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Dear Editors of BMC Ear, Nose & Throat Disorders:

Enclosed is a revised manuscript entitled, “Combined examination of sequence and copy number variations in human deafness genes better explained the cause of genetic deafness”. We are submitting it as a regular research article to your journal for consideration. The revisions are made to answer pre-review editorial questions raised by the Editors of BMC Ear, Nose & Throat Disorders. Specific changes made are:

1. **Title Page**: We have included the names, institutions, countries and email addresses of all authors. The full postal address of the submitting author is also given.

2. **Line Numbering**: We have included line and page numbers throughout the manuscript.

3. **Tables**: We have three tables that should appear in the final published manuscript. We now included them in the manuscript following the references. Four additional Tables were included as Supplement Table as additional file, which will not appear in the manuscript (I assume they will appear online only).

The highlights of this manuscript have already been given in our last cover letter. We confirm again that all material presented in the manuscript has not been published elsewhere. This study is funded by the National Institute of Health. The funder had no role in study design, data collection and analysis, decision to publish, or preparation of the manuscript. We declare that no conflict of interest for all the authors. We are looking forward to hearing comments from the Reviewers.

We appreciate your careful pre-review editorial comments and thoughtful consideration of this manuscript.

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