

**Response to Reviewers<sup>1</sup>**  
of  
**An Information Artifact Ontology Perspective on Data Collections and Associated  
Representational Artifacts**  
*Werner Ceusters*

Dear Mr. Werner Ceusters,

The Scientific Program Committee has evaluated all submissions and now reached a decision. We are pleased to inform you that your submission "An Information Artifact Ontology Perspective on Data Collections and Associated Representational Artifacts (W Ceusters)" has been accepted for oral presentation at the MIE2012 conference in Pisa.

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On behalf of the  
Scientific Programme Committee,  
Professor John Mantas, SPC Chair

Reviewer 1:

This paper discusses the Ontological realism, in the scope of pain disorders and quality of life. It proposes an common overview of several data sources of pain related information.

→ Actually, it doesn't. It rather proposes changes in the taxonomy and the definitions of the IAO, most importantly the addition of the terms 'representational artifact' and 'representational unit', to make the IAO a useful tool to clarify formally the distinctions and commonalities between data collections and associated artifacts that are compiled independently from each other, yet cover the same domain.

No actions taken based on this review.

Reviewer 2:

The paper must be re-structured. Currently, "Introduction" presents methods, and "Methods" gives an overview of state-of-the-art, which is better placed in the "Introduction". This is very confusing.

→ We did so.

The authors must also clearly state theri contribution with this submission.

→ This is done in the adjusted methods section.

Reviewer 3:

Outstanding article.

→ Thanks, but why?

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<sup>1</sup> Reviewers remarks are throughout this document printed in blue font. Responses are in black font and preceded by '→'