Reviewer's report

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I looked over all of the materials concerning this manuscript. My impression is that the authors were extremely receptive to revising the paper to incorporate all reviewer suggestions. Of course, the reviewer is correct in noting that there are a number of potential confounders that were not included in the analysis (they were not available or obtainable) that might influence the results. I do not think, however, that this negates the value of this contribution. The authors acknowledge this as a limitation so that the reader is aware that the results might be attenuated if the confounders were included in the model.

I'm not convinced that the scatter plots add a great deal to the readers' ability to interpret the findings. As such, I think they could be omitted.

Overall, I think this is a modest contribution to the literature and would be inclined to publish this paper.