

Template: Responding to a Manuscript Rejection with Reviewer Comments

Dear [Editor's Name],

Thank you for your decision letter dated [date] and for the careful consideration of our manuscript entitled "[Manuscript Title]". We also appreciate the time and effort the reviewers dedicated to providing constructive feedback.

We have carefully reviewed the comments and suggestions from the reviewers and editors. While we are naturally disappointed by the decision, we recognize the importance of rigorous peer review and are grateful for the detailed critique, which has highlighted areas that require further improvement.

Please find our detailed responses to each reviewer comment below. (If applicable: We have made significant revisions as suggested, and we believe these changes have substantially improved the manuscript.)

Reviewer #1:

Comment 1: [Copy reviewer comment]

Response: Thank you for pointing this out. We have addressed this issue by [describe what you did, e.g., revising Section X to clarify Y].

Comment 2: [Copy reviewer comment]

Response: We appreciate the suggestion. In response, we [explain your revision or rebut if appropriate, always respectfully].

Reviewer #2:

Comment 1: [Copy reviewer comment]

Response: We agree that this is an important point. We have updated [specific section/figure] to better address this concern.

Additional comments: [If present, address each substantively as above.]

We thank you once again for considering our manuscript and for the valuable feedback. We hope the revisions and clarifications meet your expectations and would appreciate any further advice regarding submission to another journal or future improvements.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Affiliation]

[Contact Information]