Reviewer's report

Title: Intracluster correlation coefficients in cluster randomised trials: how should they be reported?

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Reviewer: Michael Campbell

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The authors should also note that the ICC is not necessarily unique. Depending on the units of a cluster, there may be more than one ICC, and of course, this should be reported.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I know the authors personally and wrote the editorial to their BMJ paper on the CONSORT statement.