

## **Comments and changes done to the paper “Integration of 5G Experimentation Infrastructures into a Multi-Site NFV Ecosystem.”**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the feedback from the editor and reviewers. We hope that the enhancements and modifications done to the paper are able to satisfy the reviewer’s comments.

We present below the detailed comments provided by each reviewer, followed by our answer, making references to the changes done to the paper. In the online submission system, we have uploaded the updated paper with the main changes highlighted in red color.

Yours sincerely, the authors.

### **Reviewer #2**

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**Comment 2.1. I would like to see some workflows of the experiment to visualize all the main characters and their functions.**

*Answer 2.1. Following the reviewer comment, we have included a new figure representing a workflow with the most relevant processes involved during the development of the protocol, highlighting their logical interconnections and the entities in charge of their execution. Accordingly, we have updated the “Introduction” section to refer to this new figure and facilitate the understanding at a glance of the main steps involved in the “Protocol”.*

**Comment 2.2. Please, add some references in the first 20 lines of the introduction.**

*Answer 2.2. According to the reviewer comment, we have included the following references at the beginning of the "Introduction" section in order to better document the motivation of the work presented:*

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3. Yi, B., Wang, X., Li, K., & Huang, M. A comprehensive survey of network function virtualization. *Computer Networks*, 133, 212-262 (2018).
4. 5TONIC. An Open Research and Innovation Laboratory Focusing on 5G Technologies. Available online: <https://www.5tonic.org> (last access on 15 October 2020).
5. ETSI GS NFV 002. Network Functions Virtualization: Architectural Framework. ETSI, V1.2.1 (2014).