**Q1:** Review of Supplement was sent separately on 25-Jul-17 to Laura Hendee.

**Q2:** This is correct. However, I would also like to then include updated axis labels on the actual figure (i.e,. change the y-axis label to “Length (mm)” and the x-axis label to “Age (years)”). I have a corrected tiff of this figure. I have uploaded a new version to my DropBox (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/y85h95z55v066zt/AADBXDgiJApmc4yR4EDpNuiEa?dl=0>). Please let me know if you would like me to get this file to you in a different way?

**Line 78:** Originally, I had the sentence beginning with “Therefore” as a stand-alone paragraph. I assume that you appended this to the preceding paragraph so as not to have a one sentence paragraph. If this is required, I approve of that change. If it is not required, I would prefer to have this sentence as a stand-alone paragraph as in the original document.

**Line 90-91:** The sentence beginning with “The original” should NOT be a new paragraph. Thus, this sentence (begins on line 91) should begin after the period on line 90.

**Equation between lines 97 and 98:** There should be a period rather than a comma after this equation. [For clarity … there should be a period after the equation right before the sentence on line 98 that begins with “Comparison of these …”.]

**Lines 153 & 188:** We originally said “were fit” and you changed this to “were fitted”. We prefer the original, but will defer to your change if that is what has to be made grammatically.

**Line 155:** You added “statistical” to “R statistical environment”. This is not accurate as R is more than a statistical environment. Please change back to simply “R environment”.

**Line 186:** Should “parameter” be “parameters” so that this reads (starting from line 185) as “… no parameters differed …”. I will defer to what you say is grammatically correct.

**Figure 1.** See note in answer to your query #2 above. Also, the units on K are inverse years. Furthermore, K is actually 0.5 and not 0.7 in these plots. Thus, please change “K=0.7” in the figure caption to “K=0.5 years-1”.

**Table 1.** Most (not all) of the equation numbers in the table caption are NOT in parentheses (i.e., “equation 3” instead of “equation (3)”). This seems inconsistent with the rest of the document (and the table) and should be fixed. The units on K are inverse years. Thus, for consistency, please change “K” on the second line of the table to “K (years-1)”.