

## Explanation Letter

After peer review, authors may be invited to revise their manuscript. Authors are requested to provide a detailed point-by-point response to all comments raised by reviewers and the editor. Responses should be concise, specific, and supported by appropriate justification where necessary. This is a standard and important part of the scientific publishing process. A clear and comprehensive response to the reviewers' and editor's comments facilitates the evaluation of the revised manuscript.

An explanation letter (also referred to as a response-to-reviewers letter) should accompany the revised manuscript. It should address each reviewer's and editor's comment individually, explaining:

- what changes have been made,
- where the changes can be found in the revised manuscript (page, paragraph, and line numbers),
- how the revisions have been highlighted or indicated in the manuscript,
- and, where applicable, how the changes have improved the quality and clarity of the paper.

If you disagree with a reviewer's comment, provide a respectful, evidence-based justification for maintaining your original approach or interpretation.

### Template for an Explanation Letter

#### Responses to Reviewer 1

**Comment 1:**

*Paste the complete reviewer comment here (in italics).*

**Response:**

Describe the revision made in response to the comment. Specify precisely where the change can be found in the revised manuscript (page number, paragraph, and line numbers).

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**Comment 2:**

*Paste the complete reviewer comment here (in italics).*

**Response:**

Describe the revision and indicate its location in the manuscript.

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## Responses to Comments Requiring Clarification or Rebuttal

### **Comment 3:**

*Paste the complete reviewer comment here (in italics).*

### **Response:**

Provide a clear and concise explanation supported by relevant evidence, literature, methodology, or data. If no modification was made, explain the rationale for retaining the original text.

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## Additional Clarifications

Include any additional information or explanations that may assist the editor and reviewers in evaluating the revised manuscript.

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## Responses to Reviewer 2

### **Comment 1:**

*Paste the complete reviewer comment here (in italics).*

### **Response:**

Describe the revision and indicate its location in the manuscript.

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## Formatting Recommendations

For improved readability, authors are encouraged to prepare the explanation letter in a two-column table format:

Reviewer 1	
<b>Comment 1:</b>	<b>Response:</b>
<b>Comment 2:</b>	<b>Response:</b>

Using a tabular format helps reviewers and editors efficiently assess the revisions and facilitates the re-evaluation process.