Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have answered the points sufficiently well and the changes suggested have been done.

**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.