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Dear Dr. Efklides:

My colleagues and I are submitting our manuscript entitled “Perceptually fluent features of study words do not inflate judgements of learning: Evidence from font size, highlights, and Sans Forgetica font type” to be considered for publication as an original research article in *Metacognition and Learning*.

This paper investigates the font-size effect and examines whether other perceptual manipulations can affect the correspondence between judgments of learning (JOLs) and recall. Importantly, each experiment included a pure control group to control for mixed list carryover effects, a comparison that has not been included in studies investigating perceptual fluency effects on JOLs. First, Experiments 1A and 1B attempted to replicate the font-size effect and extend these findings to a highlighting manipulation while using a mix of related and unrelated word pairs. Next, Experiments 2A and 2B tested for these same effects using only unrelated pairs. Finally, Experiment 3 tested the effects of fluent vs disfluent font (Sans Forgetica) on JOLs and recall using only unrelated pairs. Though the font-size effect was not in evidence across our first two sets of experiments and the highlighting manipulation did not affect JOLs or recall, Experiment 3 showed that Sans Forgetica—a perceptually disfluent font designed to facilitate retention via desirable difficulties—actually produced a cost to both JOLs and recall relative to Arial pairs. This suggests that Sans Forgetica is detrimental to memory rather than producing the purported benefits. Compared to the control group, Arial pairs presented within the context of Sans Forgetica pairs received higher JOLs and were recalled at a greater rate, suggesting that participants favored the more fluent Arial pairs over the disfluent Sans Forgetica pairs.

We believe that our findings make a substantive empirical and methodological contribution to the literature through our use of highlighting and Sans Forgetica manipulations and our inclusion control groups within all experiments. This work is original and not under review elsewhere. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission, and we report no conflicts of interest. We look forward to hearing about the suitability of our manuscript in the *Metacognition and Learning*.

Sincerely,

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