Response to the Editor

Dear Authors,

thank you for your revised manuscript. You have taken into account the most relevant issues raised by the referees, as well as my comments.

We thank the Editor for providing minor comments that helped us further improve the manuscript. We have addressed all of them as follows:

- Perhaps you can improve the introduction at LL 33-37 by adding a short statement regarding the issue about the interaction between media and climate change perception and the related uncertainty.

We added a sentence about the increased media coverage of climate issues in the introduction. Lines 37-39 of the revised manuscript:

"Furthermore, media coverage of climate issues has increased in many regions of the world over the past years (Hopke, 2020)."

Perceptions here are only introduced after line 48, with reference to media:

- "A large body of research has shown that the way in which people think about risk depends on emotional, cognitive and cultural factors (van der Linden, 2017) along with levels of media coverage (Kasperson et al., 2016)..."
- If the data are easly available, it would be perhaps more significant to compare (LL 130) the number of calls in 2020 with the average yearly value in a period of multiple years, instead to the value of 2019 alone.

Data are available only for 2018, 2019 and 2020 (https://wwwistat.it/it/files//2021/05/Case-rifugio-CAV-e-1522.pdf). As suggested, we provided % change with respect to the average yearly value in the period 2018-2019:

"According to the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT), the number of calls to 1522, the phone number for domestic violence and stalking, increased by 70,3% in 2020 compared to the average yearly value in the period 2018-2019 (ISTAT, 2021). Yet, robust and comparable data are difficult to find, as the reporting of cases is believed to be incomplete."

- At L 79, when citing Mondino et al. (2020a), you may add the link to the survey

<u>https://static-content.springer.com/esm/art%3A10.1038%2Fs41597-020-00778-7/MediaObjects/41597_2020_778_MOESM1_ESM.pdf</u>

Thanks for the suggestion. We added text and link in line 89 of the revised manuscript:

"The questionnaires used in the national surveys are freely available online at:

 $https://static-content.springer.com/esm/art%3A10.1038\%2Fs41597-020-00778-7/MediaObjects/41597_2020_778_MOESM1_ESM.pdf."$

- At L 160 before "media" a "to" seems missing. Amended.