

Comments on L2/10-230 and L2/10-315

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In L2/10-230, a MODIFIER LETTER SMALL Q is proposed. As an example of use, a French abbreviation is pictured:

Biblio<sup>que</sup> (as an abbreviation for Bibliothèque).

In L2/10-315, Eric Muller disputes this being plain text use, giving an example of a shop poster showing:

1<sup>€</sup> as denotation of 1€ to give a proof that superscripting is not plain text.

However, his argumentation is flawed:

In fact, there is no difference in the meaning of "1<sup>€</sup>" from the meaning of "1€"; thus, in fact, the superscripting is decorative here, rather than being plain text.

On the other hand: "Biblio<sup>que</sup>" (abbreviation for French "Bibliothèque") does not have the same meaning as "Biblioque" (no valid French word). Thus, here the use of superscript carries semantic, and is therefore plain text.

It is not denied that the L2/10-230 was also motivated by the fact that the letter q is the single basic Latin small letter which until now is not available as a superscript letter in plain text.