Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory revisions: The Authors have responded to my remarks. However, re-checking of the English language by a native English speaker and eliminating typographical errors is still mandatory: here are some examples:

• page 6, 3rd line from bottom: “dominated” should be “denominated”
• Page 7, 3rd line from bottom of the Results section, and Page 8, line 23 from top: “ov” should be “ EV”
• page 8, 7th line from top: “160000/mm3” should be “160000/mm3exponential “
• page 8, lines 8-9 from top: “Until recently, a conflict result was revealed..” should be “Recently, a conflicting result was reported”
• Page 8, 2nd line from bottom: “date” should be “data”

Many more similar errors exist throughout the text

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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