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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you and the anonymous reviewer for your very helpful comments on our paper, “Definitely, maybe: A new experimental paradigm for investigating the pragmatics of evidential devices across languages.” We believe that the reviewer’s many comments, criticisms, and suggestions have led to a much better and clearer paper. We thoroughly revised the relevant sections in order to better explain the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of our claims.

The main differences to the previous version are:

1. We have now added evidence type analyses to each experimental section to complement the evidence strength analyses. The gist of this new addition is that von Fintel & Gillies’ claims are partially supported, but evidence strength matter above and beyond evidence type for both the production and interpretation of evidential devices.
2. We have elaborated the theoretical discussion around the evidential circumstances that license the use of the expressions under investigation, especially “must” and the discourse particle “wohl”.

Below are our point-by-point responses to the reviewer. We hope that you will like the new version of the paper. Please let us know if you require additional information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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