Reviewer's report

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The authors have addressed questions posed in the previous version of the paper. The paper offers interesting findings that contribute to the literature. I have a few remaining comments that would improve the presentation of the manuscript.

Discretionary Revisions

I suggest rearranging the statistical section. Within this section make subheadings for the analyses used and then how the data were transformed and how missing data were handled. I think the justification for the interactions should be in the introduction, certainly not in the statistics section, and references should be added to it. I would probably "flesh it out" a bit more too.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.