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Subject: Comments on [L2/19-402](#) Proposal to Encode 6 Characters in the Brahmi Block
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Overall, I support the addition of the code points proposed in this document.
Here are my detailed comments on <https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2019/19402-brahmi-adds.pdf>

- The document should reference the proposal on which the current Brahmi encoding is based:
<https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2003/03249r-brahmi-proposal.pdf>
- The document should include a list of references.
- **Page 1:** “as the prevalent trend a decade ago was that of unification”. The proposal was submitted in 2003, almost two decades ago. So perhaps say: “as the prevalent trend **until** a decade ago was that of unification”.
- **Page 1:** “This is evidenced by the inclusion of variant characters (e.g. Siddham)”. Should reference a code point.
- **Page 1:** “reasonable to assume that such unification would have worked as everything was relegated to the font level.” At that time, the assumption was that a dedicated shaping engine would be required per script, and so the support would have been divided between a Brahmi shaping engine that knew about exceptions for Tamil and the font level.
- **Page 6:** The authors should include a table of use/do not use pairs for visually ambiguous forms (e.g., Use 11073, Don’t use 11042 11070)
- **Page 7:** Indic Syllabic Category: typing error in code point 11979 >>> 11070