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Response to Reviewers’ Comments:

We wish to thank both reviewers for their detailed comments in relation to the above paper. We have rewritten the paper and, where possible, provided additional data as requested.

Reviewer JW

Major compulsory revisions:

We believe we have addressed all major compulsory revisions with the possible exception of providing details in the abstract of the observational protocol, which is not possible due to the word limit imposed in the abstract. Otherwise, the abstract has been completely rewritten in response to the comments. The comments in relation to the “Background”, Methods and Results sections have been addressed, including the deletion of one table. We confirm that all results that we have stated to be statistically significant are so. The discussion has been rewritten and reduced in length and reference has been made to relevant literature on “audience response system”.

Reviewer GW

Major compulsory revisions:

The Cronbach’s alpha coefficient has been provided for the MCQ and SELT questionnaires and a power calculation on the MCQ data provided. The significance of these results is discussed. They do not affect the conclusion of the paper.

Training of observers has been clarified in the methods section. The % has been corrected.

Minor essential revisions:
The tables have been numbered and clarified as requested.