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Dear [whoever is the editor in chief],

We wish to submit an original research article entitled “BLABLABLA” for consideration by Cognition.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Preliminary results of this paper were previously presented at the 10th biennial meeting of Experimental Pragmatics and at the 20th Psycholinguistics in Flanders conferences.

In this work, we have explored whether previously reported effects of disfluency and speaker’s accent on knowledge perceptions can be translated to more ecologically valid settings. Specifically, we have designed a new paradigm where instead of measuring participants’ metalinguistic judgements about speaker, we measure them indirectly by presenting participants with short spoken passages about horses and having partings place bets given this information. Further, we investigate whether the presence of these two factors – fluency and accent – can diminish the negative effect they have been shown to exert separately i.e., listeners forgive a non-native speaker’s disfluency, rather than attribute it to low knowledge. Our results show that listeners based their decisions on how the speaker sounded (fluent/disfluent), rather than on their nativeness, and that a disfluent non-native speaker is not more likely to be forgiven than a native one. Importantly, we demonstrate that previously reported ratings of perceived knowledge can be measured through behaviour.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

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