Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effect of surface removal following bleaching on the bond strength of enamel

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Dear Emily Wollmuth,

We carefully revised the article according to your comments and hope the current version of the manuscript meet the Journal’s standard.

With kind regards,

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1. Please, could you provide some clarifications regarding the source of bovine incisors, and the methods used to collect them.

Response: The bovine teeth were collected as anonymous by-products of regular slaughtering of the cattle for human food consumption. Essential description has been added accordingly.

2. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.
Response: email addresses for all authors have been included on the title page.

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Response: essential description has been added in the Methods section as well as in Ethics approval and consent to participate section of Declarations.