Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

The AA are kindly requested to improve the statistical presentation, better describing the used tools and giving appropriate outputs, i.e., ORs, r or rho and so on. to set the criteria for the gold standard, to discuss other findings present in literature, to pinpoint the limitations of this study and perform a cost/benefit analysis of the propose test, and finally, to cut down a lot of words in the Abstract, Introduction and Discussion sections.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.