Reviewer's report

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I am content with the detailed explanations/modifications made by the authors in response to the points I raised. I have a phobia of overly long Discussion sections, hence my comment on the previous version of the manuscript, but if the other reviewers have no objection, and there is no pressure for space, then I'm happy to leave it as it is.

In the authors' revised text in response to point 1 listed under "Minor revisions" (page 5), they need to replace "BCAL270" by "BCAL0270".

Regarding point 4 listed under "Minor revisions" (page 7), I was simply making a comment rather than requesting any action on their behalf. However, their revisions may stand. I apologise for any confusion.

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.