June 3, 2018

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for accepting our journal article and providing specific feedback for improving the article. We have reviewed each reviewer’s comments and suggestions and have made the requested changes. Here is a list of the changes that we have made:

1. Table numbers were corrected.
2. The means were removed and the medians were placed in the descriptive statistics.
3. All in-text parenthetical citations were corrected where needed (“&” changed to “and”).
4. References and Appendices corrected so they start at the top of the page.
5. Honey et al. reference was out of order and was moved to the appropriate place. All references have been checked so that they appear in both the body of the paper and in the references.
6. The purpose statement and significance statement were deleted in the introduction.
7. More information was added to explain why Mann-Whitney was used.
8. More information was added regarding the random sampling for Grade 5 ELA.
9. Effect sizes were added for all analyses.
10. The results section contains descriptive statistics (*n,* median, range) and Mann-Whitney results (mean rank, *U, p, and* η2) for all eight comparisons. Additional statistical information was added to the results section as requested.
11. The Discussion and Conclusions section has been expanded.
12. The word “the” was removed before the phrase “in the English language arts” as mentioned by one of the reviewers.
13. We also made some additional minor edits throughout the document (made adjustments regarding abbreviations, spacing, spelling, etc.).
14. The document was formatted according to the guidelines for publication (margins, single spacing of paragraphs, double spacing between paragraphs, etc.).
15. The entire document was edited to comply with APA guidelines.

We are excited to have our article included in the *Georgia Educational Reviewer*. We look forward to seeing it in print. Please let us know if there is anything else we need to do.

Sincerely,

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