales affichées (104, 204) ; et/ou
comprenant en outre un auditeur de composant facial (2528) qui maintient dans le stockage un statut visualisé et un statut de résultats de comparaison pour chacun des composants faciaux de la liste.
15. Système selon l'une quelconque des revendications 9 à 14, dans lequel le guidage automatique de l'examineur humain du visage tout au long du processus d'identification faciale comprend l'examen des composants faciaux de la liste prédéfinie de composants faciaux de manière séquentielle ; et/ou
comprenant en outre un module de grossissement qui grossit un composant facial en cours d'examen dans les deux images faciales affichées (104, 204).

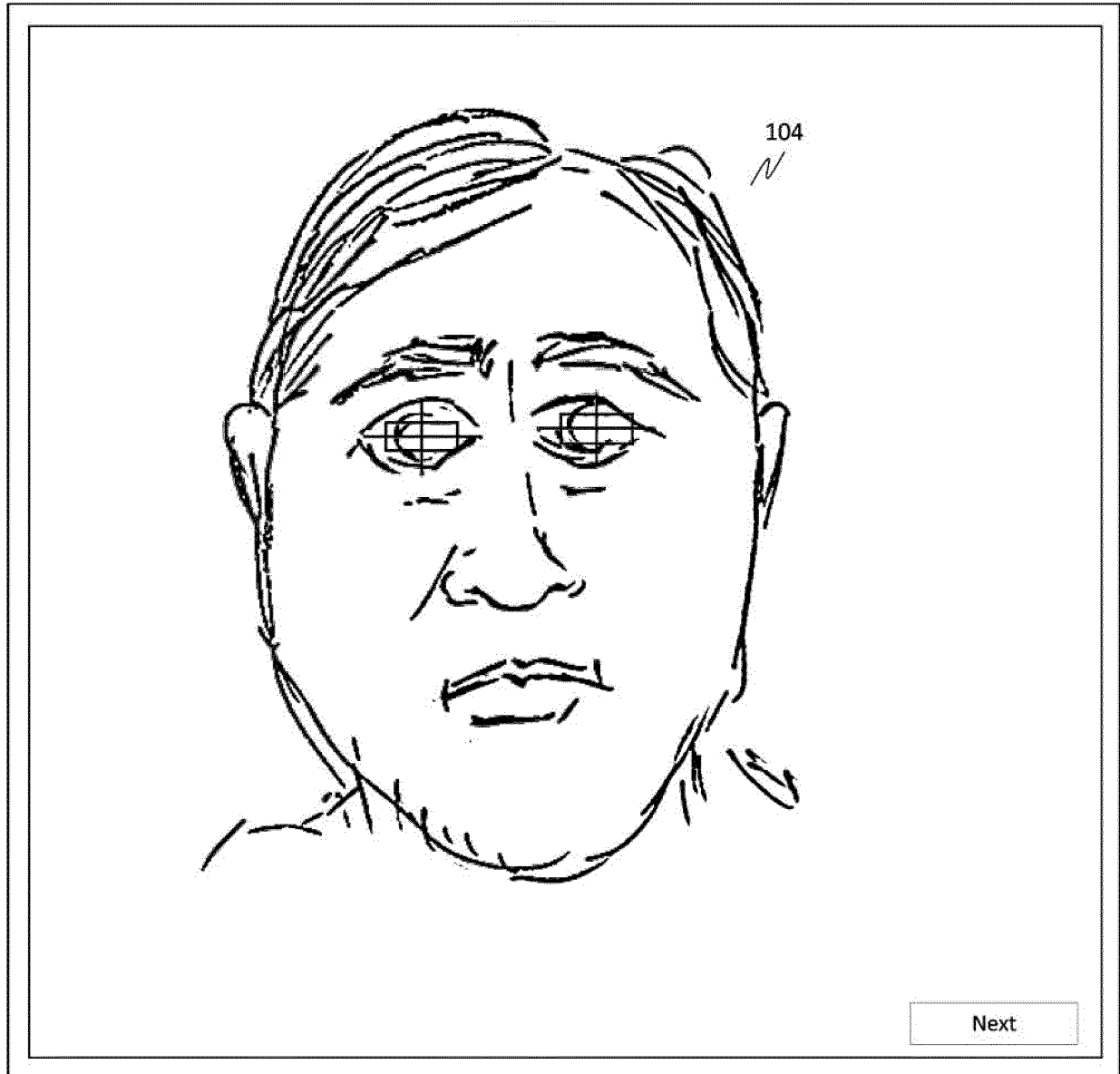


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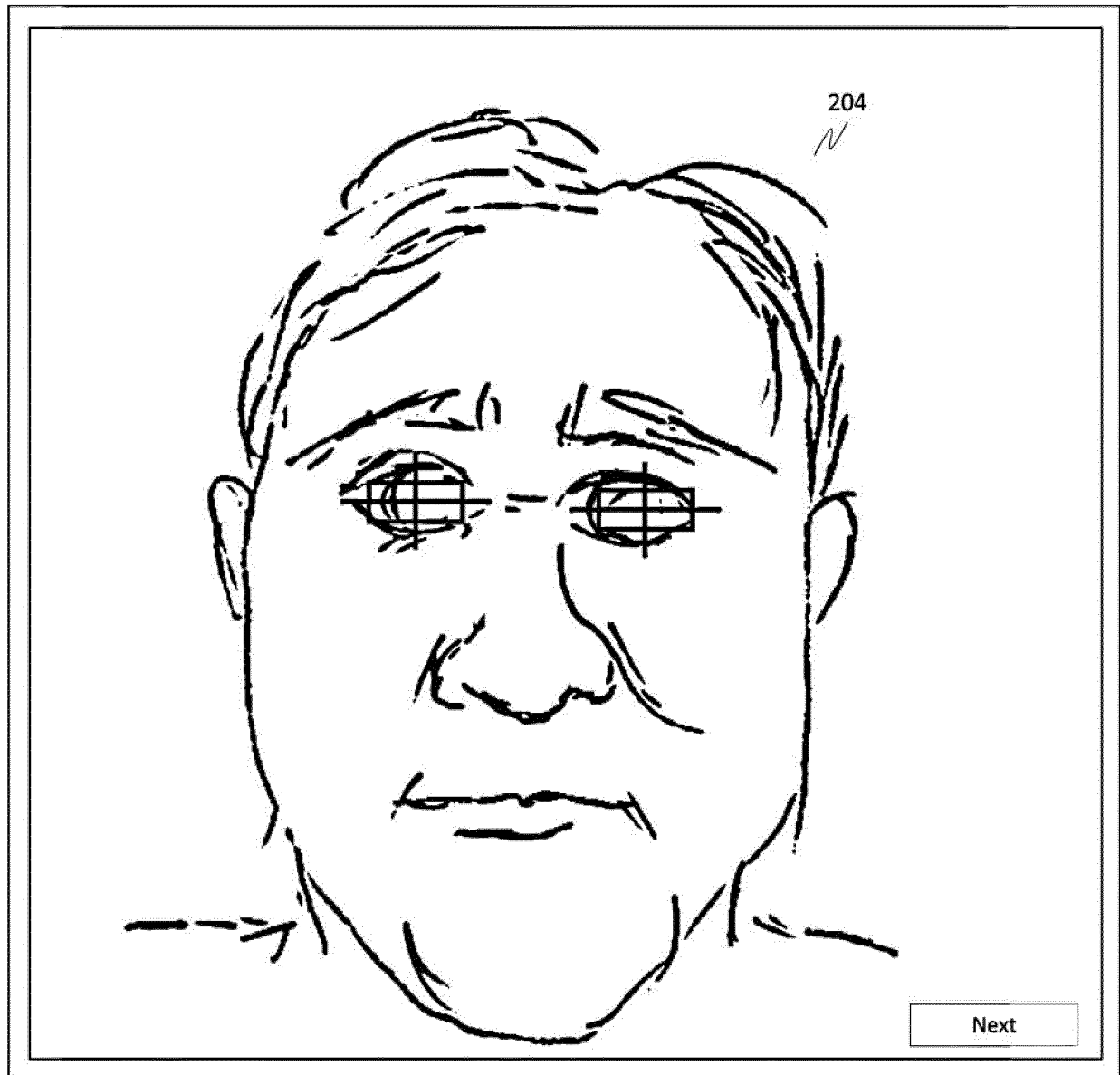


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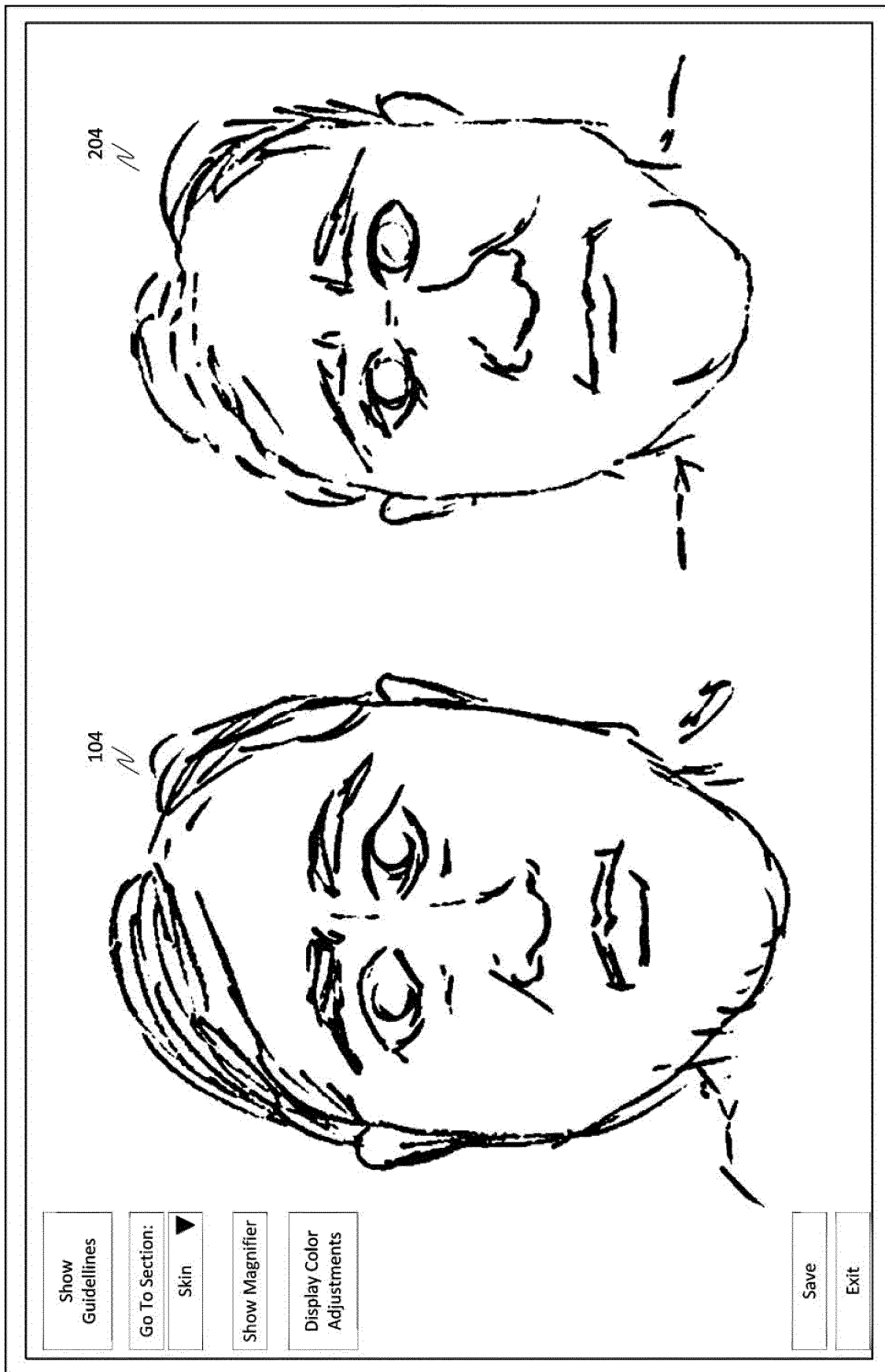


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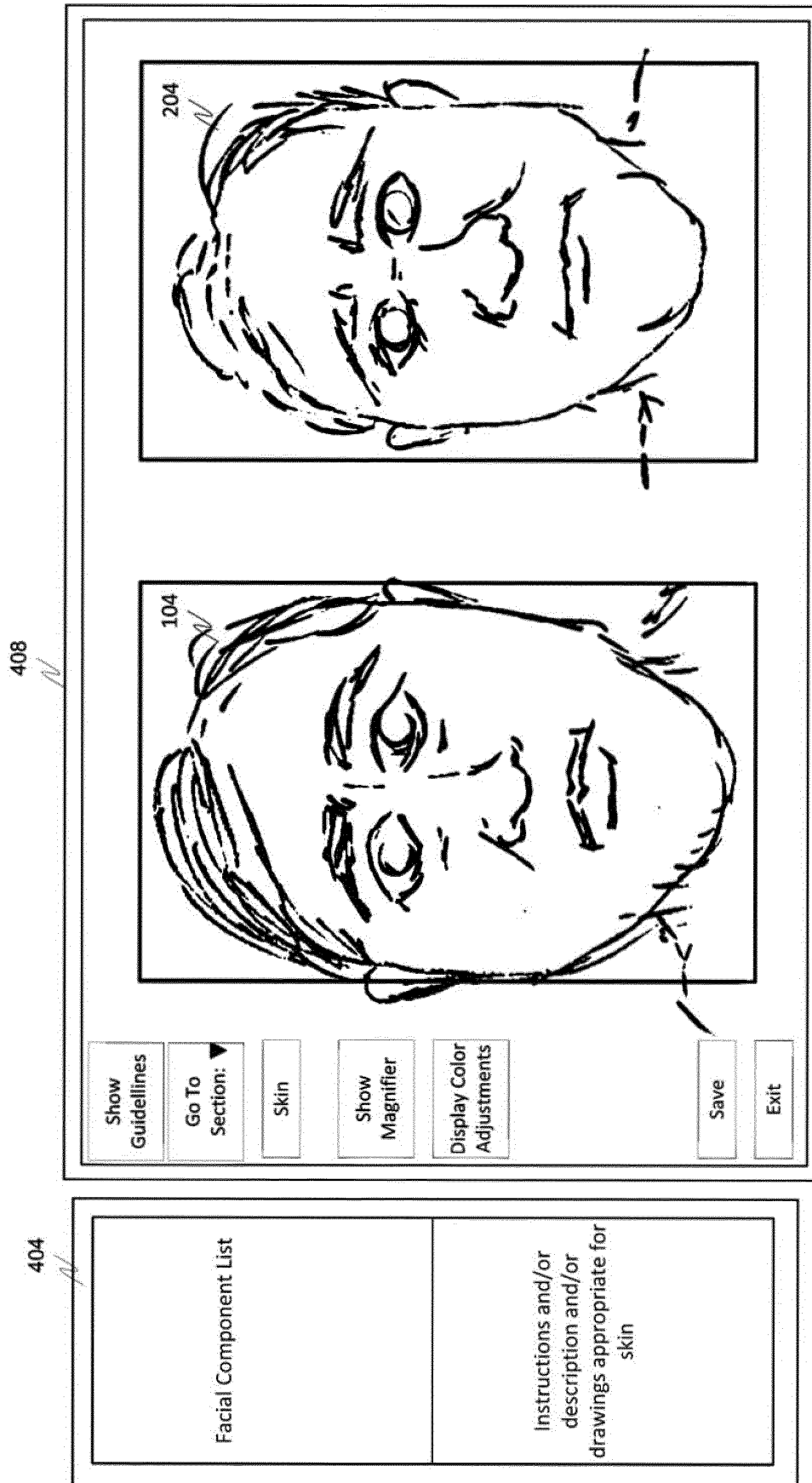


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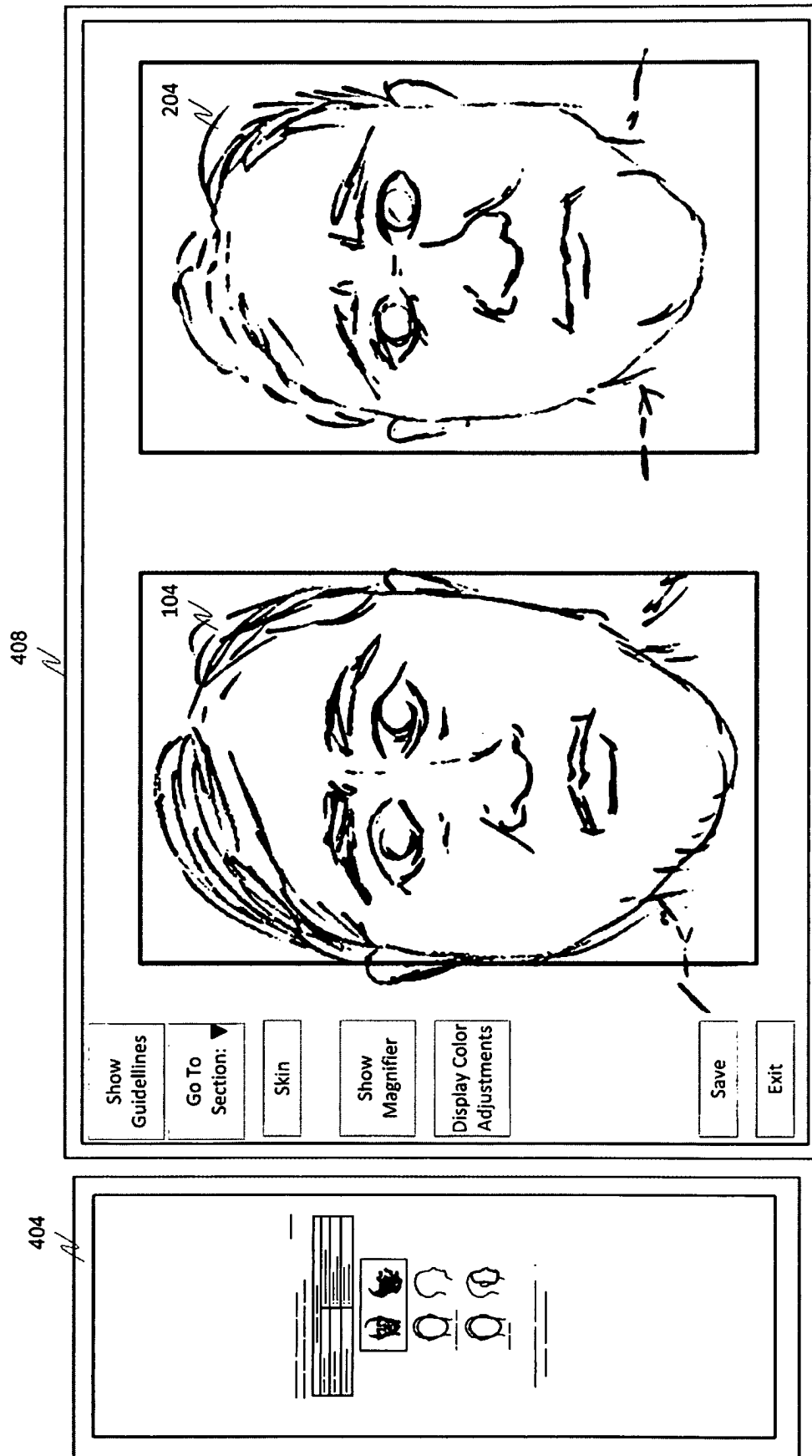


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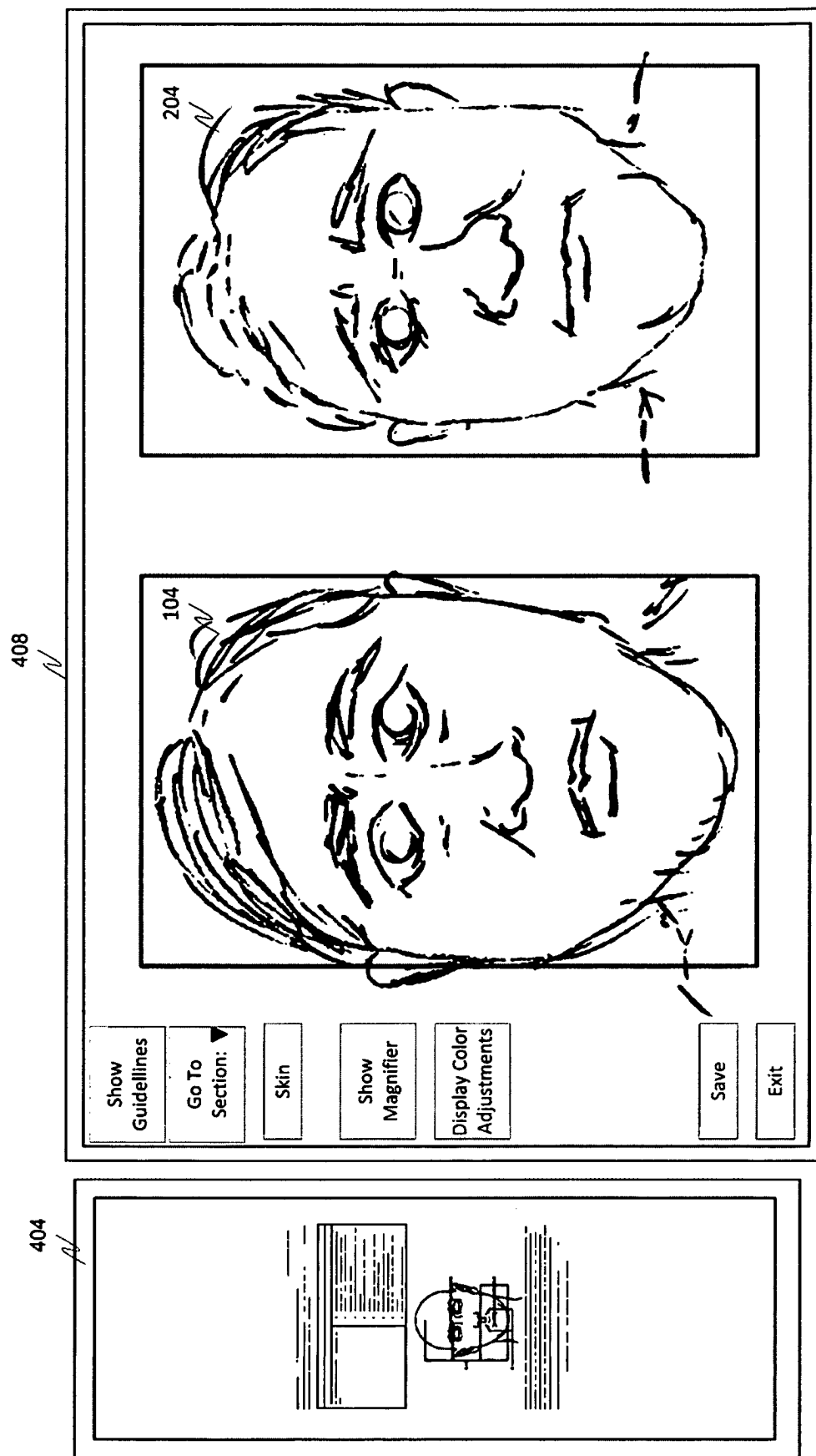


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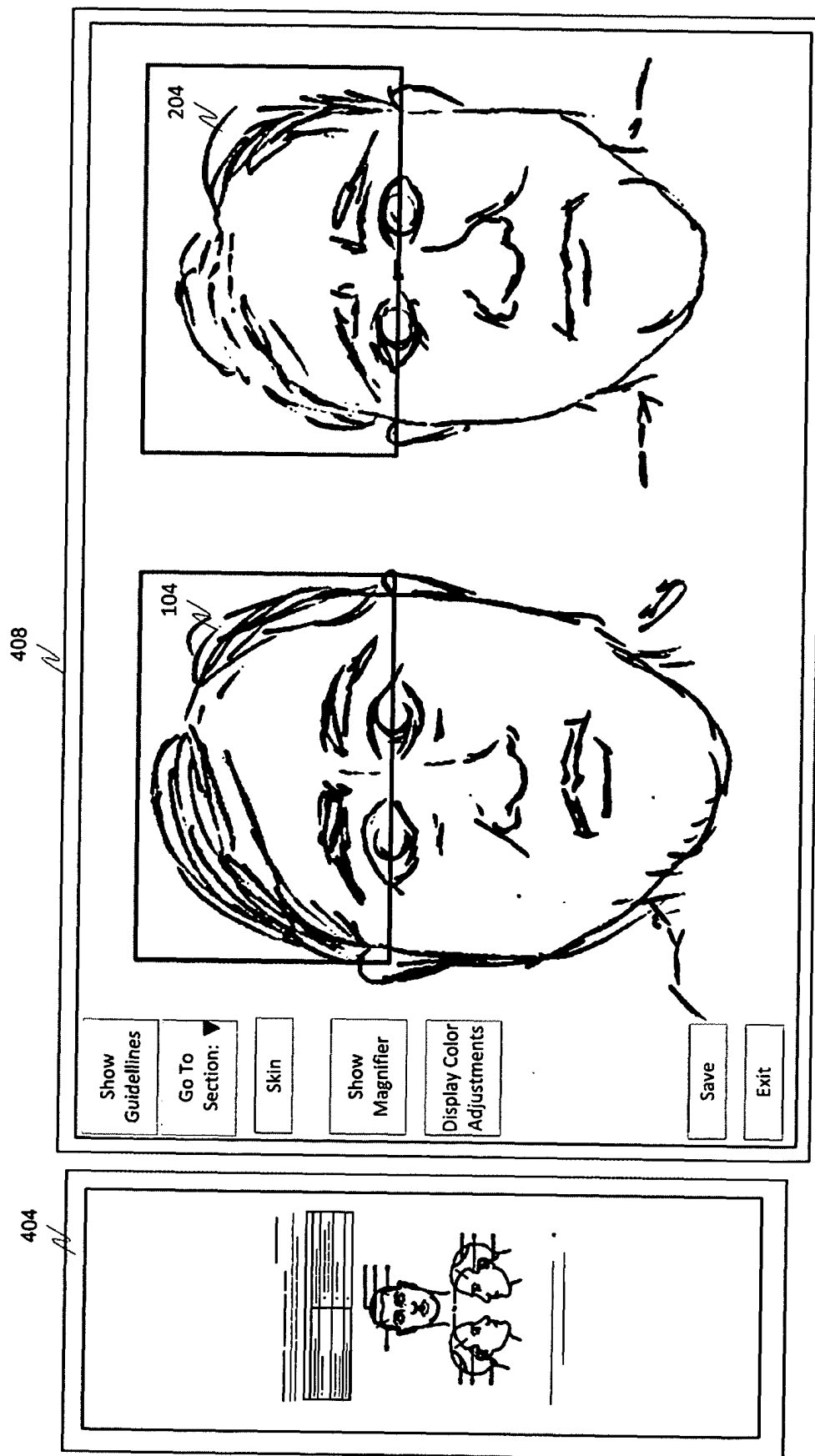


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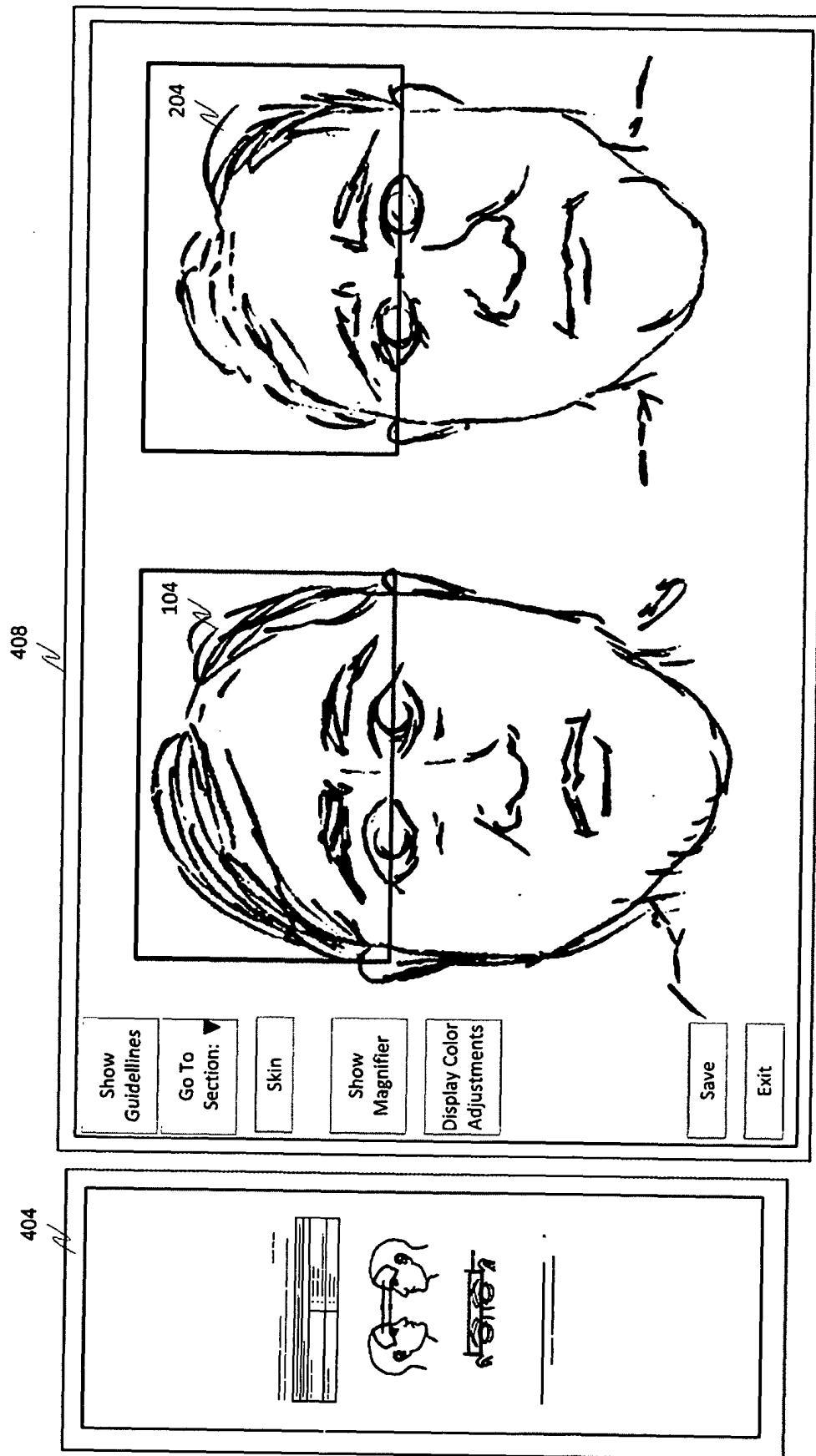


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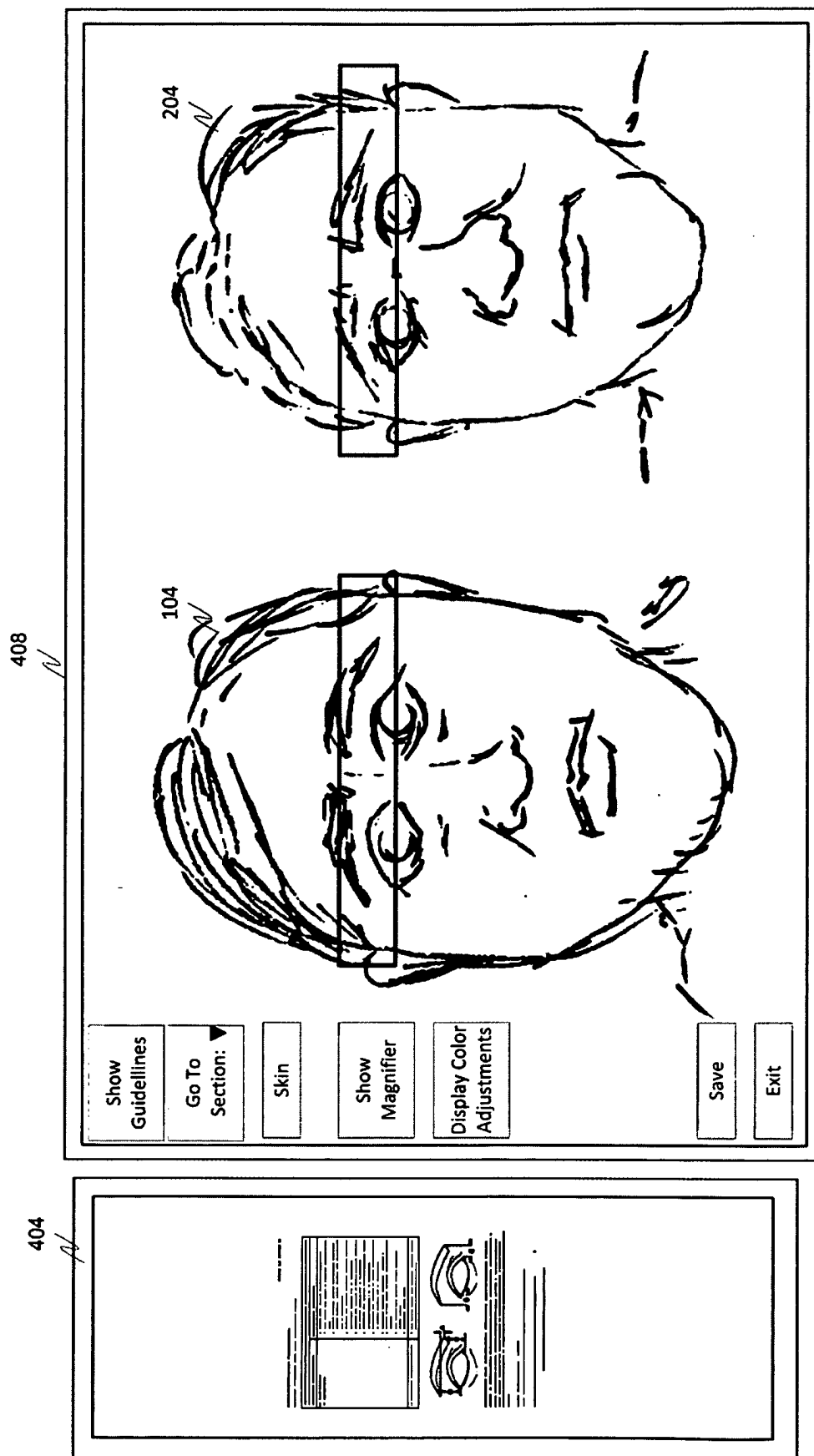


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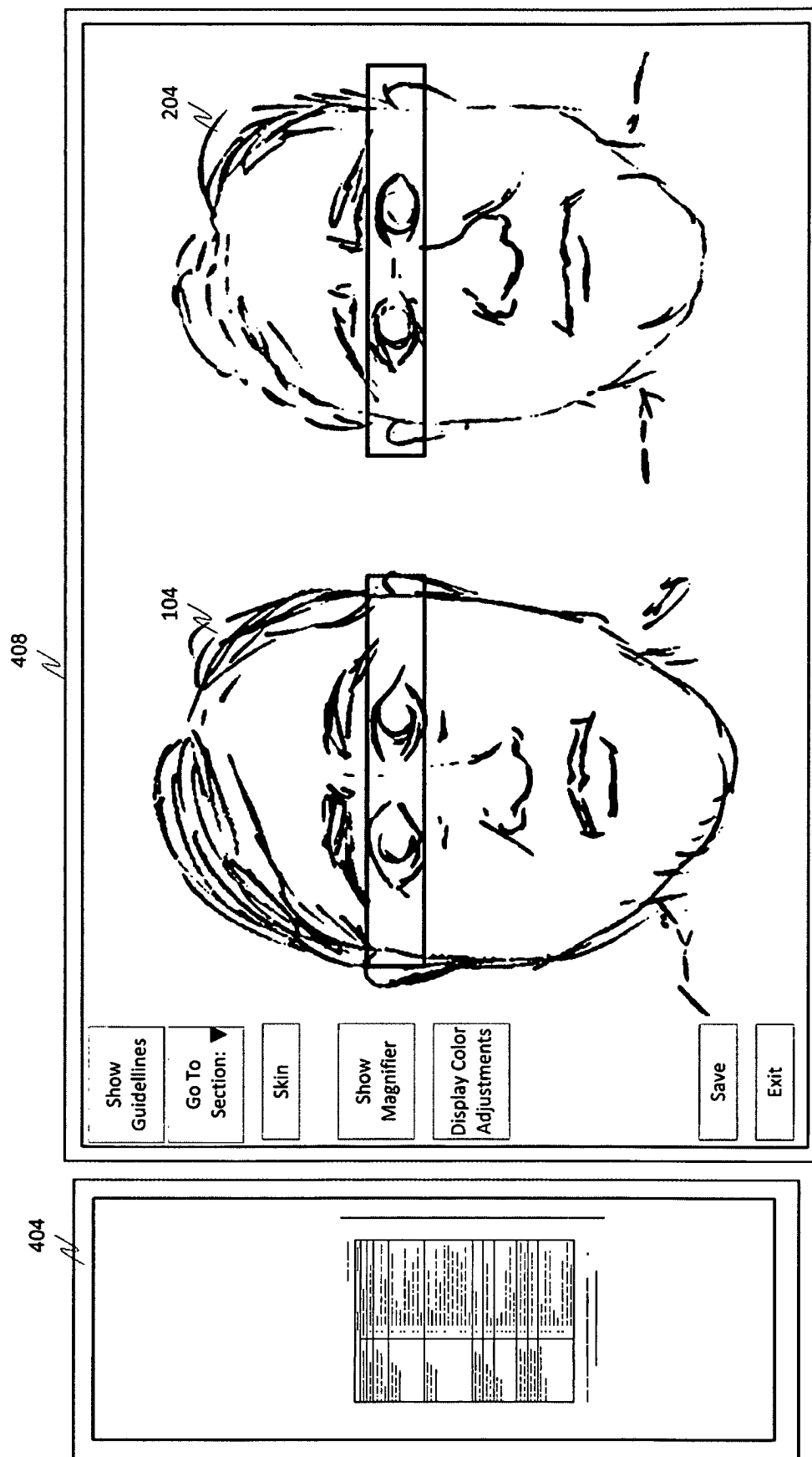


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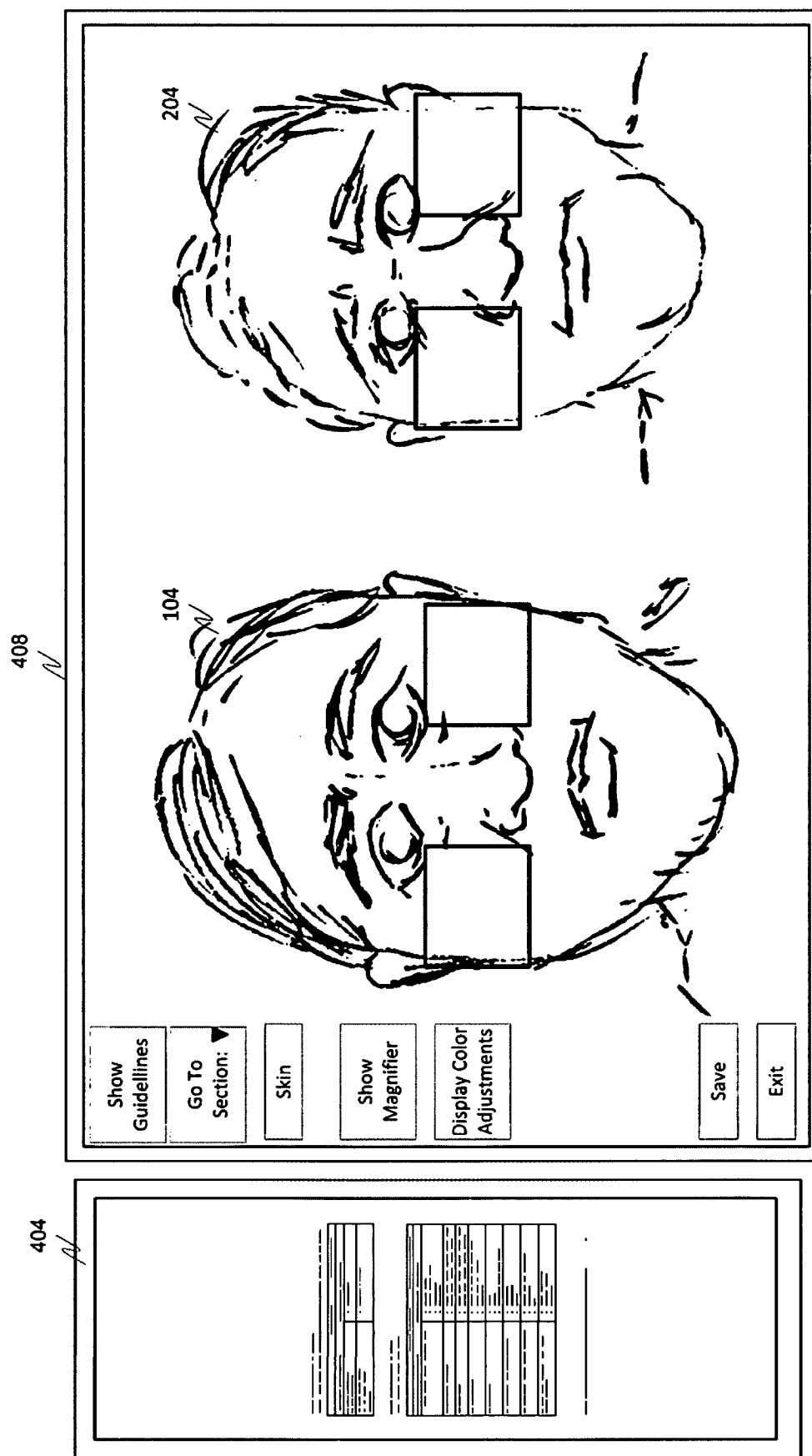


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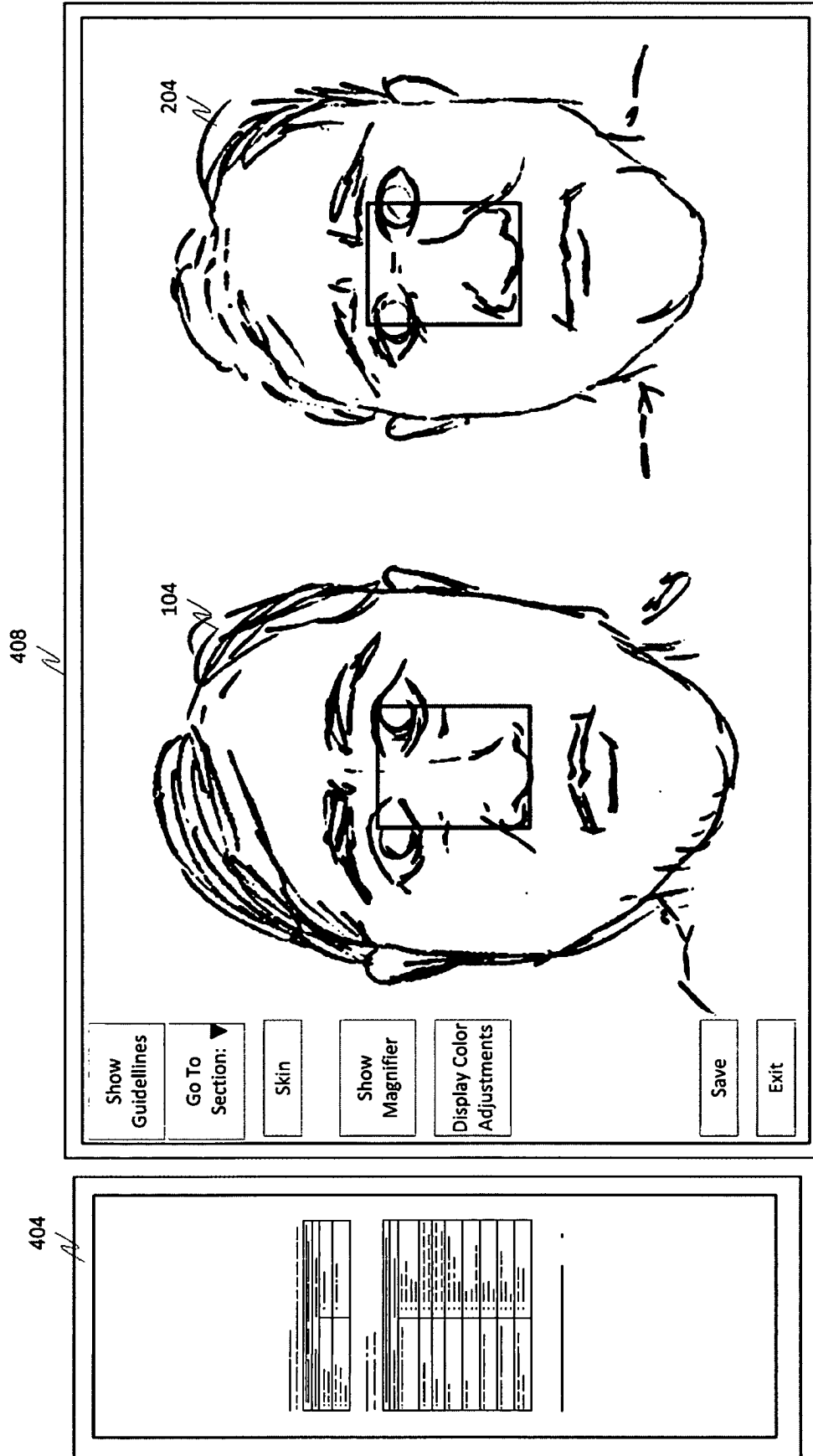


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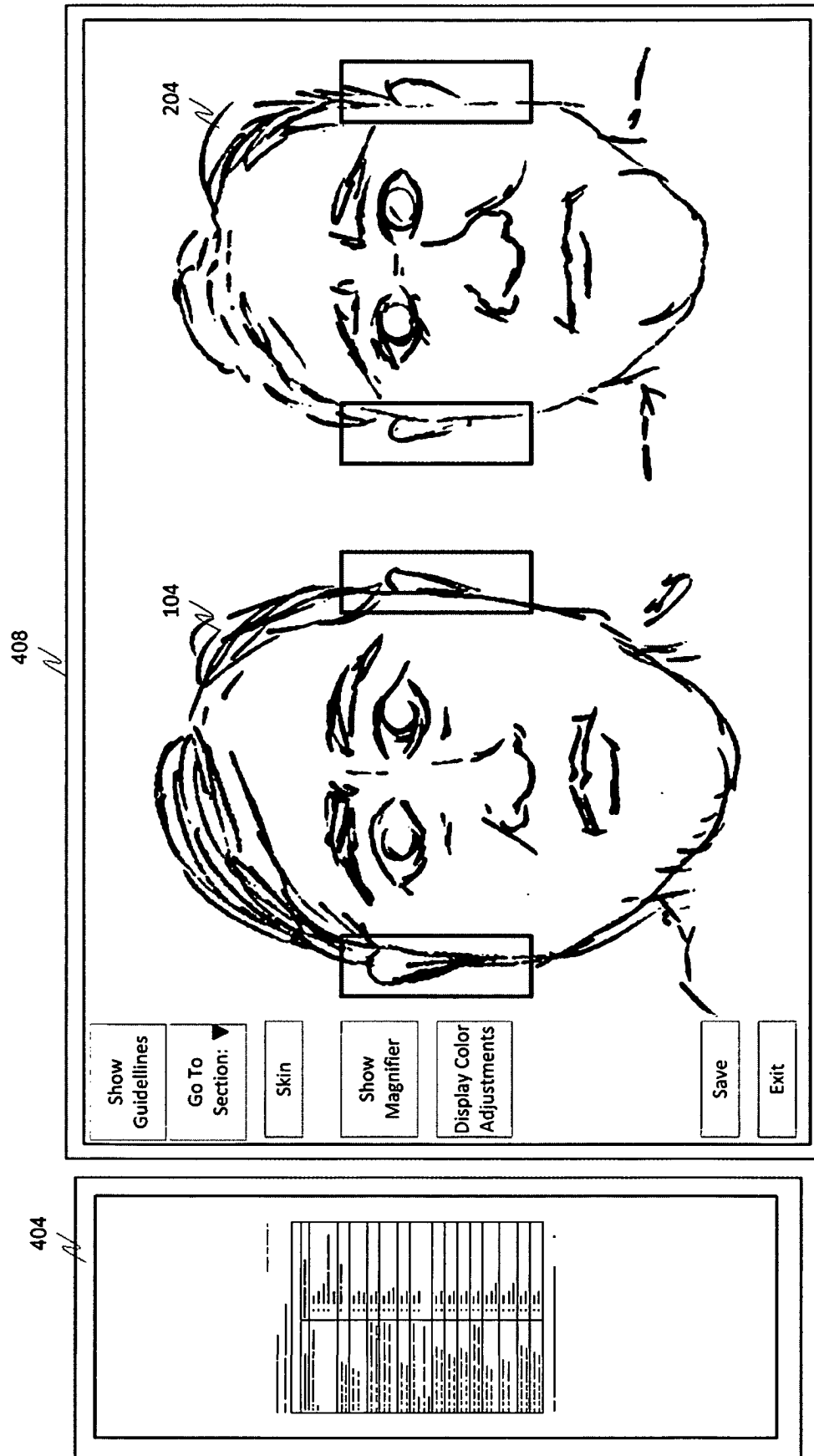


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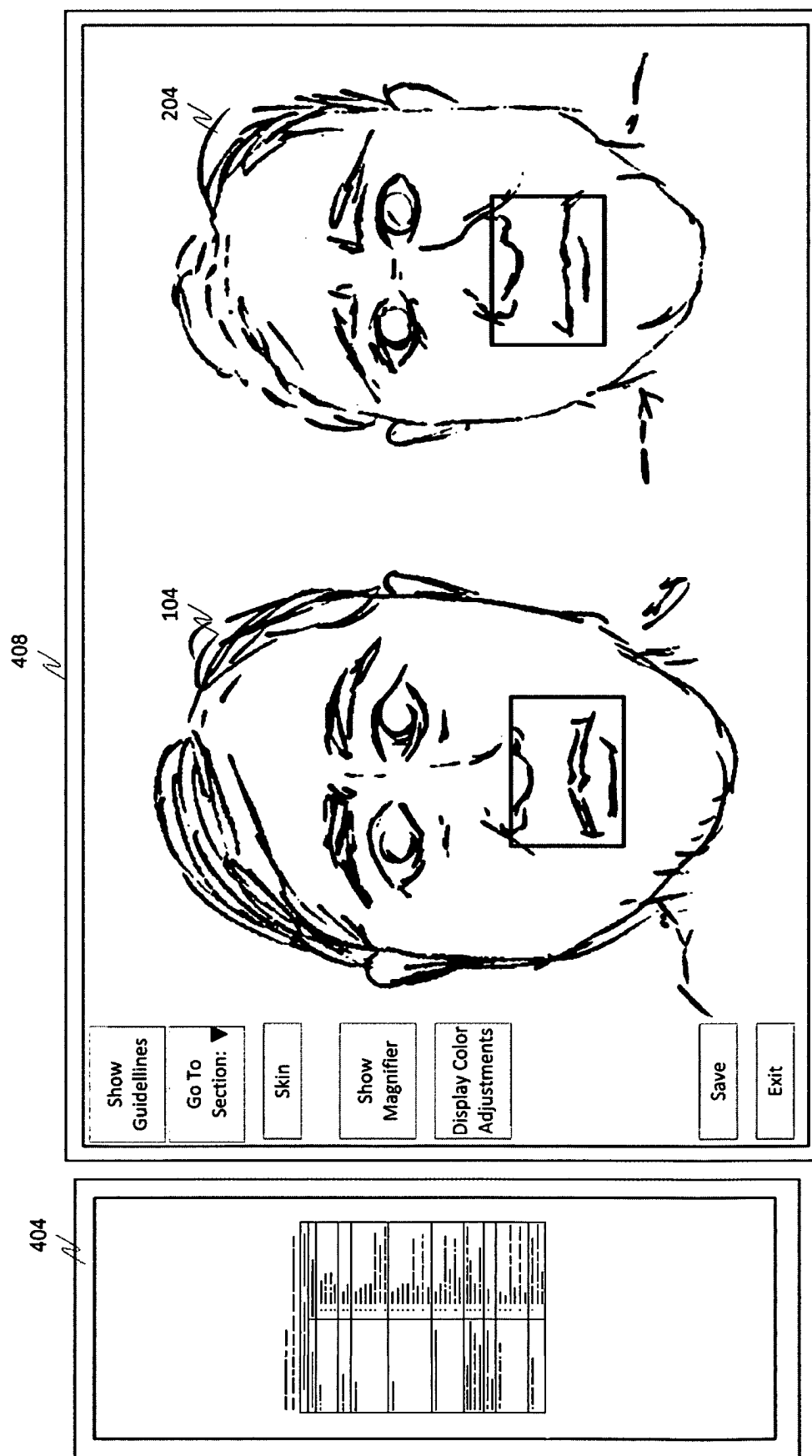


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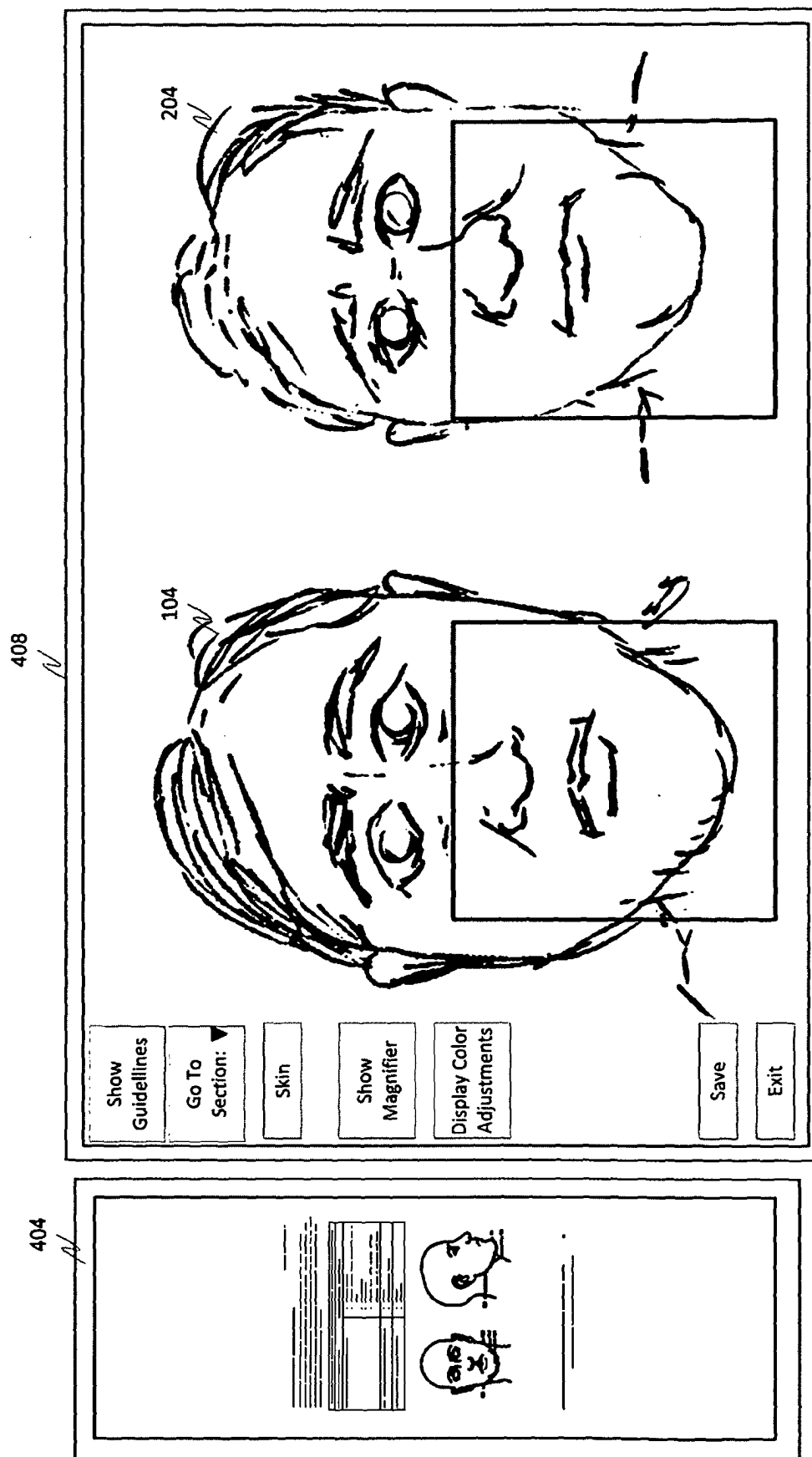


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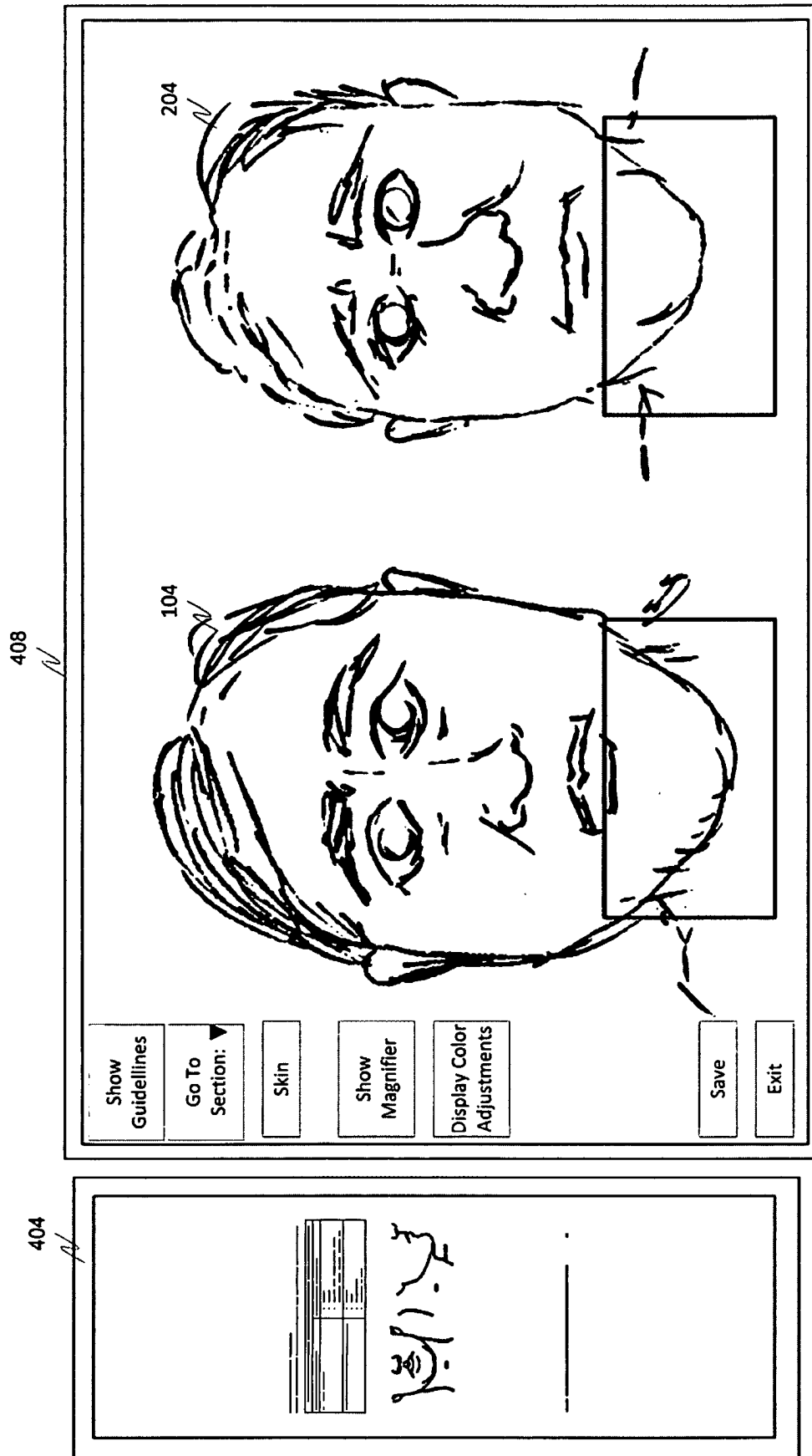


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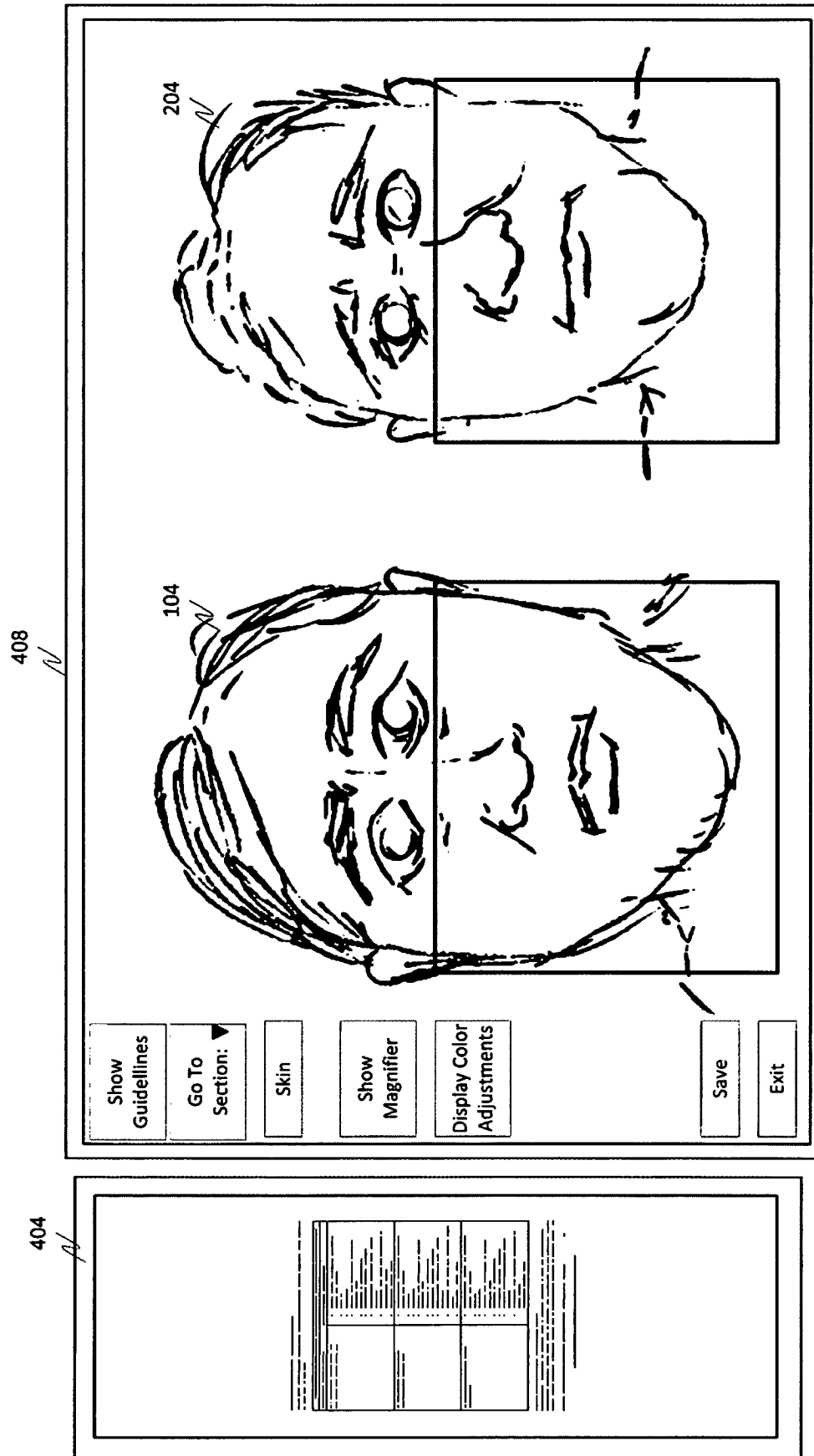


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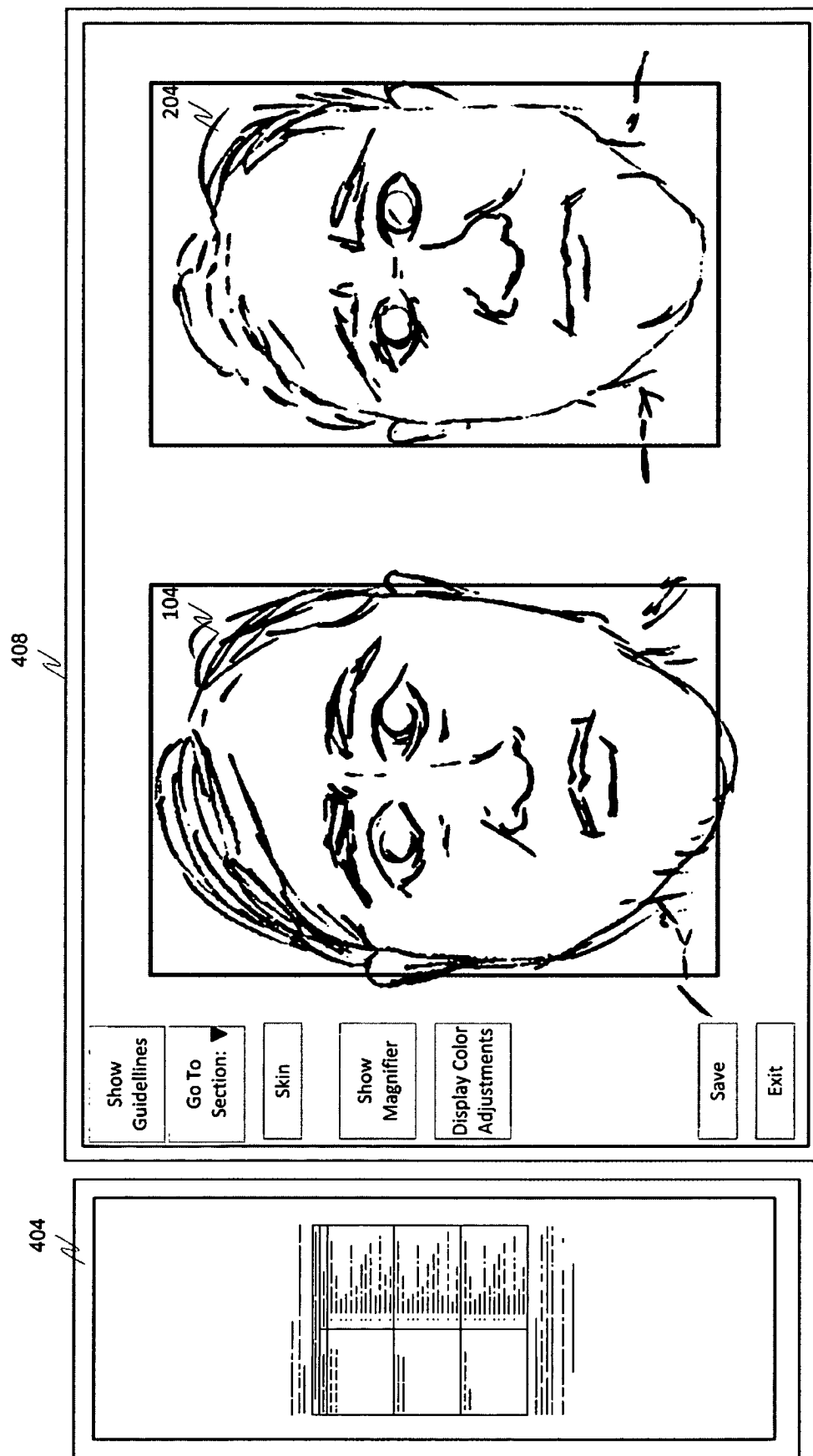


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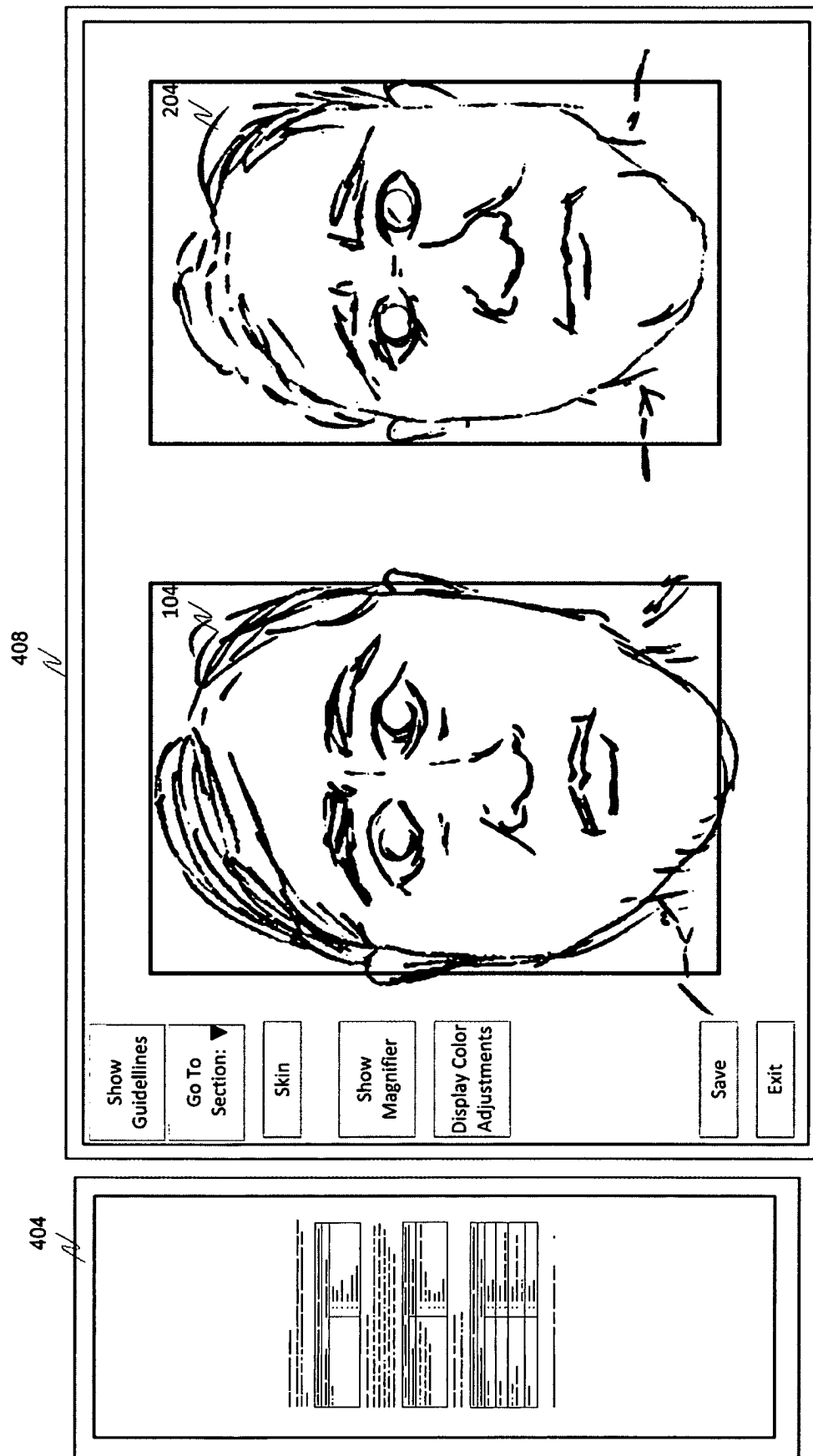


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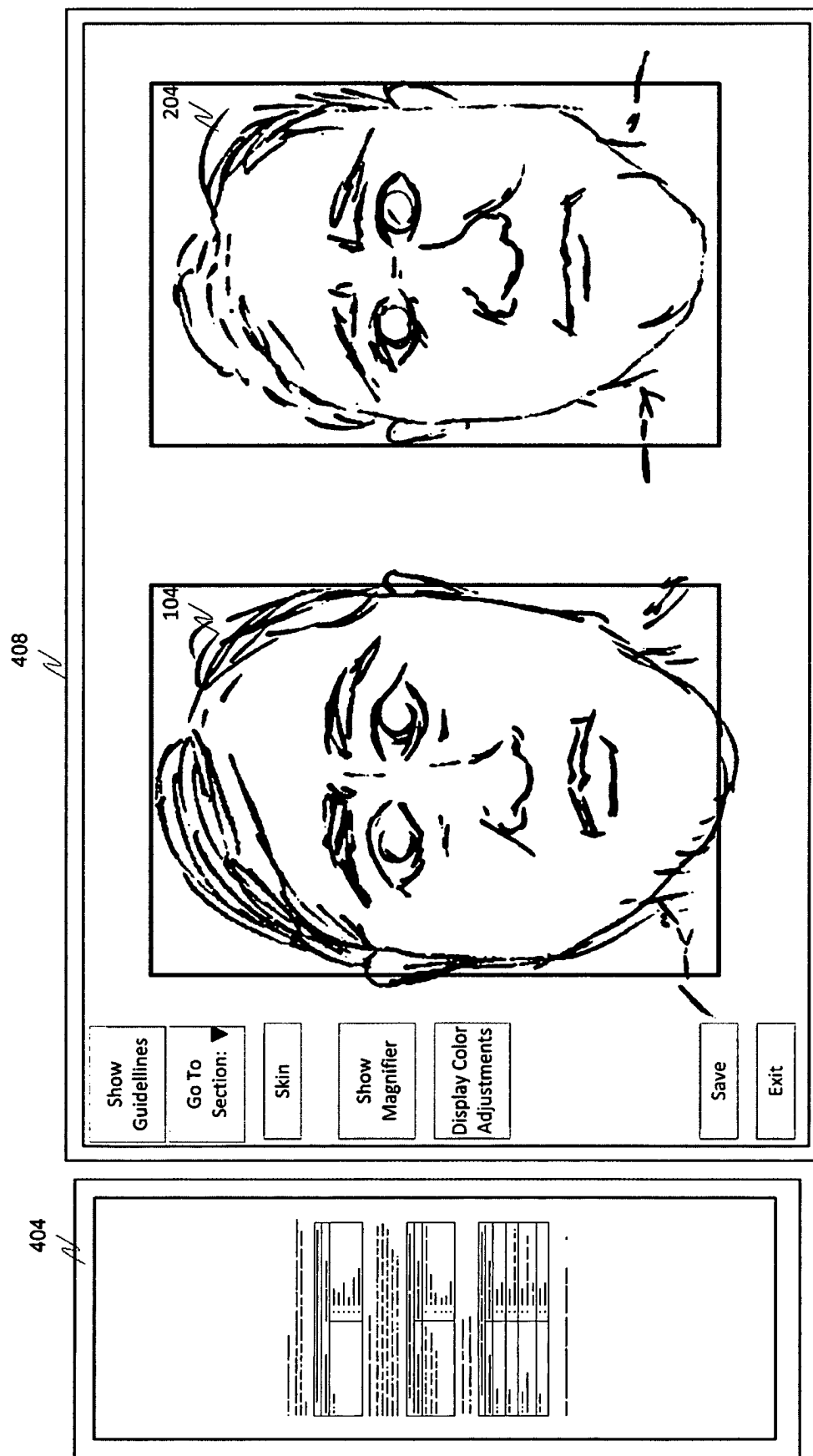


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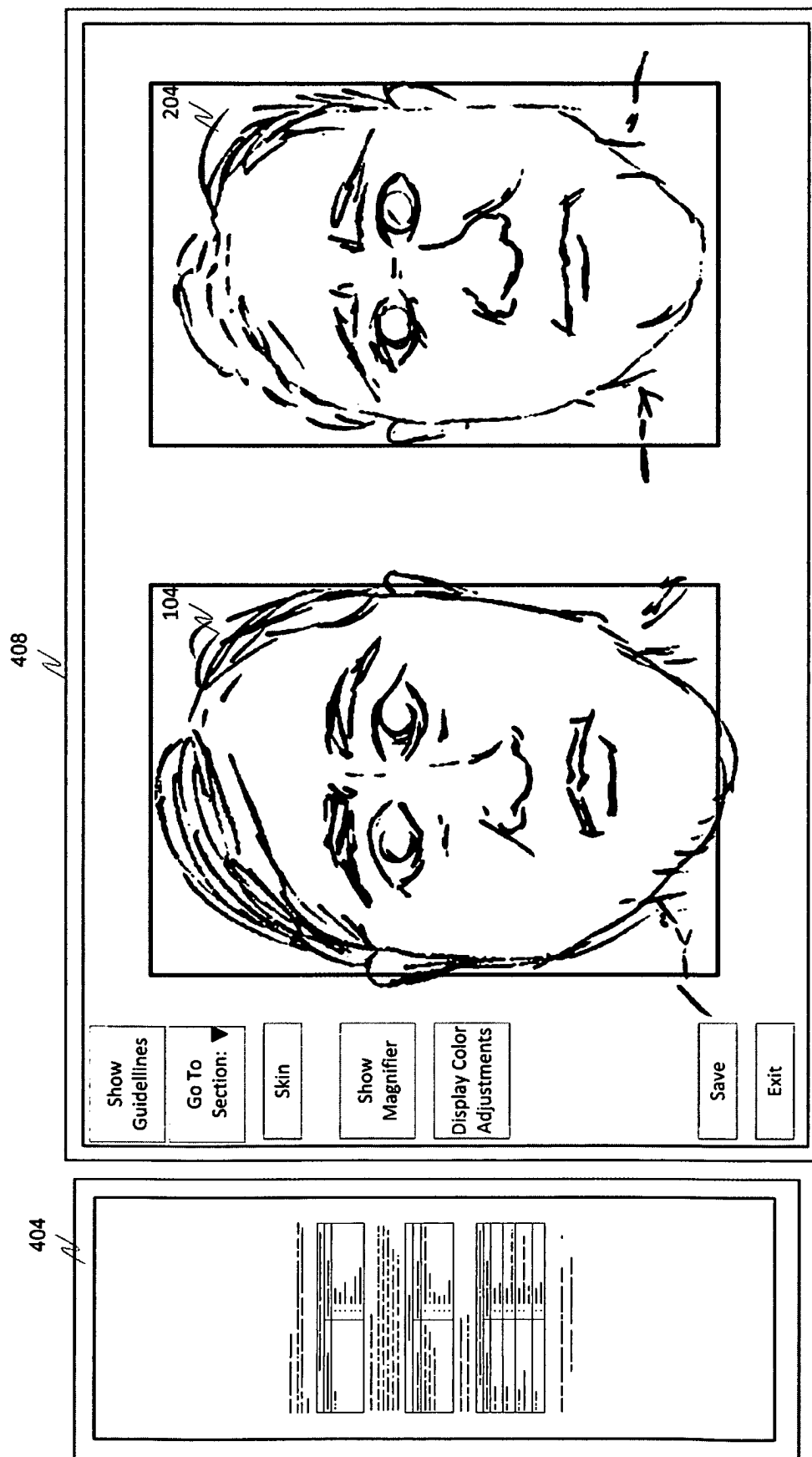


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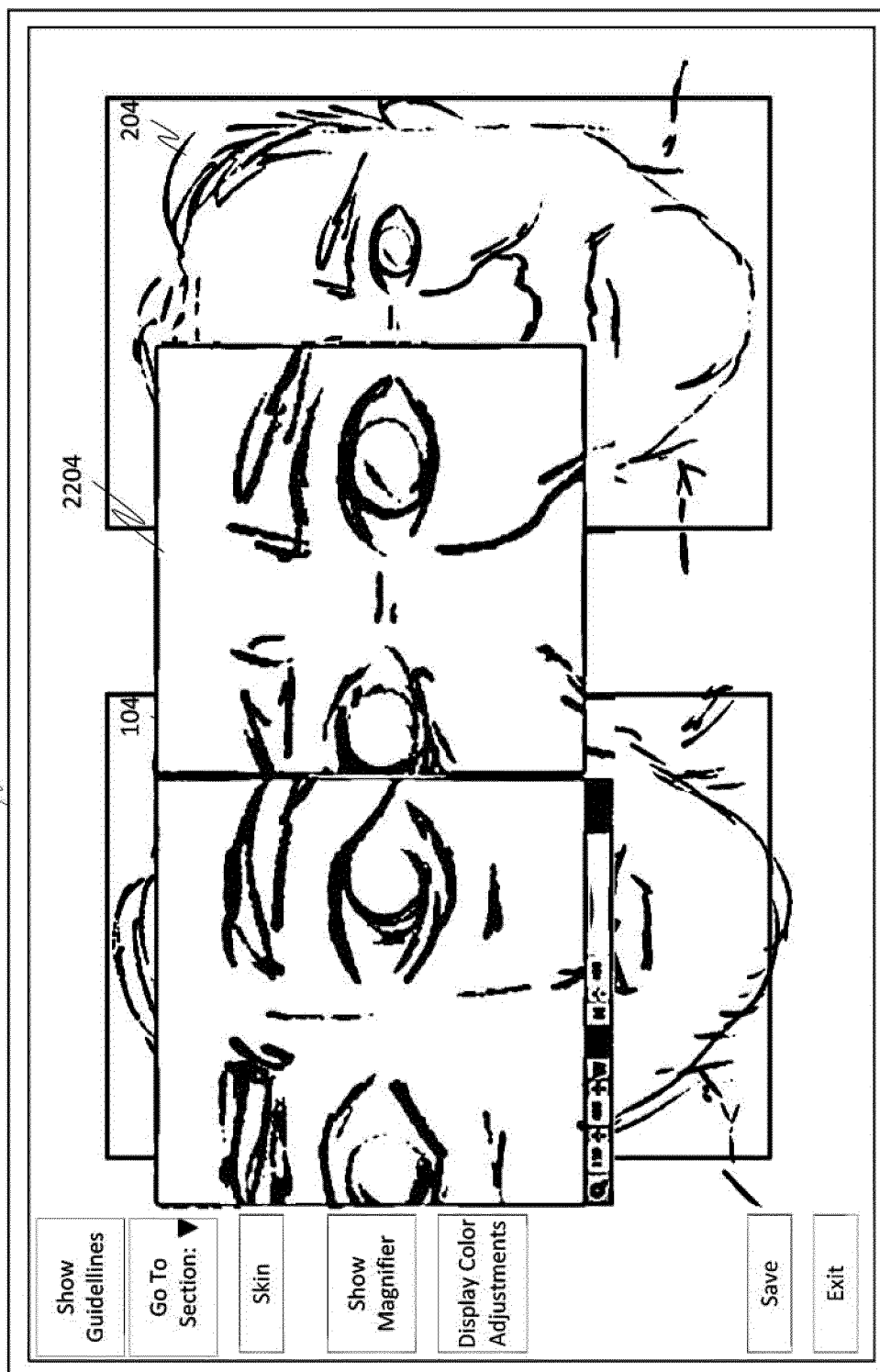


FIG. 22

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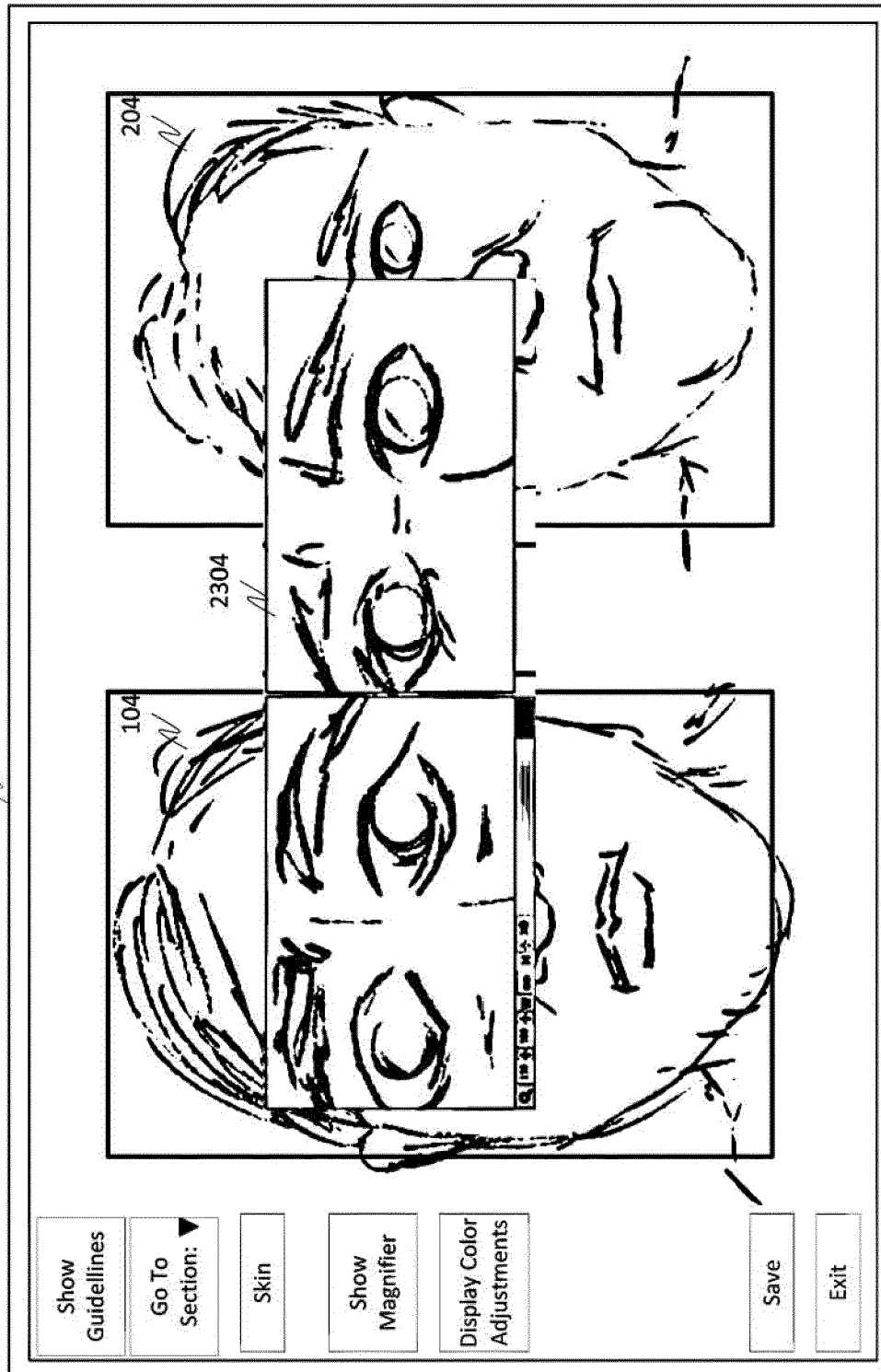


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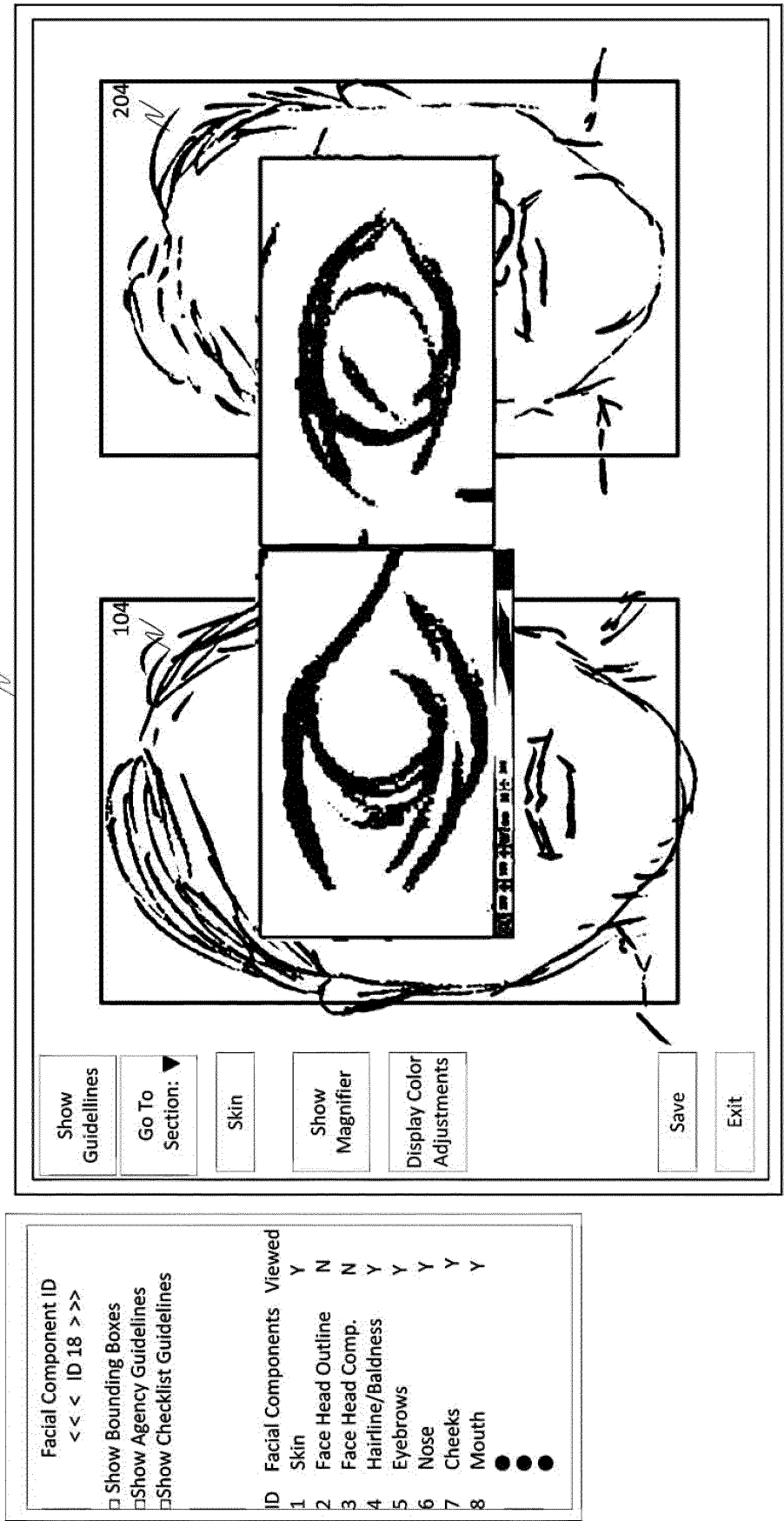


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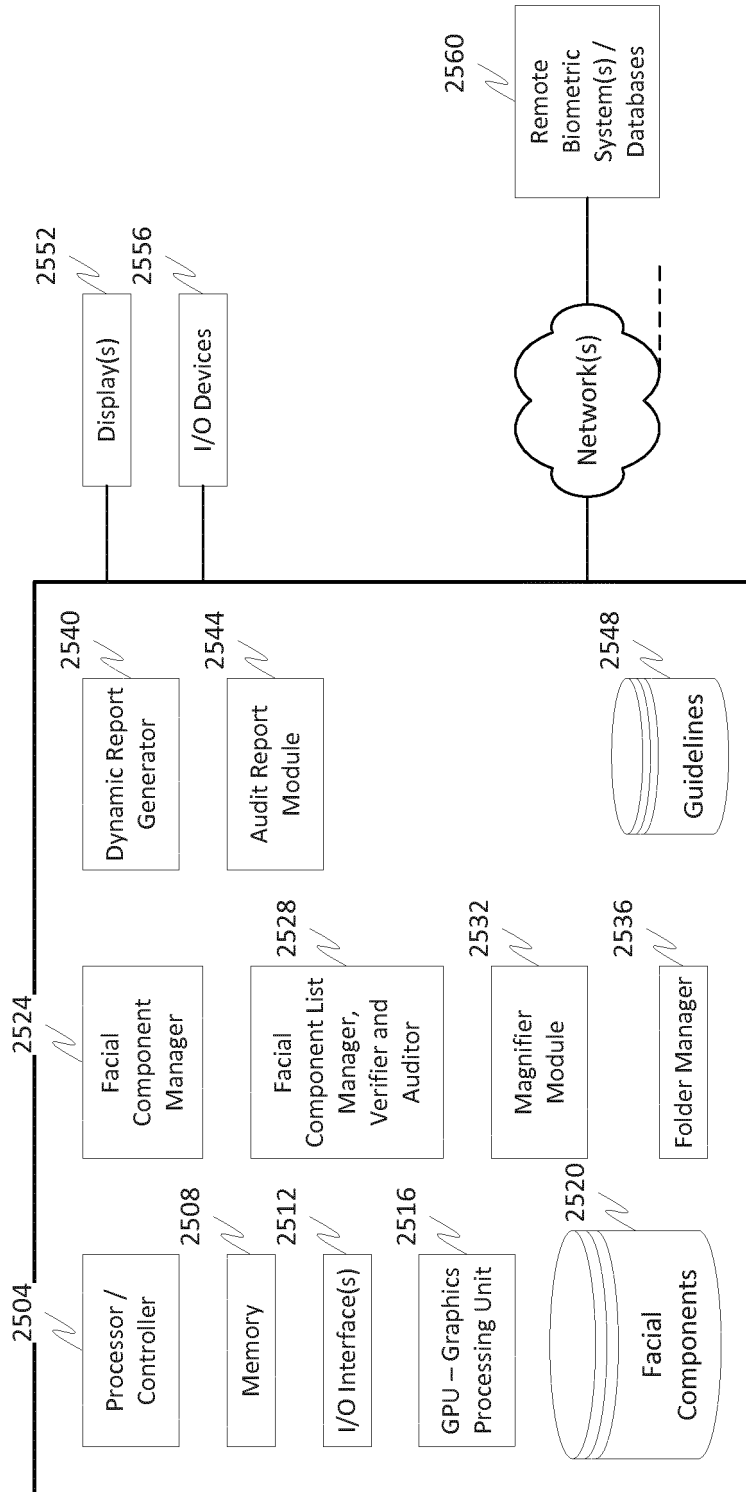
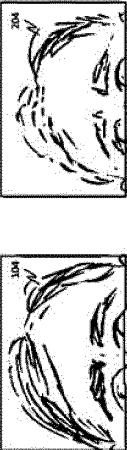
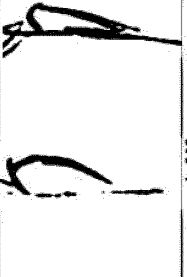
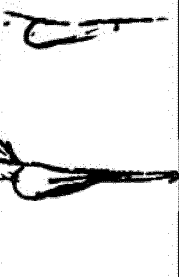


FIG. 25

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4	Nose	S		Nose	
5	Mouth	S		Mouth	
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FIG. 26

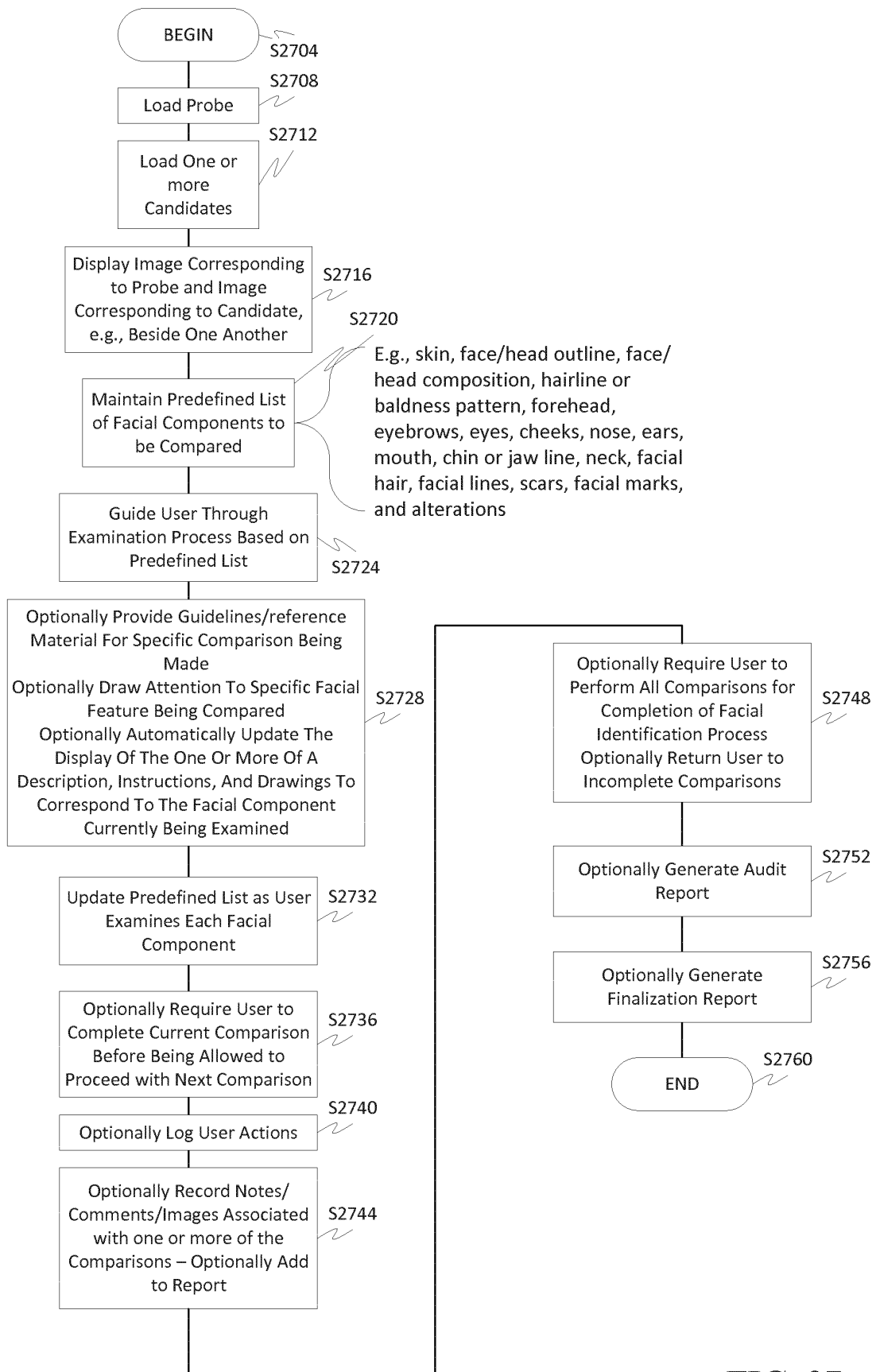
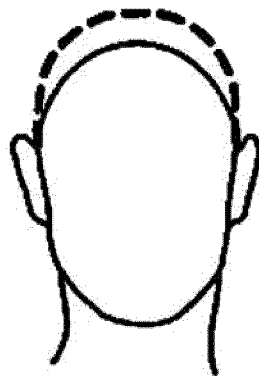
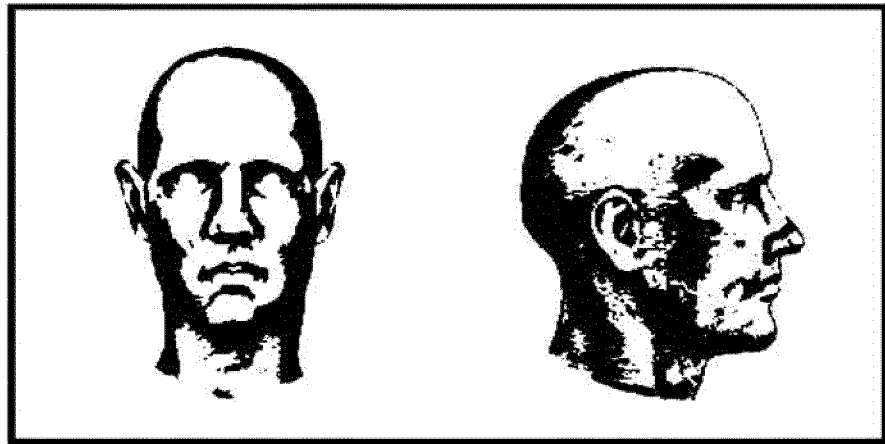
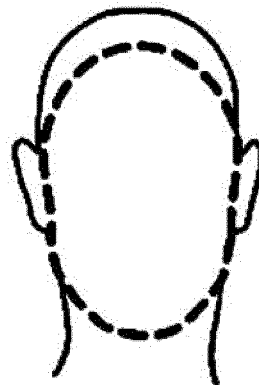
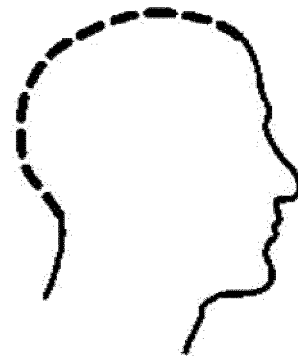


FIG. 27

Face/Head Outline



Shape of Cranial Vault



Overall Shape of Face



FIG. 28

Hairline/Baldness Pattern

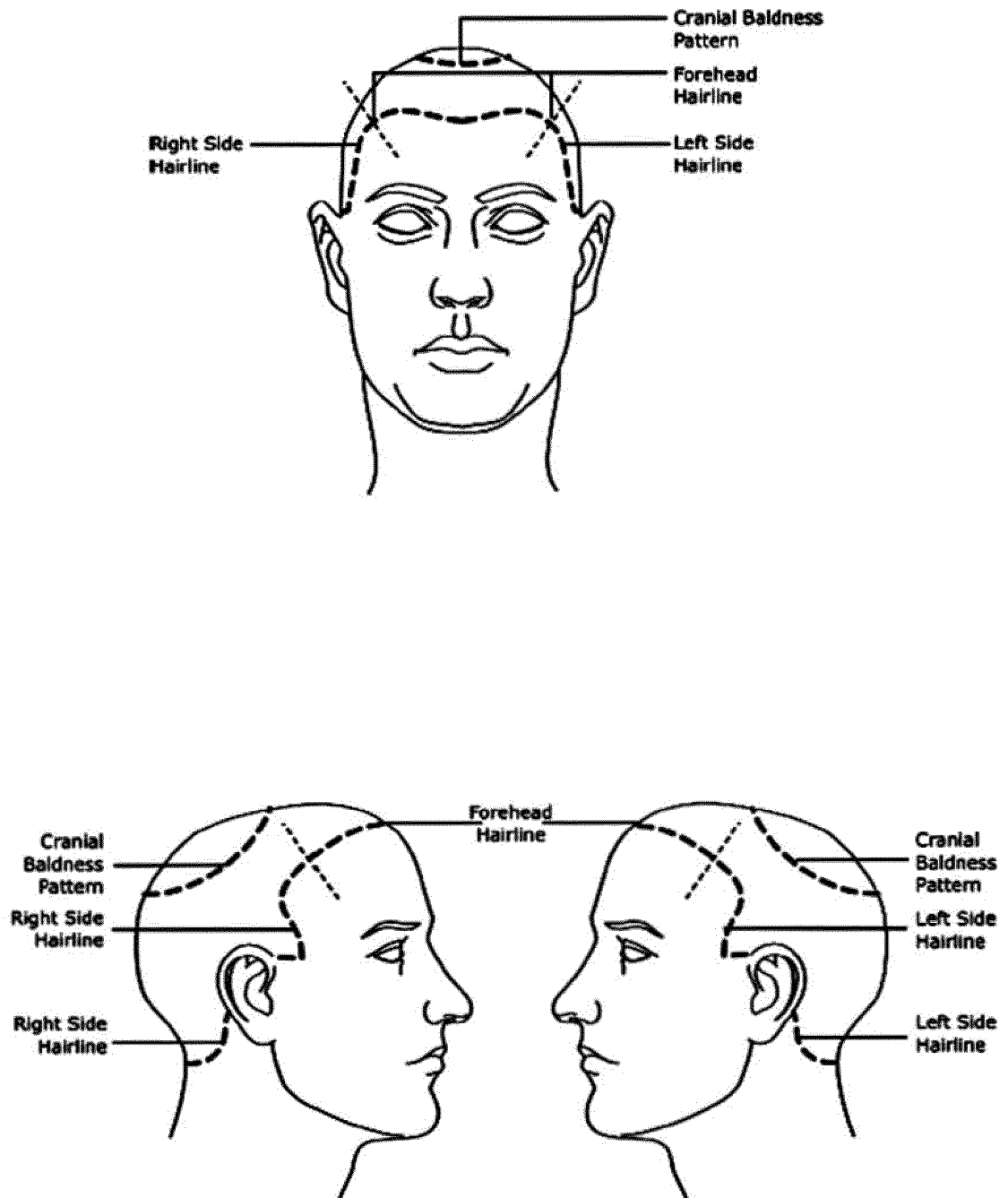


FIG. 29

Forehead (including Brow Ridge)

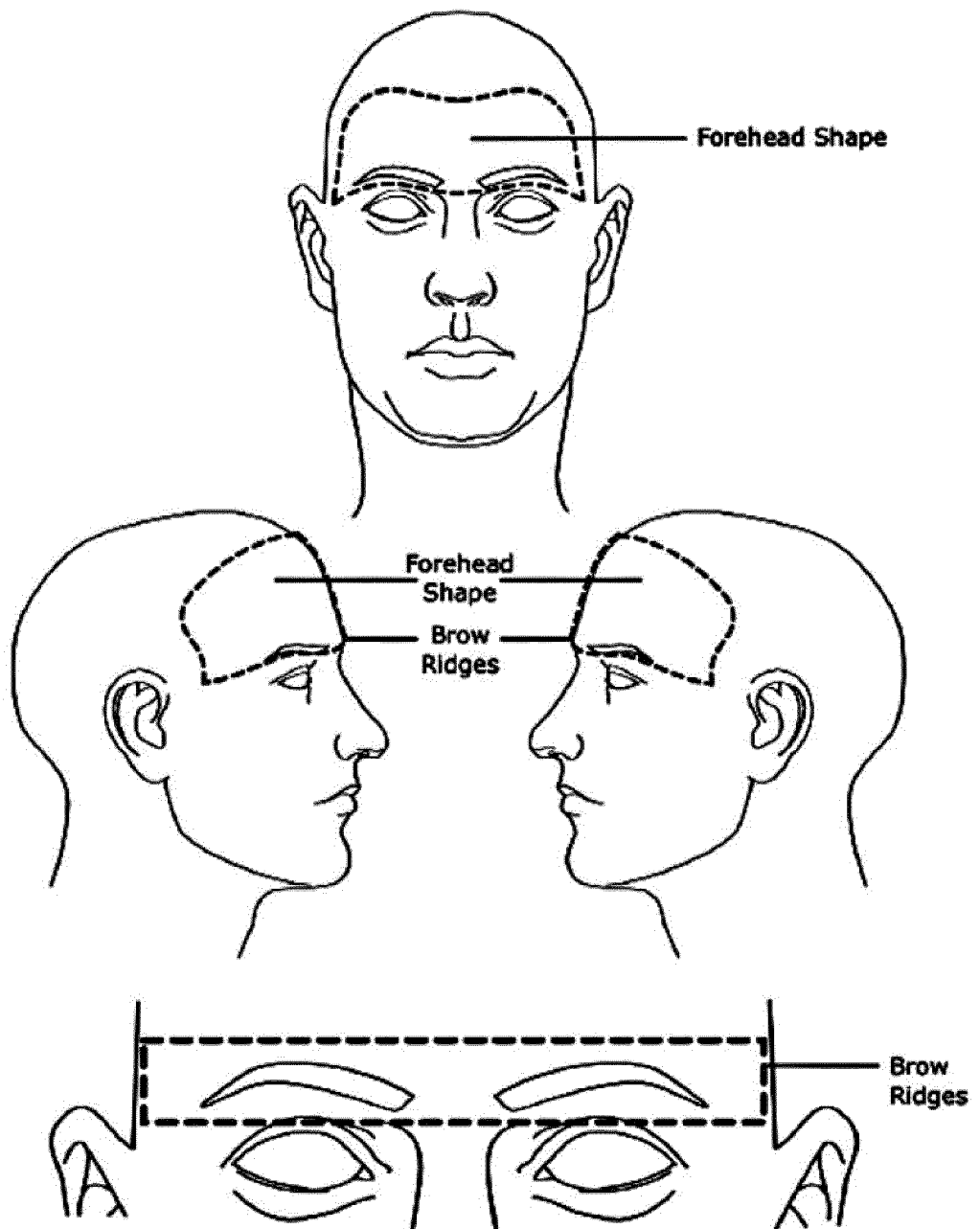


FIG. 30

Eyes

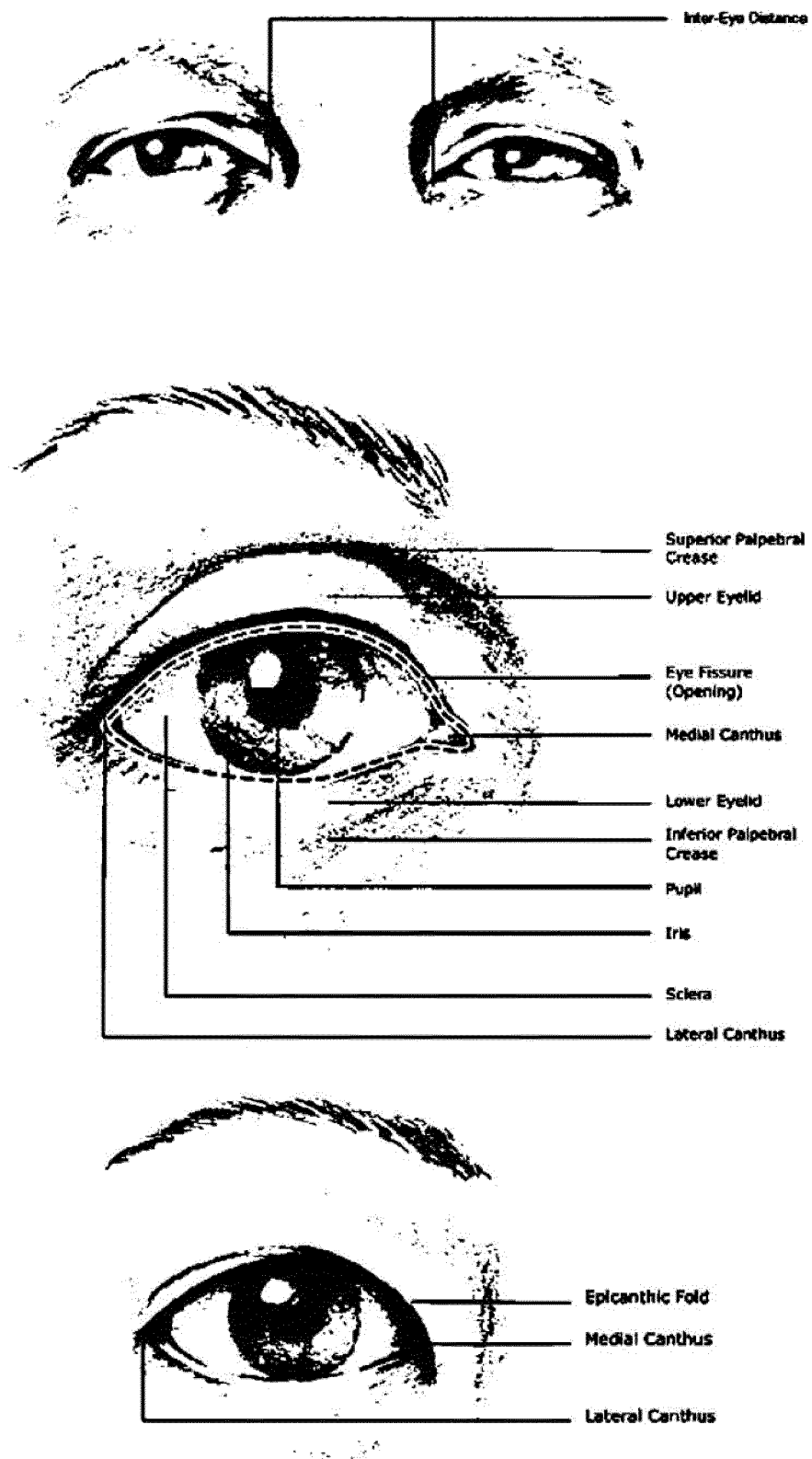


FIG. 31

Nose

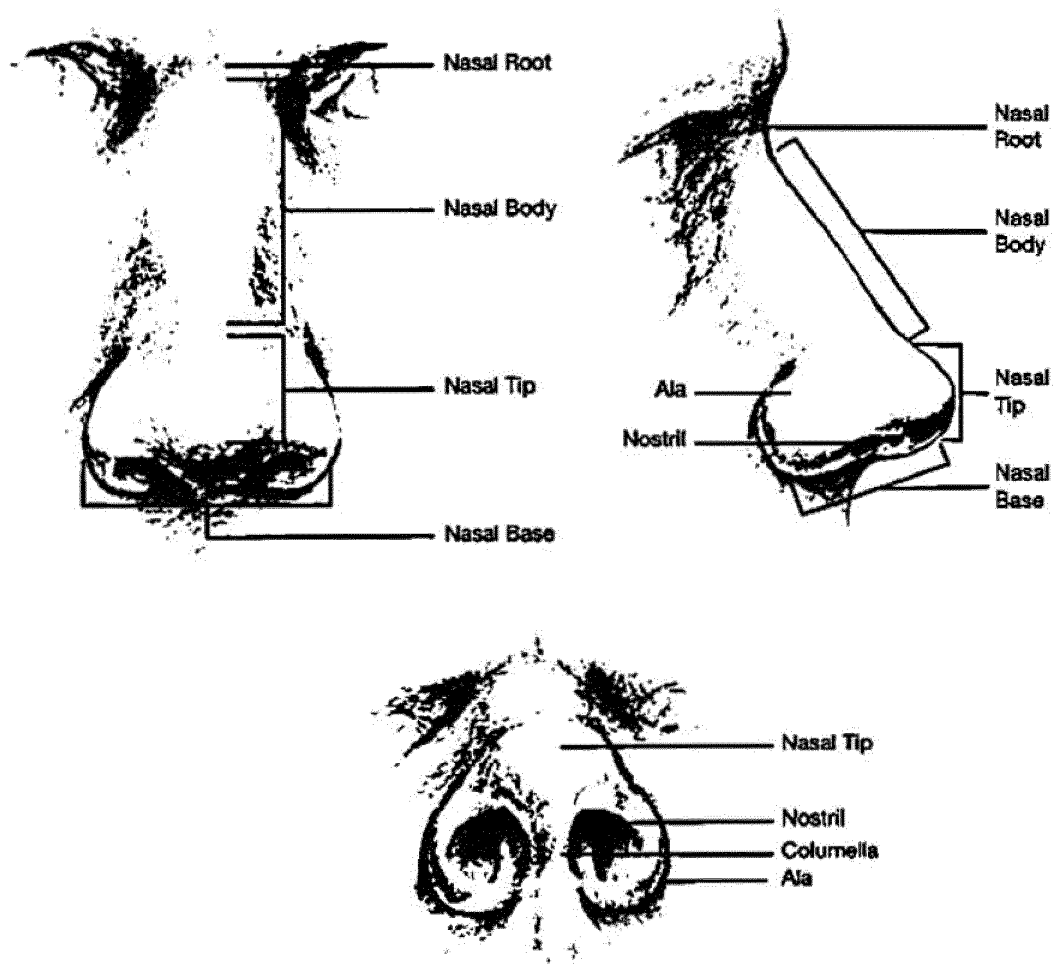
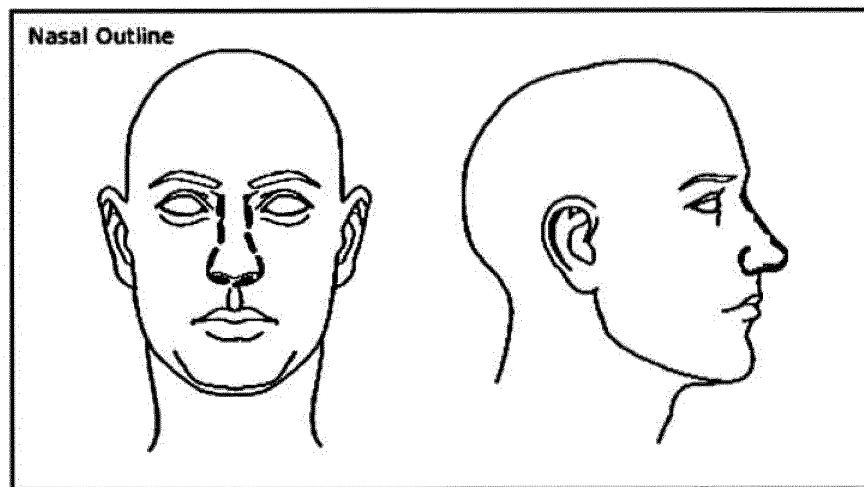


FIG. 32

Ears

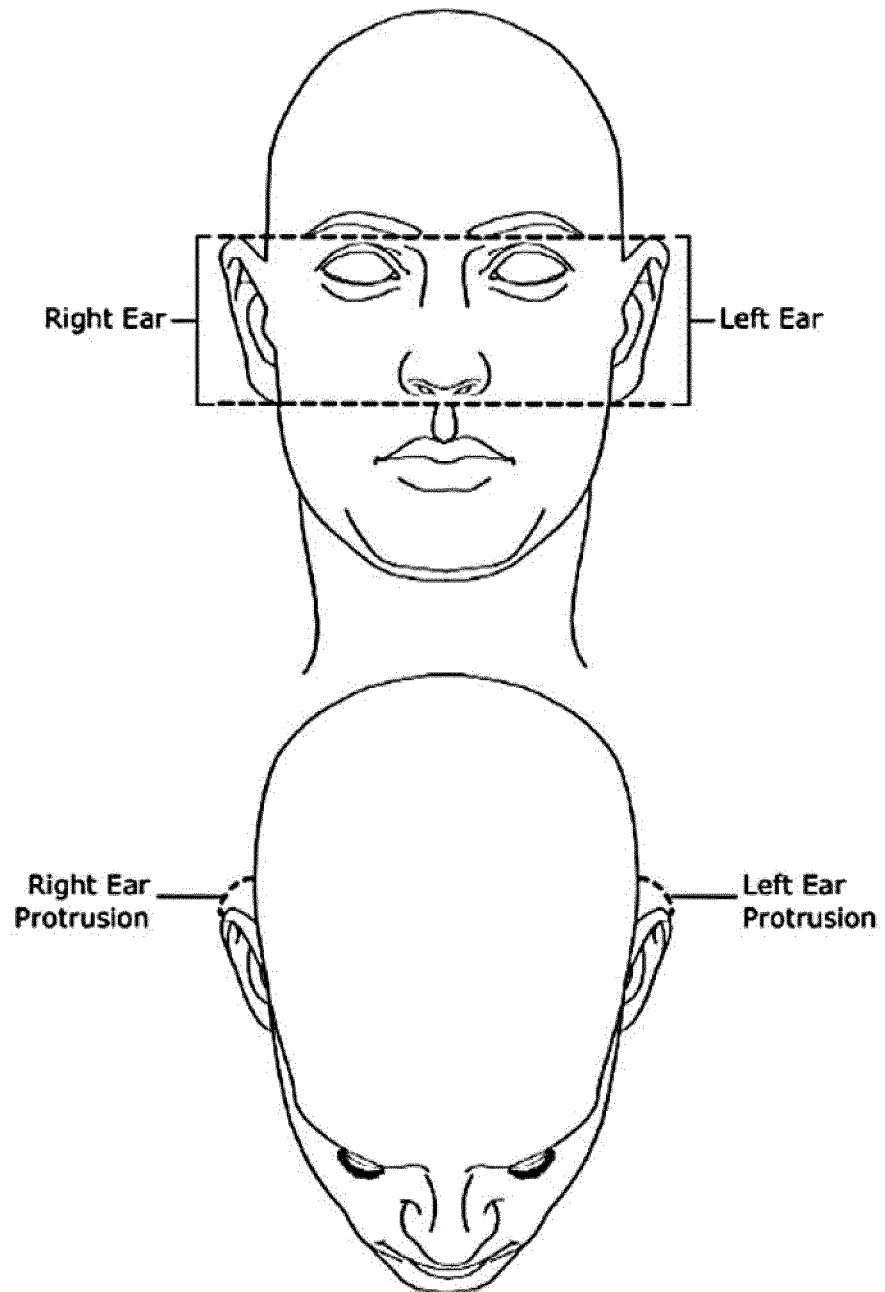


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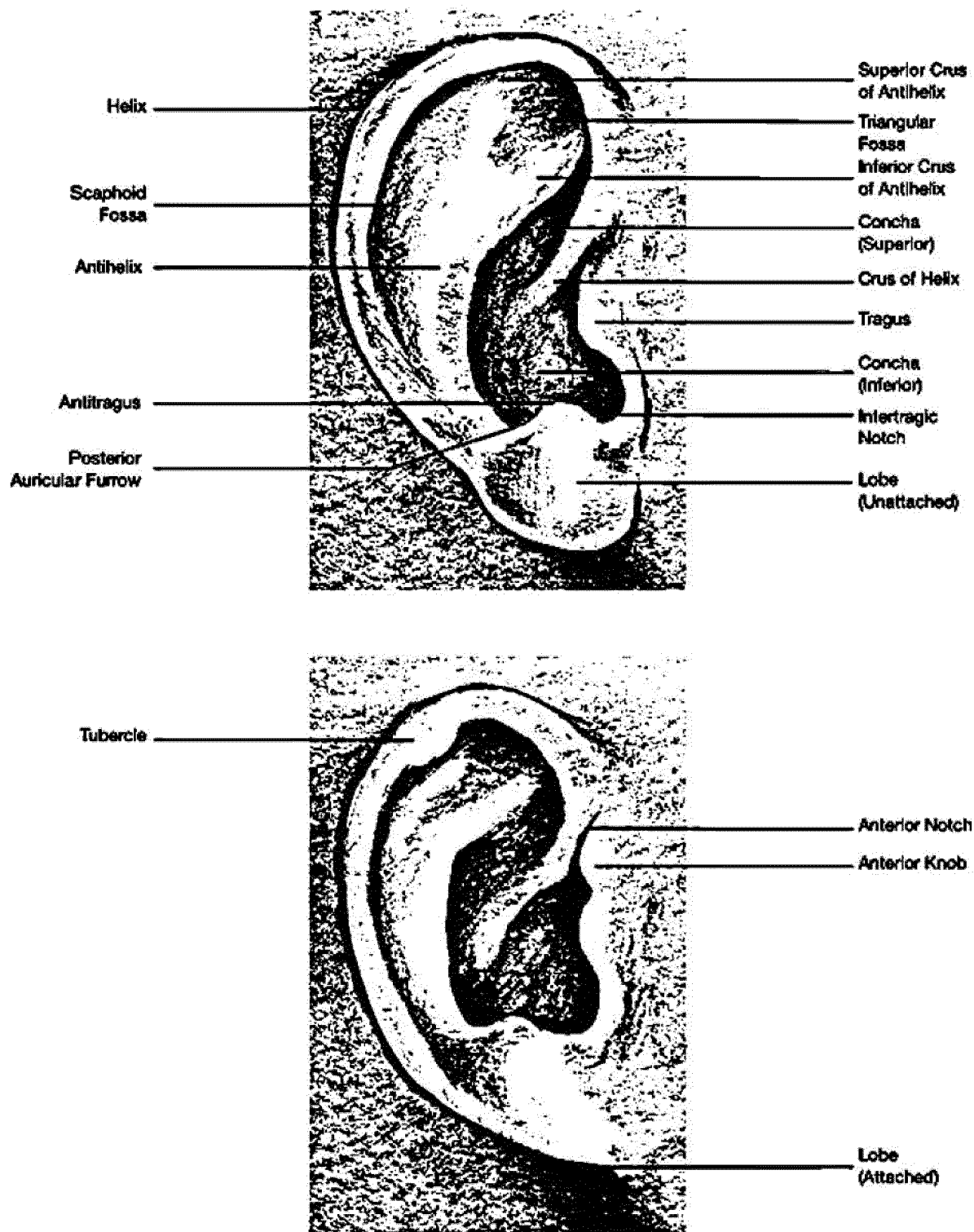


FIG. 34

Mouth

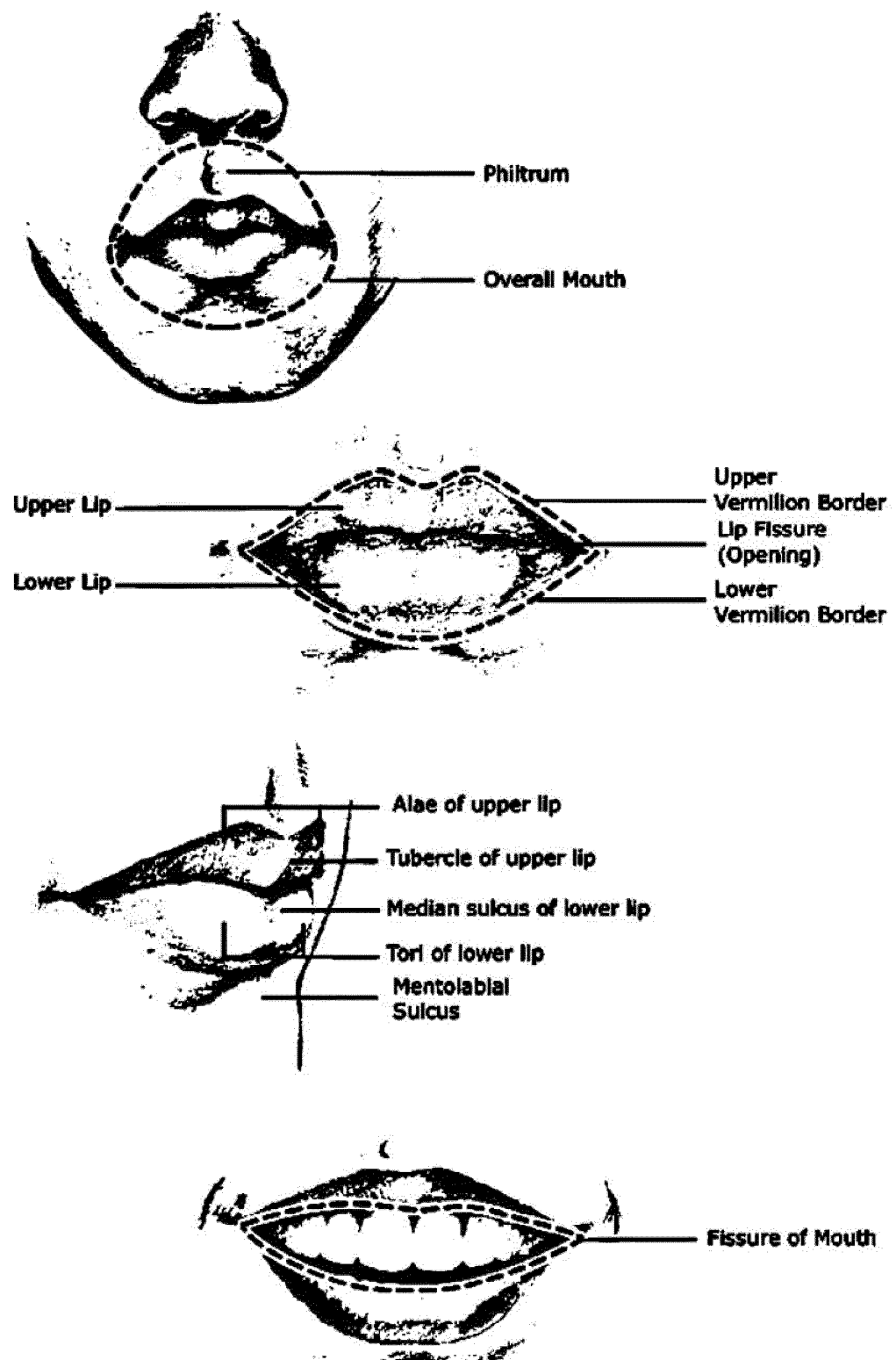
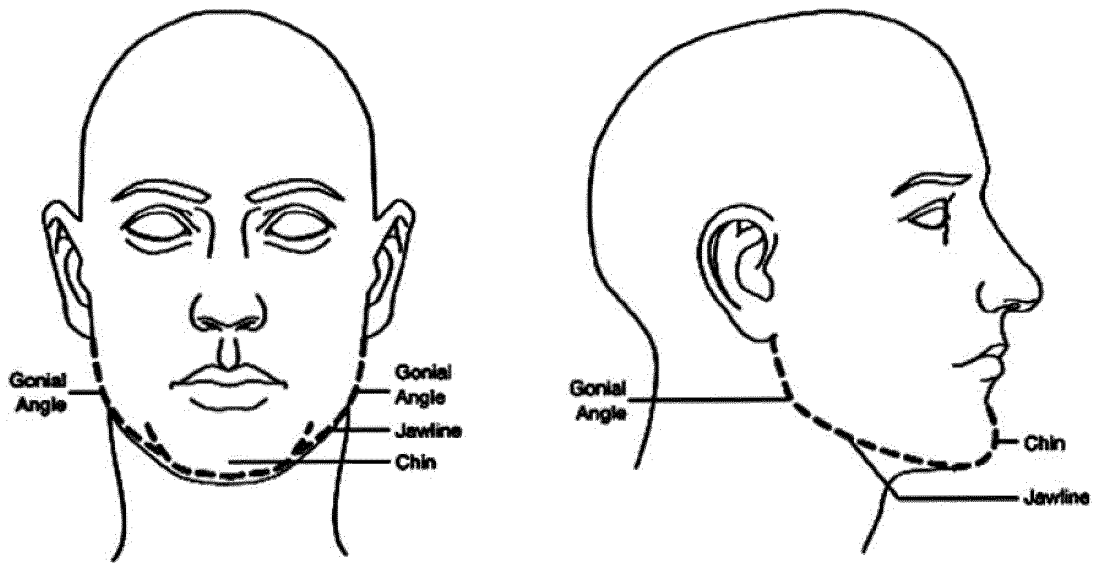


FIG. 35

Chin/Jawline



Neck

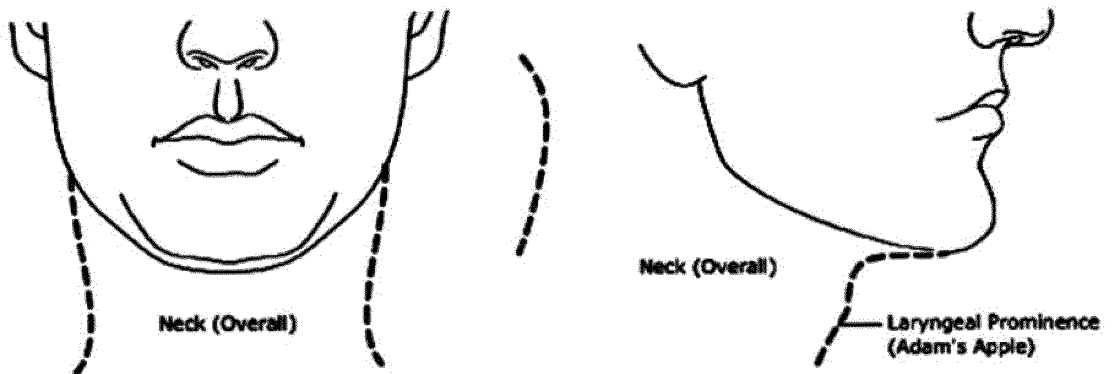


FIG. 36

Facial Lines

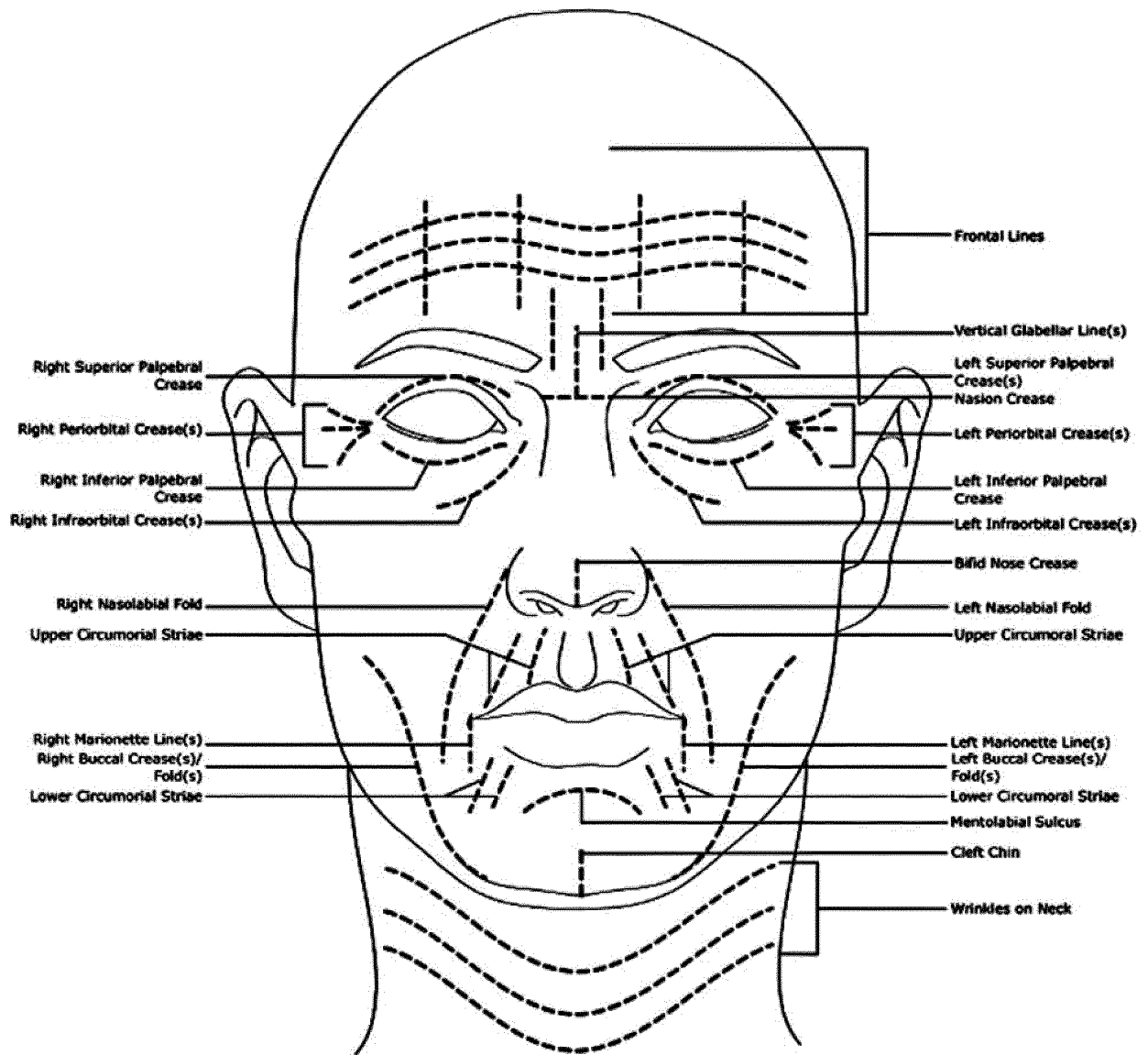


FIG. 37

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摘要(译)

随着面部生物识别技术的使用在商业和政府部门的扩展，确保人类面部检查员使用适当的程序来比较面部图像的需求将会增长。人类检查员已经检查了多年的指纹图像，使得指纹检查过程和技术已达到商业和政府使用的普遍接受程度。如果可以使用新方法来帮助确保和记录在人体检查面部图像期间执行适当的检查过程，则可以增强和巩固面部识别的不断增长的部署和接受。



FIG. 1