Reviewer's report

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The authors addressed the criticism we raised and answered appropriately. Changes have been made to the revised manuscript accordingly. The limitations of the work are now clearly stated and appropriately discussed in the discussion section of the manuscript.

We consider this an article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests. We advise to accept this paper for publication.