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Dear Mr. Danrolf de Jesus,

We have taken all these comments and suggestions into account in the revised version of our paper as follows.

Comments from editor

- On page 7 it is stated that ethics approval was not required in Japan, but no mention is given of the data collection in Taiwan. Was ethics approval needed here?

  → We added following sentence (Methods, P.7, L.18-19):
  “In Taiwan, the survey was approved by Institutional Human subject Ethic Committee of National Chung Cheng University.”

- I found the English rather clunky and hard to read. I am not sure of the views of the editor in terms of whether this is satisfactory, or needs some tidying up. But wanted to highlight that this may be an issue.

  → Another native English speaker revised our paper again.

Finally, we thank you for your constructive comments that have helped to improve our manuscript. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,