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I did notice, however, various errors of punctuation in the piece, comma splices and misplaced/absent commas being the most prevalent, and these need correcting. Please check the grammar of the manuscript once more.

We have had the manuscript proof read and made several improvements to punctuation and grammar. We have included a tracked changes version to enable visibility of multiple small changes.

The passing comment re the wisdom of crowds [p11] I found a little odd as this was presented as if it were an unalloyed good and an uncontested concept, neither of which is without its problems. The notion that the average of many individuals’ estimates is close to reality is, I would argue, ontologically flawed in that it assumes that there is, in all cases, a single reality and that there is agreement as to the interpretation of that reality. I would suggest that this sentence be nuanced somewhat and made less definitive.

We have changed the wording, in an attempt to re-iterate that this is a mathematical phenomena and not applicable to all cases eg those with narrative data, or when the aggregation of judgments is by discourse rather than averaging.

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