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### Short characteristics of the thesis

The thesis has aimed to investigate the current tendencies in the use of the plural in English nouns that, according to grammar books, allow for both the regular and irregular forms. The author first summarizes the description of the competition between the two forms offered by grammar books, then investigates the use of the forms in different corpora of the English language, summarizes the resulting tendencies, and finally compares them with the information provided by the grammar books.

### Overall assessment

In my opinion, the thesis fully achieves the goals set before the work was started. The overall structure of the thesis is clear and logical, the analyses seem to have been carried out thoroughly, and the conclusions provide results which, to the best of my knowledge, have not been published elsewhere and which provide further insight into the area under investigation.

Among the few drawbacks of the work is the structure of some chapters, most strikingly Chapter 3. This chapter comprises one sub-chapter, namely *3.1 Tendencies of language*, which again comprises only one sub-chapter, *3.1.1 Regularisation*. Such structuring is inappropriate, as dividing the text into sub-chapters makes sense only when it results in more than one of them. However, such a shortcoming could be improved by removing the titles.

Also, the text, although written in generally good English, includes some ungrammatical formulations, such as "How was already mentioned above" (p. 37) or formulations which appear to be rather clumsy, and the reader has to reread the sentence in order to understand the intended meaning. It is also a question whether the results could be presented in a more digestible way so as the general tendencies would be more apparent.

### Area for discussion:

Could you please suggest some tendencies which nouns, from the semantic or other point of view, favour the irregular form only, which accept either form, and which prefer the regular form? Such information could be useful for the students of English as it would provide them with a hint in which semantic areas they can expect given tendencies.

