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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the other co-authors, I’m re-submitting as original paper the manuscript titled “Prevalence of Pathogenetic MC4R mutations in Obese Italian Children with early onset obesity, tall stature and familial history of obesity.” by Nicola Santoro, Grazia Cirillo, Zhimin Xiang, Rita Tanas, Nella Greggio, Giuseppe Morino, Lorenzo Iughetti, Alessandra Vottero, Alessandro Salvatoni, Mario Di Pietro, Antonio Balsamo, Antonino Crinò, Anna Grandone, Carrie Haskell-Luevano, Laura Perrone, Emanuele Miraglia del Giudice

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