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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 stronger voicing effect is found in those speaker who produce voiced stops with root advancement, both in Italian and in Polish.

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