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Dear Dr. Allison:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your paper on Cristispira, which I had read already in the journal and read again last Saturday. It is a nice presentation. Of course, I am particularly interested in Turritellids because of my previous work with them.

When Earl Turner and I surveyed the family as it is represented in the Coastal Plain we were baffled by the seemingly endless variability. However, the sculpture of the earliest whorls did give us some means of defining species and lineages. We recognized early the lineage of T. arenicola as being well set off from the others. Through long and arduous collecting, I have been able to extend the stratigraphic range of T. arenicola considerably, from the transition beds between the Wheelock and Landrum Members of the Cook Mountain Formation to the Danville beds of the Jackson groups. That means T. arenicola cannot be a descendant of T. apita.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

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