Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed a modified version of my newspaper article “Searching for Herpes Vaccine”. To address the concerns and comments raised by the 3 reviewers, I made the following changes to improve and clarify the manuscript. It is my hope that these changes make the manuscript acceptable for publication in Microreviews in Cell and Molecular Biology.

Sincerely,

Blake Colburn

**Reviewer 1:**

1. . Briefly state if you found the comments of Reviewer 1 helpful or not.

The comments of reviewer 1 were kind and helpful. No suggestions were made but they did compliment the paper overall.

2. What changes did you make to your manuscript as a result of the comments of Reviewer 1?

No changes were made.

**Reviewer 2:**

1. Briefly state if you found the comments of Reviewer 2 helpful or not.

Reviewer 2 provided helpful feedback. They suggested the changes I list below.

1. What changes did you make to your manuscript as a result of the comments of Reviewer 2?

I corrected a font discrepancy and elaborate on the term conjunctivitis. I also clarify that bovine is cattle herpes in the introduction.

**Reviewer 3:**

1. Briefly state if you found the comments of Reviewer 3 helpful or not.

The comments left by reviewer 3 were helpful.

2. What changes did you make to your manuscript as a result of the comments of Reviewer 3?

While I agree abbreviations can be confusing for readers I only abbreviate after I have stated the full name once. So I chose not to spell everything out to make it an easier read.