Reviewer's report

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- the question regarding the reliability (internal consistency: Cronbach’s alpha) is still not answered. What the authors add on p. 7 has more to do with validity.

- The differences shown in Figure 1 are still not tested statistically. They do indeed "look" "not significant" (as said on p. 9) but why do the others refuse to test them?

- on average & NOT in mean see p. 7; were "inductive" analyzed (why not "inductively")

- I still do not know if the gender difference (5.8 vs. 6.8 see p. 11) was significant. The authors react by saying that 18% of the particapants were male and 82% female and that they think that a statistical test is inappropriate for that reason. I disagree and if they really mean what they say they then better do not write at all about gender differences (which I would regret).

Conclusion: I am not satisfied with the authors' reaction to the reviewers' comments. So my conclusion for now is still: reject unless my remarks are taken care of in a next round.