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- Please consider calling it "ANCOVA models" and not "ANCOVA regression models" throughout the manuscript.

The corresponding changes were made throughout the text.

- The explanation added on page 3, line 20-23 could be helpful if this sentence is edited for better readability/clarity.

We thank the Reviewer for pointing out the necessity to better clarify this sentence.

It now reads:

“For instance, while the dispositional aspect of defense mechanisms is often theoretically emphasized in contrast to coping intended as strategies specific to a particular event, research
indicated that both coping and defense mechanisms are influenced by personality traits as well as by the context [6 for a review].”

- I would report Cronbach's alpha earlier and also present the specific scores (not only >.6)

The sentence was phrased erroneously in the previous version of the manuscript, we apologize for this. We now report the specific Cronbach’s alpha of the scales that are mentioned in the text, and present them earlier on.