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Dear Mr. Chaves,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript and for your time and attention. Here we submit the revised form of the manuscript according to your suggestions.

Major Revisions

1. In the title, the objective, discussion and many parts of the text we changed the term “TMD” into “signs and symptoms of TMD”. Furthermore, we now mention the non-certain diagnosis of TMD as a limitation to our study. We now clearly state that the stratification of the participants was done based on the symptoms and signs of a probable TMD but without having a clinical or a certain diagnosis of TMD.

2. We eliminated the number and content of the tables, more specifically we now present 4 tables instead of 11.

3. We shortened the results part of the manuscript.

4. In the discussion part we clarify that the range of mouth opening found in our population is not necessarily non-functional or pathognomonic to TMD. We now state that the stratification of the participants doesn’t necessarily include a group with pathological range of mouth opening but for the convenience of our study and the easiest interpretation of the results, we organized them in those groups.

5. The references are now only 50 (compared to 75 that were before).

6. We now clearly state at the limitation part of our manuscript exactly what you suggested; that the tool employed doesn’t diagnose or characterize TMD in the present study.

Thank you again for your comments and suggestions and we are looking forward to hearing from you if any other amelioration is required.

Thank you for the co-operation,

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. P. Kitsoulis