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Dr. Dąbrowska,

I would like you to consider “Separating Associations from Semantics: Differences in Priming and Judgments” as a regular article for *Cognitive Linguistics*. The article has not been previously published. The research in this paper was completed with approval of the Internal Review Board and no subjects were harmed during course of these studies.

Several experiments were designed to examine the differences between associative and semantic priming with the use of word pair normed databases. A new priming paradigm was designed using a rapid serial visual presentation task combined with a judgment task to inspect the interaction between priming and judgments of memory. Priming for both associative and semantic word pairs was found, indicating that not only are these relationships separable, but semantic links are not necessary for priming to occur. Judgments of memory were unaffected by priming but showed an interesting asymmetry in the processing of information. Associative memory links predicted associative and semantic memory judgments, while only semantic information predicted semantic judgments. The work will be of interest to a large spectrum of researchers especially in the field of memory, psycholinguistics, and general cognitive psychologists.

Sincerely,

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