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To the curtesy of the Journal Editorial Board,

I am pleased to submit to the Journal of Phonetics the research paper entitled *Temporal (in)stability in English monosyllabic and disyllabic words: Insights on the effect of voicing on vowel duration* to be considered for review.

The paper discusses acoustic data of the voicing effect in English monosyllabic and disyllabic words. It is shown that the results from disyllabic words suggest a compensatory mechanism behind the voicing effect, by which the timing of the vowel offset/closure onset within a temporally stable interval (the release-to-release interval) determines the durations of the vowel and the stop closure. On the other hand, the duration of the vowel and closure in monosyllabic words can be modulated independently. The difference in behaviour is argued to be related to properties of gestural phasing in the context of mono- vs. disyllabic words.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. I have no conflicts of interest to disclose. The study presented in the paper was pre-registered prior to data collection. Data and analysis code are made available for review via private links in the manuscript, and will be publicly released in case of acceptance. Two submitted un-published papers, necessary for the arguments made in the paper, are included as part of this submission for the sake of completeness.

Kind regards,

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