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Dear editors,

Thank you very much for offering us a chance to revise our manuscript.

On behalf of my coauthors, I am submitting our revised manuscript entitled “Influence of epigallocatechin-3-gallate in promoting proliferation and osteogenic differentiation of human periodontal ligament cells”. This is the clean version of our previous submission (OHEA-D-18-00530R4). We thank all the reviewers for their constructive and valuable comments. The comments and suggestions greatly helped us improve our study. Details below are the specific changes we have made in response to their comments, in a point by point format.

I hope our revised manuscript will meet with your approval. The authors have no conflict of interest to declare.

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Responses to comments from Professor Alexandria Latto

Thanks for the close reading of our manuscript. We appreciate for your warm work earnestly, and hope that our correction will meet with approval. We studied your comments carefully and we have prepared the revised manuscript according to your concerns. Our specific responses are listed below.

1. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.

Our response: Thanks for your comment. We have added the email addresses for all authors on the title page as suggested. And the corresponding author is still being indicated.

2. Please rename Materials and methods to Methods.

Our response: We have renamed Materials and methods to Methods (Page 5, line 104).

3. Please provide a Declarations heading after the abbreviations.

Our response: We have added the heading of “Declarations” after the abbreviations (Page 18, line 418).

4. In the section 'Funding', please also describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Our response: Thanks for your comment. The authors declare that the funding bodies did not contribute to the design of the study, collection, analysis and interpretation of data or the writing of the manuscript. This description about the funding has been added in the “Funding” statement (Page 19, line 441-443).

5. We note that two authors have the same initials (JL). please designate them as JL1 and JL2, with CH1 corresponding to Jin Liu, chosen because this name is furthest up the author list.
Our response: Thanks for your suggestion. To distinguish between Jie Liu and Jin Liu in the Authors’ Contributions section, we have renamed Jin Liu as JL1, and Jie Liu as JL2 and added the detailed description in the “Author’s contribution” statement (Page 19, line 447-448).

6. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Our response: This is the clean version of our previous submission (OHEA-D-18-00530R4), which is a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. And we have checked and uploaded the figures as separate files.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.