## Dear Simon,

Prof. David Chew has reviewed your revised manuscript and, apart from a few minor comments, is happy with the changes that you have made to the text.

However he has been unable to run your software on any computer (Mac or PC) that he tried. Before I can consider accepting your manuscript for publication in GChron, I would urge you to send your code to a dozen or so people for testing. These could be students or staff at your university. It is important to have some assurance that the software is stable before sending it out for a third (hopefully short) round of review.

## Pieter

Dear Pieter Vermeesch (Handling Editor),

We regret that the software did not work well on a Mac-OS. Despite the efforts we undertook to convert the python application to a Mac-friendly application, we did not succeed for some reason. In order to make an operating-system independent application, we decided to build an easily accessible website on which the presented AI-Track-tive program runs. This website has multiple advantages, such as:

- (1) a control on potential software bugs through error logging,
- (2) data storage on a database (all uploaded images and data),
- (3) the software is now easily accessible for everyone around the world, including those who don't want to download deep neural networks and those who are not that comfortable with computer programming

It took some time and quite some effort but this week we have launched our website on the world wide web: <u>https://ai-track-tive.ugent.be</u>. The website works in the most popular internet browser (Google Chrome) and also in Mozilla Firefox. It should be possible for Mac-OS users to use one of these browsers for AI-Track-tive.

Also, we have adapted the text following the suggestions of Prof. David Chew. Further on, we changed the text to make it up-to-date with the major revisions we did.

Thank you for your patience

Simon Nachtergaele