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Dear Editors,

I am pleased to submit an invited Research Paper with the title *The link between tongue root advancement and the voicing effect: an ultrasound study of Italian and Polish* for the *Journal of Phonetics* special issue 'Marking 50 Years of Research on Voice Onset Time'.

In this paper, I show that the size of the voicing effect correlates with the presence of tongue root advancement in voiced stops, whereby a relatively stronger voicing effect is found in those speaker who produce voiced stops with root advancement, both in Italian and in Polish (the latter of which has been previously reported as a non-voicing-effect language).

I believe that this paper fits the aims of the special issue inasmuch as it discusses a well known correlate of the voicing contrast, namely vowel duration. In particular, I propose an account in which the link between vowel duration and voicing via tongue root advancement is not only language-specific, but also speaker-specific.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Stefano Coretta