Reviewer's report

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In the revised manuscript by Parsonnet et al. several items are improved.

Comment:

Comment 11 + comment 12: intra- and inter-observer variation analysis are still lacking. Without these the manuscript cannot be published.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.