Response to Prof. Szilvia Batyi

I would like to express my gratitude to prof. Szilvia for her thorough and constructive review. Her detailed comments about my research helped me clarify some points, which were common sense for Syrians but not for international readers. I am not only grateful for her review but also for the constant support during the entire period of my study.

Around 95% of her suggestions were taken into consideration in the final version of the dissertation, however, one point, namely, using the multiple regression test to predict the relationship among the all the variables in this study, was not applied due to time constraints. I shall certainly endeavor to ensure that I have them all covered by the time my dissertation is ready for publication.

Regarding the motivation variable, the researcher understands the data collected about this variable was not enough. However, as clarified in Chapter 1, multilingualism is a reflection of the society. Even though the German language is not recognized as an official foreign language in Syria, i.e. it is not taught at schools like French or Russian (starting from 2019). Nevertheless, adult learners have another say. For that reason, it was important to explore and shed light why these adult participants wanted to learn German as a fourth language during a time where 60% of the population is below the poverty line and the German language is not even used or needed in the Syrian context.