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require strict formatting manuscripts and references by authors in the spirit of "Your Paper, Your Way" [2]. It may be mentioned that RMS can be used by editorial office to format references in manuscripts according to journal's requirements and authors do not need to meet journal's requirements when submitting a manuscript [3].

I would also like to comment on the CSL language mentioned in the paper. The CSL is a universal language and several dozen RMS use it for formatting citations and bibliography (https://citationstyles.org/). In contrast, other RMS use other (custom) style editors to format citations and bibliography. I consider the main advantage of RMS that use CSL is the support from the community, which has been able to add missing citation styles to the style repository in a short time since request by researchers (https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles/blob/master/REQUESTING.md). Thus, researchers do not have to learn to use the style editor function of the RMS to create bibliography in the missing format.

In the end, RMS is a powerful tool. However, there is no "the best" RMS because every RMS has its own strengths and weaknesses. Just like each of us has different working habits and everyone has different needs. Articles comparing different RMS, which can be found in the literature, are great for preselecting suitable RMS, but they are no substitute for personal experience. Therefore, I encourage everyone to try several RMS and after that he/she chooses the best one that suits them personally or the work team they work with.

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# **AUTHOR'S REPLY**

We thank the reader for interest in our article and thank them for pointing out the updates in the reference management softwares (RMS). We also agree with the statement that since every single RMS has unique advantages and disadvantages, each user must find the RMS that best suits their needs [1].

We acknowledge their point regarding Table I. Zotero does allow for creation of groups (private; public, closed and public, open). Once a group is created and members invited, the Group folder appears in each member's Zotero (the software on their computer). Each member may add content to the shared folder, then sync. However it is important to note that group libraries are wholly separate from 'My Library' section on Zotero, and items may need to be dragged and dropped in the appropriate sections, if the permissions of the groups allow it [2,3].

It was interesting to know that Zotero 6, in its latest update has added many new tools which allow the user to open PDFs in a new built-in reader within the main Zotero window (in a new tabbed interface), allow them to mark up PDFs with highlights, notes, and image annotations, and allow addition of annotations to Zotero notes with automatic citations. It also allows for non-English spell checking [4].

We agree some international/Indian journals do allow authors to submit their articles without meeting stringent formatting norms, atleast for the first draft, enabling them to primarily focus on the content and also increasing submission rates to journals. This was adopted primarily under the 'your paper, your way initiative' and currently many journals (mostly Elsevier) allow format free submissions [5,6]. But still, many Indian and international journals are very particular about submission being in a particular style and format, with articles being sent back at the initial stage.

We agree that most well established RMS have a huge support community, which keep on adding missing reference styles. But in some cases, the authors may not find the style that matches specific journal requirements (where they intend to submit). In such cases, knowing the style editor function may help bridge the gap.

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