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Yesha Sivan, Editor in Chief  
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Dear Dr. Sivan:

Attached please find my manuscript "Three Real Futures for Virtual Worlds," which I am submitting for consideration to be published in *Journal of Virtual Worlds Research* as a reflective paper for the special exploratory issue "Futures of Real and Virtual Worlds." The manuscript is 2,321 words in length including main text and references.

I have no non-preferred reviewers. If you would like me to suggest reviewers, please let me know and I will be happy to provide a list. In addition, if you would like a "blinded" version of the manuscript let me know. Because it is a reflective paper and thus reflects on my own research history, it might be a bit difficult to blind, but at the least I could replace my name with "author" and remove the references. That would just take a few minutes, so please do let me know if you would like me to do that.

Thank you for your consideration of my manuscript. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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