**RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS**

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Dear Reviewer,

I would like to thank you for the corrective suggestions of our work. Below are the answers to your comments.

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| **Comments** | **Answers** |
| Introduction | The introduction is supplemented by additional explanations. |
| Bright Ni coating | Yes, the idea was to supress the influence of brass substrate. According to previous research by the authors (Nikolic et al., Lamovec et al.), Ni coatings deposited under these conditions have high enough hardness values. The coating thickness of 50 μm is sufficient for the applied loads in order to suppress the influence of the substrate. |
| Roughness parameters | In order to comply with the abstract, the authors decided to specify the RMS parameter in the manuscript. The difference in values ​​of Ra and RMS is not essential for the results shown in the paper. |
| Thickness control | The section “EXPERIMENTAL” was supplemented by an explanation regarding the measurement and control of the coating thickness. |

Best regards,

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