This article deals with a very interesting topic -- the understanding of the flux front roughening in type-II superconducting thin films. The topic is well suited for this journal, and the article is well written and organized, which also applies for all the figures. The reference list given is fairly complete and gives a full picture of this type of research. There are only two minor points to be mentioned.

(1) In order to be able to judge about the quality of the samples investigated, I would have expected a complete overview on the samples with low magnification. It would be interesting to see the discontinuity lines and eventually existing defects.

(2) For which reason is the title of Ref. 36 written in capital letters? Overall, this article is well executed and should be published.

We thank the Referee for her / his careful reading of the manuscript and her / his very encouraging comments. In response, we add a new Figure 1, that shows, among others, magneto-optical images with low magnification on all films. The films being much longer than wide, we have not taken images of the short edges. The new Figure 1 combines these images with a scheme of the experimental set-up, and a schematic illustration of flux penetration into the superconducting YBa2Cu3O7 strips, as requested by Referee 1. Also, there is no particular reason for the capitalisation of the title in Ref. [36] ([44] in the new numbering) - this has been undone in the revised version.