None of the list of weaknesses that I identified within the manuscript were addressed:

- 1. **Complexity of Language**: The manuscript uses dense academic language and technical jargon, which may limit accessibility for a broader audience, including social work practitioners who may not be familiar with mathematical protocols.
- Limited Practical Application: While Hall's Q-Sort Diagnostic Protocol is detailed, the
 manuscript does not provide examples or case studies demonstrating its real-world
 application in diagnosing or addressing colorism.
- 3. **Focus on Social Work**: The manuscript heavily emphasizes the role of social work in addressing colorism, but does not explore other potential avenues, such as education, media reform, or public policy, which could complement social work efforts.
- 4. **Overemphasis on Mathematical Validation**: While the mathematical foundation of the Q-Sort Protocol is robust, the manuscript seems overly focused on defending social work as a profession against critics, which detracts from the primary issue of colorism.

None of the list of Opportunities for Improvement within the manuscript was addressed:

- 1. **Simplify Language**: The manuscript's dense academic language and technical jargon may limit its accessibility. By simplifying the language, we can make the text more inclusive and engaging for a broader audience, enhancing its impact and usability.
- 2. **Expand Solutions**: The manuscript heavily emphasizes the role of social work in addressing colorism. However, by incorporating additional strategies beyond social work, such as public awareness campaigns or media interventions, we can provide a more holistic approach to combating colorism, instilling a sense of hope and optimism in the audience.
- 3. **Case Studies**: The manuscript does not provide examples or case studies demonstrating the real-world application of Hall's Q-Sort Diagnostic Protocol in diagnosing or addressing colorism. By including practical examples, we can strengthen the credibility of the protocol and reassure the audience of its utility.

Broader Audience: While the manuscript is tailored to social work professionals, addressing policymakers, educators, and media stakeholders could amplify its reach and effectiveness.