

## Author's Response (WJD)

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First of all, I appreciate a reviewer for his/her time to thoroughly review the manuscript.

As far as I understand, there are no *specific* comments on the manuscript for revision. Language Quality was a Grade A (no language issues) and Conclusion was also Accepted with high priority.

Nevertheless, I believe that I have to solve some issues raised by a "Section editor".

First, I was advised to "rephrase the repeated parts" in the manuscript. I wasn't quite sure what it meant but I *rephrased some sentences* to comply with a request. It is rather understandable that certain sentences or words could be very similar or even repeated because this is a "minireview", which summarizes several similar studies.

Second, I have herein completed the "Author Contribution" section that I was not aware before.

Third, I had the uncertain issue in "Step 3" (Abstract, Main Text, and Acknowledgements) in the submission system. I completed "Abstract" and "Acknowledgements" sections but I was asked to just complete/upload "Introduction" in the Main Text section. But, my question is whether I don't have to also include the "Results and Discussion" section, which is the most important part of the entire manuscript. Without "Results and Discussion", the manuscript is utterly meaningless. In fact, when I first checked the Automatically Generated Full Text Files (in Step 6), it lacked "Results and Discussion" and didn't make any sense. So, I then included Introduction as well as "Results and Discussion" in the Introduction section for the second time. Its text file now shows the complete manuscript as it should be. I believe "this" is the right way to upload the entire manuscript but I found your submission system was confusing and impractical. Anyway, I would like to just explain "what" I did in the Introduction in the Main Text section (Step 3).

Lastly, I was also advised to submit "Figures (6 of them)" saved in PowerPoint and I did. However, I'm afraid that it's nearly impossible for me to save or copy all *original* figures to PowerPoint, which allows your production crews to reprocess them (if necessary) as I understand. Unfortunately, those figures created by my graph software (SlideWrite) won't allow me to directly copy them to PowerPoint. I have to first convert them to the images such as jpg etc. and then I can copy them to PowerPoint. Although I've been creating all my figures using this software for article publications, I hardly received any issues or complaints from the journal

publishers. So, please be advised that I submitted 6 Figures in a single PowerPoint file (Image File) but please let me know if you may have any problems with reproducing or reprocessing them during the production process.

In addition, I have carefully and thoroughly reviewed the “revised” manuscript and all required materials. I believe that “Author Information”, “Manuscript Information”, “Abstract”, “Main Text”, “Acknowledgements”, “Article Highlights”, “References”, “Figures” (Image File), and “Tables” (Table File) are all correct, properly completed and submitted to you.

Although *this* is not directly related to the manuscript, it is an important issue to me. I would like to ask anyone who is familiar with “Article Processing Charge (APC)” or “Production Fee” – whether I have to pay such a charge/fee even though I was *invited* to submit the manuscript. I should have known earlier but I have no intention to pay any charges/fees for publishing this manuscript. I appreciate if anyone would kindly verify this.

Please ask me if you may have any further questions/requests regarding the revised manuscript.

Very Truly,

Sensuke Konno