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New research suggests that humans have chins, not because of chewing, but because of hormone changes from becoming domesticated and natural selection. They found that chewing does not produce the resistance necessary to produce new bone in the lower jaw. With that ruled out, they looked elsewhere. Holton, the director of this research, explains, “Overall, this suggests that chins are unlikely related to the need to dissipate stresses and strains and that other explanations are more likely to be correct.” Instead their research lends to the idea that the chin is a result of the way humans’ skull grows. “Our study suggests that chin prominence is unrelated to function,” Holton says, “and probably has more to do with spatial dynamics during development.”

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