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Thank you for the invitation to resubmit our manuscript “ADAPTATION AND VALIDATION OF THE PEDSQLTM ORAL HEALTH SCALE FOR TODDLERS IN CHILEAN POPULATION.

Below is an itemized summary of the editors’ comments, followed by our responses and additions to the manuscript.

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