Author’s response to reviews

Title: Association between 20q12 rs13041247 polymorphism and risk of nonsyndromic cleft lip with or without cleft palate: a meta-analysis

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear PhD Lauren McMillan, Editor;
Dear Jayakumar Jayaraman, BDS, MDS, DipFHID, MPaed Dent RCS, FDSRCS, PhD;
Dear PhD Aline Petrin

We thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript again. We appreciate editors and reviewers very much for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “Association between 20q12 rs13041247 polymorphism and risk of nonsyndromic cleft lip with or without cleft palate: a meta-analysis” (OHEA-D-19-00681R1). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper.

We have studied editor and reviewers’ comments carefully and the comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have made revision which marked in using track changes in the revised manuscript. We have tried our best to revise our manuscript according to the comments. Attached please find the revised version.

The point-by-point response to the comments is given below.

List of actions:
1. We have uploaded our revised submission to the following section: Clinical oral healthcare research.

2. We have represented authors' names using their full initials in the Authors’ Contributions section (page 12, line 12-15).

3. We have included a Funding section. In this section, all sources of funding for the research reported have declared. Furthermore, the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript have declared (page 12 line 17, page 13 line 1-5).
4. We have removed the funding information from the 'Acknowledgements' section. The authors thank Biji MJ language services for providing the editorial assistance. (page 13, line 7-12).

5. We have included a list of abbreviations should be provided in the Declarations (page 11, line 12-19).

6. We have ensured that all figures/tables and supplementary files were cited within the main text (this does not include the declarations).

7. Our manuscript file did not included and have removed the response to reviewers document from the end of our manuscript file.

8. We have uploaded our manuscript as a single, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files were clean versions.

9. Our figures (and additional files) have uploaded as separate files.

Reply to Reviewer 1
Thank you for your constructive criticisms that have helped us to improve our manuscript.

Comment: The authors have adequately addressed concerns raised in the previous review and I feel the article is now suitable for publication in BMC Oral Health.
Response: Thank Jayakumar Jayaraman, BDS, MDS, DipFHID, MPaed Dent RCS, FDSRCS, PhD very much and the comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper.

We thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript again. We have studied editor and reviewers’ comments carefully and the comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper.

Reply to Reviewer 2
Comment: Previous comments have been addressed satisfactorily.
Response: Thank PhD Aline Petrin very much and the comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.
Considering the Editors and Reviewer’s suggestion, Special thanks to you for your good comments. Looking forward to hearing from you.
Thank you and best regards.
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