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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised version of manuscript OHEA-D-19-00416R1 entitled "First characterization of methanogens in oral cavity in Malian patients with oral cavity pathologies" along with the answers of the authors to the reviewers’ comments.
Khaled Altabtbaei (Reviewer 2): Thank you again for allowing me to review this paper. I would like to thank the author for their care in addressing my questions in the previous review. After reviewing the paper again, I have one last comment:

1. It is unclear in the method (PCR-sequencing based detection of methanogens) what sequencing technology was used after PCR amplification.

Authors’ response: The authors now specified that PCR products have been sequenced using the Sanger’s method (Line 145).

Moreover, I offer the following discretionary recommendation to the author: The availability of data and materials statement mentions that the datasets used and or analyzed are available from the corresponding author. Due to the limited nature of this study with low risk of compromising patient privacy, the results of the sequences should be deposited in a public repository and be linked in the study via a permanent link.

Authors’ response: Sequences being 100% identical to those of the reference sequences in GenBank, the authors propose it is not worth to deposit sequences in the GenBank.

As the authors answered all Reviewers comments they hope this revised version will be accepted for publication.

Sincerely,

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