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There are not "main finding": the paper is more a technical report on a facility planned to be realised. English is perfect and reported information are oversized as respect a scientific paper

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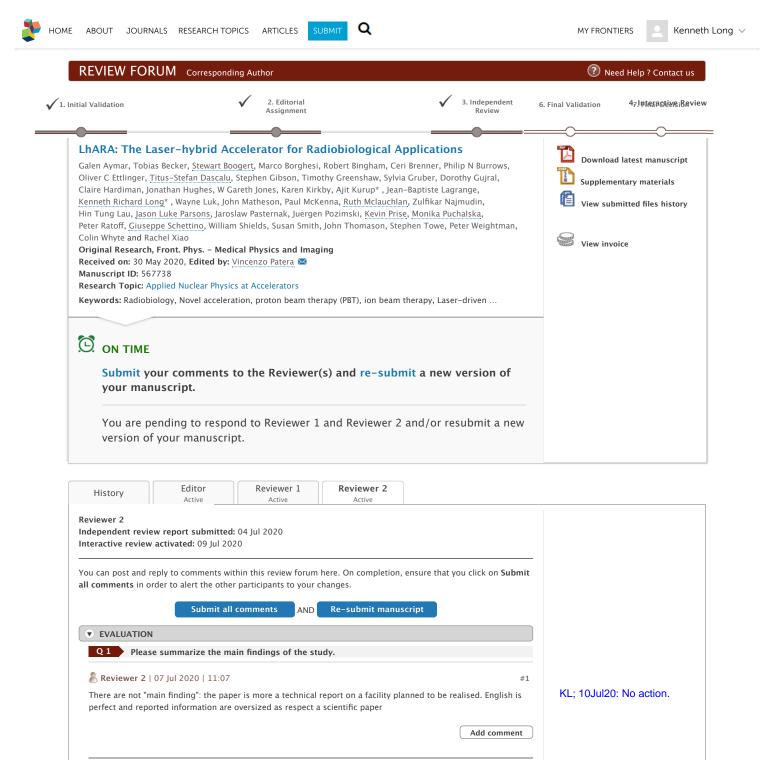
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Q 3   Please comment on the methods, results and data interpretation. If there are any objective errors, or if the conclusions are not supported, you should detail your concerns.

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The paper report the status of development of the LhARA project. It appears as a technical report more than a scientific paper so the strong recommendation s to change the format, removing unuseful technician section while going directly inside the scientific points

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Is the English language of sufficient quality?
– Yes

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– Yes

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– Yes

Are the statistical methods valid and correctly applied? (e.g. sample size, choice of test)
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