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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise OHEA-D-20-00025R2, entitled “Matrix metalloproteinases gene variants and dental caries in Czech children” by Petra Borilova Linhartova, Tereza Deissova, Martina Kukletova, and Lydie Izakovicova Holla.

The manuscript (MS) was revised according to the referees’ suggestions (all changes were marked with a “text-marker” blue) and all questions raised were addressed (particular changes made are listed on separate pages). We acknowledge the reviewers’ efforts and hope that the revised form of the MS will be acceptable for publication in your journal.

Yours faithfully,

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To: Editor

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