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We look forward to receiving your revised manuscript.

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All suggested alteration were made on the above manuscript. I hope everything is up to your standard.

Yours Sincerely,
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AE

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