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LAB-23057R1 (Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism)  
"School, Age, and Exposure Effects in the Child Heritage Language Acquisition of the Spanish Volitional Subjunctive"  
by Patrick D. Thane  
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Dear Patrick Thane,

We write today with reference to your submission to LAB entitled "School, Age, and Exposure Effects in the Child Heritage Language Acquisition of the Spanish Volitional Subjunctive".

Based on the recommendation of the reviewers (included herein, or, alternatively, available by logging in to the editorial manager, clicking on "action links", then on "view attachments") as well as our own reading of the manuscript, we would like to invite you to make some minor revisions to this manuscript.

In particular, please consider:

1. Condensing Figures 1 and 2 into a single figure - I think that the boxplots are more informative than the bar graph and would recommend using boxplots with the means rather than counts.
2. Briefly incorporating the Lohndal & Putnam (2024) LAB article.

Together with your revised manuscript, please send us a letter copying all the reviewers' comments, followed by an explanation of exactly how you have addressed each comment and suggestion. Please make sure that your manuscript follows the LAB stylesheet ([https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.benjamins.com%2Fseries%2Fflab%2Fflab\\_style\\_sheet.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cpthane%40umass.edu%7C1ae81f9493a04c6f9d8a08dc55845ffe%7C7bd08b0b33954dc194bbd0b2e56a497f%7C0%7C0%7C638479274675032378%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CkD0KIVaQZOXQwfYjt1UIREZ6pGsdMM9HqQkrzF6S5U%3D&reserved=0](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.benjamins.com%2Fseries%2Fflab%2Fflab_style_sheet.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cpthane%40umass.edu%7C1ae81f9493a04c6f9d8a08dc55845ffe%7C7bd08b0b33954dc194bbd0b2e56a497f%7C0%7C0%7C638479274675032378%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CkD0KIVaQZOXQwfYjt1UIREZ6pGsdMM9HqQkrzF6S5U%3D&reserved=0)). Manuscripts which do not adhere to these guidelines will not be accepted for publication.

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items on p. 18. You can just cut them from items.

p. 12: "Children in both schools were primarily of Mexican descent...": Do you mean participating children? If you are talking about the school generally you may want to mention that they are predominantly Latinx when you mention the school demographic reports.

pp. 18-19: Perhaps the editor and the other reviewers will disagree, but I see no need for Figure 2 when you already have Figure 1, especially considering the context that you are hitting your readers with 6 figures within 5 pages.

Reviewer #3: Review of the first revision of paper entitled "Home and school exposure and age effects in the heritage language acquisition of Spanish volitional subjunctive", submitted to the journal *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*.

In my opinion, the author has done a great job in implementing the feedback of the three reviewers. Overall, this paper has undergone major changes and I believe it is of interest to the readership of LAB. Nevertheless, there are a few points I still find worthy pointing out and I invite the author to have a look at them and consider revising or implementing some further changes into the final version of the paper.

I appreciate that you have revised the analysis. I found it surprising and also counterintuitive that you have now put the largest focus on your descriptive statistics and only briefly touched upon the inferential statistics. However, the strength of your studies, as I see it, is that you have indeed modeled a regression. This final model, however, was now absent and I strongly encourage adding it to the final version of the manuscript. Moreover, I suggested adding the model fit and you asked what I meant. I referred to the  $R^2$ , which is generally understood as the model fit or predictive probability. It shows how much of the variation in your data is actually explained with the variables in your model and is typically considered a useful measure to assess the power of a regression.

A few other, overall minor, points have been added directly into the PDF file as highlighted comments.

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