Open Consensus
(Comments of Reviewer 1)

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Major Changes

- The introduction has been revamped and the open consensus concept is now well motivated with the necessary background for readers that are not familiar with the subject. Moreover, we have described more clearly the advantage of open consensus by better introducing the broadcast application.
- Throughout the whole paper, we have cleared out all assumptions about some previous work, e.g., Lamport or Aguilera et al.
- We have summarised clearly in one subsection (4.3) the analytical advantages of using open consensus vs traditional consensus.

Specific Changes

- The referee says *I think it would be greatly improved by a better introduction. This should motivate the concept – for instance by describing the broadcast application at the end.*

  The introduction has been modified, and in Section 1.3.3, we explain the total order broadcast application.