

To the Editor, Thom Bogaard:

All point-by-point responses detailed in the previously-uploaded "Responses to Reviewers", as they appear online in the public discussion, have been addressed in the revised manuscript. I have made every effort to address the review comments as fully as possible.

In particular:

- (1) Essentially all straightforward comments and requests for clarification were addressed, with appropriate modification/addition of text. In addition, writing style and wording was modified throughout.
- (2) Use of the term "holy grail" was clarified.
- (3) An additional 27 references are now included, 3 of which were necessarily with me as a co-author, but 24 from entirely independent research groups. These references provide additional support to my assertions and statements, as well as additional breadth and depth to related research developments.

I believe the manuscript to be clearer and stronger as a result of the revision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,
Brian (Berkowitz)