Stability of defection, optimisation of strategies and the limits of memory in the Prisoner's Dilemma COVER LETTER

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To the Editorial Board Member,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript, and we would like to extend our gratitude to the reviewers for their thoughtful comments and suggestions. We have fully taken their comments on board and made significant modifications to both the mathematical arguments and the narrative. We feel this has greatly improved the work.

Please find attached a point-by-point response to reviewer's concerns. We hope that you find our responses satisfactory.

The Authors.