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Referee's Report, "Comments on "Finsler Geometry and Relativistic Field Theory"" by S. S. Shahverdiyev

The author's objections to the article by Beil have long since been answered. The answers appear in publications cited in the article itself, so they should not have to be repeated here. The author should look first at Refs. 4, 5, 6, and 7 for information as to the development of Finsler geometry over the last 60 years. He should then study the 15-year history of the Beil metric beginning with Ref. 19.

His main objection to the Beil theory seems to be simply that it is different from his own "General geometry." He claims that his theory appeared "long time before"(2002) the Beil article in question (2003). He needs to check the date on Ref. 19 and subsequent work by Beil and several others. Also he should examine Ref. 4 and work by, for example, J. G. Vargas and S. Ikeda cited in papers in Beil's list of references for prior geometric generalizations very similar to his own.

Specifically, the questions he raises as to condition (60) have been answered in Ref. 18. The equivalence questions are dealt with in Ref. 12. The explicit appearance of e/m is discussed in Refs. 18 and 22.

This paper is not suitable for
publication in *Foundations of Physics* .

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