# FW: [External] Your Submission to the British Journal of Political Science: Decision

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Good news, Hu! BJPS has accepted the Macrointerest paper. As the editor notes, the next steps are (a) replication data and (b) formatting revisions. Can you review our materials on GitHub and OSF and prepare them as our replication data? I'll work at making the requested formatting revisions to the text.

I hope your 'conference season' went well! That's a lot of travel and work in a tight timeframe. When do you get home, or did you already?

Good health and all the best,

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Macrointerest Across Countries
British Journal of Political Science

Dear Frederick Solt.

Thank you for your revised submission to the British Journal of Political Science. I found time today to read your revised manuscript and to also look at the reviewer's comments. Thank you very much for addressing the remaining points that the reviewer had mentioned. R2 raises some points and you may address them if you wish to do so

The manuscript is a great piece of scholarship, and I am really very happy to conditionally accept it for publication in the BJPS. The next steps are to provide a replication package and comply with the formatting request by the production team.

Congratulations! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

I would also like to apologise for the delay. We had personnel changes in the editorial office and your manuscript is one that 'fell through the cracks' – I am really sorry.

Best wishes,

Lucas Leemann Lead Editor BJPS

Reviewer #1: I thank the authors for carefully revising the manuscript. I am convinced that this is a descriptively insightful and methodologically advanced letter on "Macrointerest Across Countries" that will make a great contribution in the BJPS.

Reviewer #2: Review of revised manuscript "Macrointerest Across Countries"

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised manuscript. I appreciate the authors' work on revising the paper, including the various clarifications, figures, and the appendix. I am satisfied with the changes and responses but have one small suggestion:

I think the method description in the main text should mention that the DCPO model is used with the weights that are available in the survey data, not on unweighted data. This means that the authors to some extent address differences in sample representativeness (assuming that the weights are doing their job).

Comment about appendix C: Saying that the estimated macro-interest time series has 5 times as many country-years compared the ESS is technically true, but it ignores that fact that not all data points have the same information value. Arguably, country-years between the biennial ESS surveys provide less added value for estimating trends of relatively stable characteristics than the country-years in the 1990s. I still think it is an open question whether the error introduced through modeling (because of the various simplifying assumptions the model makes) is smaller or greater than the benefit of having a larger dataset. This, however, is beyond the scope of this paper.

As a general reflection, I think the essence of research notes (letters) is lost when the main document is short but so much important explanatory text is included in the appendix.

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