Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Harris Lieberman

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The authors have responded adequately to my comments with the exception of #6 (can location be determined and accounted for in the model or by using another statistical approach?). Perhaps they could indicate in the manuscript that deployment, etc are important factors and will be examined in future analyses.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.