Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Charlie Goldsmith

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For the most part the responses from the authors are sensible. For # 2 it is too bad the sending messages via various computers does not leave the special symbols in tack. I did not intend to use the octothorpe or sharp music sign instead of the less than or equal to sign as you suggested. It was to do with the spacing between the symbols. You did it correctly.

For # 4 while you provided the date in a format that was not clear as there are two possible interpretations. Your reply was [10/06/2011] on P(age) 5, p(aragraph) 1, l(ine) 3 which could be interpreted as Oct 6, 2011 or June 10, 2011 depending which format one uses. You could also consider using the Canadian standard which is like all other number systems and goes largest to smallest from left to right like 2011-10-06 or 2011-06-10 depending on which one you mean. You can also write out the month as 2011-OCT-06 or 2011-JUN-10 depending on which one you intend. Please clarify your answer.

New issues detected in the latest reading:

1. P 1, p 3, l 1. [FAPESP/SP] is not defined on P 13 and 14. Why not spell it out here rather than with the other short forms as it appears to have just here in the manuscript.
2. P 4, p 2, l 5. Suggest inserting [)] after [CK].
3. P 4, p 4, l 2. Suggest replacing [be] by [receive].
4. P 5, p 1, l 1 and p 2, l 7 and 8 state the same things. Once is enough.
5. P 8, p 2, l 6. Delete [means of] as the words are redundant in English.
6. P 9, p 1, l 9, 10 and 11. Insert the cities where these companies are located. There may be 3.
8. P 11, p 4. Move to become part of p 1 on the same P.