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(2) Explanations for all abbreviations were incorporated into the manuscript. These explanations were put in parenthesis and highlighted in yellow color.

(3) The chapter entitled “Phage display” was re-written. In re-writing of this title, some parts were eliminated and several lines concerning diverse applications of phage display and also the lack of suitability of M13 proteins other than pIII and pVIII for display purposes were incorporated into the text. Furthermore, the needed new references for these parts were added to the manuscript. All of the sentences added to the manuscript have been highlighted in yellow color.

(4) On the other hand, reviewer 2 had mentioned two mistakes in the text of phage display chapter. Both mistakes were corrected. The corrected sentences have been highlighted in yellow color.

Reviewer 2:

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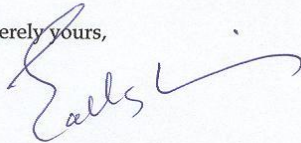
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