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We would like to thank Profs. Bert and Malik for their valuable comments [1] on our recent article [2]. The primary purpose of reference [2] is to present the Mindlin vibration solutions to thick annular sector plates using the differential quadrature method. Therefore, the statement on p. 336 of reference [2]: "However, this powerful method has not been tested to solve the vibration analysis of sector plates", refers only to the shear deformable or thick sector plates.

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