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This is a nice paper on an important topic. It was a pleasure to read it. It is well written, its conclusions are well and moderately formulated, its limitation properly stated. It uses appropriate and up-to-date statistical techniques in correct way to reach reasonable interpretations. Spatial maps (both empirical/unsmoothed and empirical Bayes smoothed) presented in the Figure 1 are certainly of substantial practical interest and should be communicated to a broad public audience.