Reviewer's report

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Comments:

While I think review / revision has made the authors more critical of their proposed category, they set out with a plausible model (the new category) and carried out appropriate testing to try and find it. When they didn’t find it as much as they expected they concluded maybe their model wasn’t so good. That sounds like a scientific approach to me and is worth publishing so we can all learn from it.

In summary, I think the authors have addressed / rebutted the comments and I would accept it.

Declaration of competing interests:

As declared in my review I have worked with one of the authors (and I know one of the others), but this is a small field and in order to get good research done we speak to & work with each other. I think the approach I have taken in reviewing has been firm, fair and unbiased.