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### **Response Letter**

Dear Reviewers,

Most revisions required were made and highlighted in the manuscript. The Conflict of interest statement, Data sharing statement, Audio Core Tip and Comments were structured and included.

Since this review included articles with different methodologies and with statistically no comparable results, the data were described and the inclusion of the Biostatistics data was considered not applicable.

The references numbers were inserted in the table.

### **Peer-Review**

*Review 03420212*

“It concerns at the work a pure literature analysis. The work is written cleanly and well built up, although the use seems not fully evident for the clinical activity.”

*Author's comments*

We thank for the comments. Given the variability of information on the classifications of the mandibular canal branching and the increased use of the computed tomography in dentistry, we believe that providing clear information of existing classifications may help clinicians to better interpret this alteration, especially in three-dimensional exams. Similarly we hope to help researchers to detect unclassified branches and possible associations.

*Review 00506058*

“In this paper the authors conducted an internet based search on the different radiographic classifications as regards the identification of the mandibular canal and its branching. The review is concise and well written one.”

*Author's comments*

We are grateful for the comments. We hope to provide researchers and clinical professionals with a stronger basis for their studies and procedures.

## **Answer to Chief Editor**

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### **JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

please correct and revise the manuscript and improve the figures both on description and on quality

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#### **Answer to Chief Editor,**

The manuscript was corrected and revised. Additionally, one figure for DVT and one figure for CT scan was improved.

Thanks you for considerations.

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