RESPONSE 02

Dear Referees and Editors:

Once again, thank you so much for all your time and comments concerning my manuscript originally entitled as “The Fate of Y.S. Ma, China's First Female Geologist”. There is no doubt that all the comments are valuable and very helpful for revising and improving the paper. I have studied comments carefully and have made corrections which are highlighted in green as follows:

Referees and Editors

Public justification (visible to the public if the article is accepted and published):

There are still duplications of content and an unprofessional style in some places

Response: Thank you for your time and discerning eyes. Each revision improves the overall quality of the manuscript and demonstrates our responsibility to our potential readers.

1. Additional private note (visible to authors and reviewers only):

Since the referee #2 stated: “The paper makes a worthwhile contribution to the historical record of Chinese geoscience…“, the manuscript deals not only with the fate of Ms Ma. The author should probably extent the title. Perhaps something like:

„The Fate of Y.S. Ma, China's First Female Geologist within the historical records of Chinese geoscience“ or similar.

Response: I agree with referee #2's insightful observation. Indeed, Ms. Ma's personal misfortune reflects a microcosm of the many challenges faced by GSC in its early stages—a case of seeing the big picture in a small detail. The article title has been revised accordingly; Hope everyone is satisfied with the new title.

2. line 15,16: these are not appropriate keywords, better: fate of a Chinese female geophysicist, wartime (1944) scientific work in China, Geological Survey of China (GSC).

Response: Thank you to the editors and reviewers for all your comments; revisions have been made as requested.

3. line 15: „…a case of seeing the whole leopard from a single spot“, This may be a Chinese saying, but may not be understood by foreigners.

Response: Agreed and thank you. The text has been restated so that all readers can understand the author's original intent, hopefully.

4. line 15,16: these are not appropriate keywords, better: fate of a Chinese female geophysicist, wartime (1944) scientific work in China, Geological Survey of China (GSC).

Response: Thank you for your time. I have made the changes as requested; please see the #2 response above.

5. duplicate sentences: lines 118/119 = 134/135.

Response: Thank you for your sharp eyes. Duplicate parts have been removed.

6. lines 175-177: not really scientific style.

Response: Thank you. This has been deleted and/or modified.

7. duplicate content: 189/191 = 107/108.

Response: Thank you for your insight. Duplicate parts have been removed.

8. that Hsu attended the GSC Annual meeting ist stated at line 132 and line 245 aand line 389, It is sufficient o mention it once.

Response: Thank you for your insight. My bad. All has been revised.