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**Referee #1: Martin Dawes**
The referee did not request any revisions

**Reviewer #3: Carl May**

Comment #1 – The referee points out that there are instances when the term communication is implied in the broad sense when in fact it refers to a specific context. That is a good comment and we agree with the reviewer. To clarify the difference we have added a paragraph to the discussion (pp 18-19) that points out the complexity of communication and that it can sometimes have specific meaning. In that paragraph we refer back to the example of social processes that the referee highlighted in his comment.

Comment #2 - The referee suggests using the term descriptive coding on page 5 in the data analysis section rather than the term ‘data driven’. We have no problems with that and have changed the term to descriptive coding.