Author’s response to reviews

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Identifying culturally acceptable cognitive tests in remote Northern Australia Deborah Rock; Ian Robert Price, PhD BMC Psychology

Dear Dr Price,

Your manuscript "Identifying culturally acceptable cognitive tests in remote Northern Australia" (PSYO-D-19-00025R1) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Psychology, once you have carried out some essential revisions.

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Best wishes,

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Editor Comments:

Dear Dr. Rock,

thank you for submitting this very thoroughly revised manuscript with Professor Price. I have now myself reviewed the revised article in the light of your extensive, very clear replies to the reviewers and am satisfied with the quality of this paper, which addresses a difficult and relevant topic in cognitive psychology. The first reviewer had rated your paper highly in round 1, pointing out the excellence of your statistical analyses, and suggesting a series of minor but essential revisions prior to publication. You have performed these revisions with great care, and you have replied to each point raised by the first reviewer in all necessary detail. The second reviewer's report was somewhat more negative, raising several critical issues which, in my view, have been resolved successfully through your thorough, to-the-point revisions. I am therefore happy to inform you that I consider your revised manuscript suitable for publication in the journal.

Sincerely,

Birgitta Dresp-Langley
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