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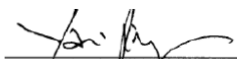
Dear Dr. Gaillard,

Attached is our manuscript entitled “Psychophysical Tracking Method to Assess Taste Detection Thresholds in Children, Adolescents, and Adults: The Taste Detection Threshold (TDT) Test” for review. We think this manuscript will be of interest to your readership and for inclusion in the special collection titled ‘Current tools and methods in taste science’ because it describes a two-alternative forced-choice, staircase tracking procedure that provides a reliable measure of sweet, salty, and umami taste detection thresholds from childhood to adulthood.

We certify that all authors have participated sufficiently in the conception and design of this work and the analyses of data, as well as the writing of the manuscript, and we will take public responsibility for it. We would like to clarify that none of what we proposed in the manuscript requires a specific type of product and therefore our file entitled “Table of Materials” is empty. We believe the manuscript represents valid work. We certify that the text and the Figures have not been previously published. We confirm that we have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the author license agreement.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely



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On behalf of the coauthors