Reviewer’s report

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In responding to the requests for revision, the author has transformed this manuscript. The most important changes were the deletion of Figs 1 and 2 which did not inform the reader, and addition of examples. It now fairly summarizes the pro and con arguments and makes an new contribution that will be of interest to many readers.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.