Reviewer’s report

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I would like to thank the authors for their careful attention to my comments. I have some remaining questions, one of which I should have noticed when first reviewing the paper, but unfortunately didn't.

Original minor essential revisions.
3. ...(Abstract). Three lines from bottom of page. Should WLM be WLR?
Your response indicates that you have checked, and believe that WLM is correct. However, the data in Table 6 indicate that region has least effect on COGSCORE and Word List Recall. The effect on Word List Memory is more than twice as great as on Word List Recall. If you consider that an effect of 11.6% is inconsequential, then it would be more appropriate to simply state that region had an inconsequential effect. In that case, do not make comparisons across measures.

New concern

Table 6. Final 3 columns, Word List Memory. Typo in final column (India) for Word List Memory. If the adjusted mean values are correct, then –2.5 should be +2.5. The final paragraph of the Results section would then need to be amended. Examination of Table 4 indicates that values for India are consistently lower than for any other country, so I don’t understand why the India adjusted mean value is so high for WLM.