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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for having given us the opportunity to format our manuscript: “Bone resorption and environmental exposure to cadmium in children-a cross-sectional study” (MS 7304657605778198).

We carefully addressed all the editorial comments. A point by point reply to the comments of the editorial production team is given below.

Major revisions

1. **Title:** Please ensure that the title is identical in the manuscript and the submission system. Currently the two title differ.

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   In the revised manuscript, all the errors have been checked.
We are looking forward hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours,

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