

## Reviewer 1 Feedback

1. These post response screening (Qs) are relevant for future studies. Examples: Do you have a history or tendency to doodle? Any Hx of drawing or training completed via any online or face-to-face classes in drawing or art. (Last questions at the end of the survey because these are variables to be considered for sparsity of detail and subjects' history.) Content of drawings independent of informing subjects that type of drawing isn't identified as important, yet each respondent's life events are to ensure accurate response records. Although their identities remain unknown to the reviewers. Any history of head trauma, like concussions or loss of consciousness are factors that impact quality and quantity of responses.

- These suggestions relate to possible future studies and could be considered.

2. The age range could benefit from brief narratives citing differences in cohorts defined by age range rather than a global analysis confounded by the spectrum of ages in your total derived "snowball samplings."

- Please see the subheading 'Older Adults' Concerns':

*"More generally, older participants tended to endorse more a conservative approach to their lifestyles during the pandemic in response to the following questionnaire item: "Would you say you have been a) very conservative b) medium conservative or c) relatively uninhibited in going about your usual lifestyle during the pandemic?" An ordinal logistic regression indicated that older participants' during-pandemic narrative responses showed significantly less inclination to take risks than those younger,  $\chi^2(50,110) = 80.81, p=.004$ ".*

3. The comment below the drawings could benefit from a more ambiguous inquiry. Such as, after you complete this "Inquiry" and drawings. Share a brief comment about what comes to your mind when you see your drawings.

- Our study instructions:

*"Please upload 4 pencil and paper drawings as described below – each on a separate page. Then write below each drawing what you notice in terms of feelings or anything else about your drawing. Upload each drawing per instructions provided on Qualtrics: 1. Draw a picture as you envisioned yourself pre-COVID-19 pandemic, 2. Draw a picture as you envision yourself during the COVID-19 pandemic, 3. Draw a picture of your family as you envisioned them pre-COVID-19 pandemic, 4. Draw a picture of your family as you envision them during the COVID-19 pandemic".*

- We believe these instructions allowed the participants to capture what came to their mind about their drawing at the time.

4. Finally, remind them, that it is perfectly OK to submit what they complete because no information is recorded connected to their identity.

- This is addressed in the Informed Consent document that was approved by IRB. That text is as follows:

*“The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous. The informed consent forms and other identifying information such as your email address will be kept separate from the data. All materials will be kept secure by the primary researcher; data may be shared for analysis purposes with the Research Assistants who have signed a Professional Assistance Confidentiality Agreement.*

### **Reviewer 2 Feedback**

1. Yes, I believe it is important for the scientific community. It is filling a gap in the literature by utilizing projective drawings by adults. Also, it is important to release data that captures the range of adult experiences as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the article's title and abstract is suitable and comprehensive.

- We appreciate this reviewer's positive feedback and understanding our intent in conducting the study.

2. I believe the manuscript is well-written. It may be helpful to have the tables in the results section and have the pictures as appendices.

- We have moved the tables to within the text and placed the pictures as Appendices while noting each Appendix number in the text for accurate reference.

3. More quotes from participants could strengthen the data analysis section.

- Additional quotes from participants have been added to the data analysis section.

4. A table depicting the data under the types of drawing section could be helpful for the reader.

- A table outlining the data under the 'types of drawings' section has been included on page 9.

5. An example of the questionnaire in the appendix would be helpful as well.

- The Covid-19 questionnaire and demographics questionnaire have been added on page 28 and page 30, respectively.

6. The references are proper, recent and sufficient. There are some minor errors like journal titles that need to be italicized.

- References have been corrected.

7. I do not think a disclaimer is required to explain the history of this manuscript, but there could be a reference or statement to the larger study it's a part of on adult decision-making during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- This is included in the first sentence of the abstract: *"This projective assessment for studying perceptions of self and family during COVID-19 was part of a project examining the adult decision-making process during the pandemic."*

8. Make sure the paper complies with formatting requirements.

- Our paper has been checked to ensure that it complies with formatting requirements. The was particularly accomplished for the reference list as it had not been properly formatted.