

Dear Dr. Sagy Cohen,

We really appreciate your understanding and constructive suggestion. We have added an explicit explanation of the limitation in the abstract, results and discussion and conclusions sections according to your comment described below. We believe that the current manuscript is now ready for publication. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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*Editor's comment*

*We received two excellent reviews with somewhat conflicting recommendations. The authors provided a strong response and addressed most of the reviewers' comments. I applaud the authors for addressing the reviewers' more technical comments. Considering that this paper is a 'Short Communication', I have found the authors' response to the critique (particularly by reviewer #1) about the research design and data collection extent to be reasonable. However, they must be clearly articulated before the manuscript can proceed to publication. In the revised manuscript, please add an explicit expression of the shortcomings and limitations of the data and collection strategies as raised by the reviewers. Since these shortcomings need to be clear to the reader, I would like to see these added to the abstract, results & discussion, and conclusions sections.*

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Yours sincerely,  
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