Reviewer’s report

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General

I appreciate the authors’ efforts to take my comments seriously especially regarding the additional simulations about the uncertainty estimates.

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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 "Results" section could describe the results of the paper more effectively. In particular, when mentioning specific numbers, it would be helpful to mention the simulation settings (MCAR, MAR etc.) under which these numbers were obtained.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.