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RE: Response to the request of the formatting changes  
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Dear Professor Olsen:

Attached please find our response to the request of the formatting changes on our manuscript MS: 8160478136315307 “Genetic Polymorphisms of Nerve Growth Factor Receptor (NGFR) and the Risk of Alzheimer’s Disease”, which was submitted to Journal of Negative Results in Biomedicine as a research article.

Please let us know if we can provide any further information or details of the study.

Sincerely,

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