Reviewer’s report

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The authors have satisfactorily responded to my previous comments, apart from one minor issue. I agree with them it is appropriate to use the state version of the PANAS to measure affect (e.g. how do you feel right now?). However, as a result I think it is slightly misleading to say affect is measured over the course of a day in the methods (on p.11), which is not the same as the state measure described in their cover letter. Across a single day, such state affect can substantially vary (e.g. today I feel 100% happy now I am about to go home from work, but was only 10% happy two hours ago when I had to mark a pile of essays). It would be useful to be fully explicit in the methods about the exact time frame of these ratings.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.