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Dear Editorial Board,

Please find enclosed our revised version of the manuscript MBE-14-0183, "Limited utility of residue masking for positive-selection inference." We thank the associate editor for the opportunity to submit a revised manuscript, and we have made every effort to address all comments raised by the associate editor and two reviewers, as detailed in our "Response to Reviewers." As recommended by the associate editor, we have rewritten our manuscript in the format of an MBE Letter, rather than in the Article format as previously submitted.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this revised manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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