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Dear Dr. Vera Weisbecker,

We are pleased to resubmit the second round revised version of our manuscript “*New Data on Morphological Evolution and Dietary Adaptations of Elephas recki from the Plio-Pleistocene Shungura Formation (Lower Omo Valley, Ethiopia)*” to PCIPaleo.

Again, thank you very much for your time and dedication in reviewing our manuscript and for providing us with constructive feedback. Based on your recommendations, we have revised the method, results, and discussion sections as follows:

- **Method section** : We added sentences in lines 275–278 to clarify which variables are regressed (HI vs. MWA and HI vs. ET).
- **Results section** : We moved the OSL results, including Figure 6, from lines 458–488 to lines 376–405. Additionally, we added a new subtitle, "Relations between morphological and paleoecological proxies," at line 375 to improve the organization and readability of the results.
- **Discussion section** : We modified lines 422 and 491–492 to align with the updated results and to address the comments more effectively.

We hope these revisions meet the expectations outlined in your feedback. Please let us know if there are any additional suggestions or further clarifications needed.

Sincerely,

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