

## Answers to Dr Vera Varga

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the time you have dedicated to reading and reviewing my dissertation. I am particularly thankful for your insightful feedback on the first submitted version that significantly enhanced the methodological and analytical aspects of the dissertation. I appreciate your thoughtful acknowledgment of the importance and practical relevance of the research topic. I am also grateful to you for highlighting the relevance of the hypotheses as well as the strengths of the dissertation, which provides both linguistic and non-linguistic assessments in monolingual and bilingual participants with aphasia.

Thank you for drawing my attention to your concern about the distribution of aphasia severity. In both the monolingual and bilingual aphasia groups, the within-group analysis (fluent vs. non-fluent) intended to show differences in outcomes as most patients with non-fluent aphasia were diagnosed with severe symptoms, while most fluent aphasics were diagnosed with moderate or mild aphasia symptoms. I appreciate your suggestion to consider the role of aphasia severity more explicitly on performance.

I am also grateful to you for your suggestion to investigate potential confounding effects of L1 dominance in linguistic assessments. Additionally, I appreciate your recommendations for enhancing the discussion section by incorporating theoretical methods referenced in the introduction. I will take every suggestion of yours into consideration in future research.

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