Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Roberto Federico Villa

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I think that the manuscript has been revised according to some of suggestions of the referees, but the main problem in my opinion is that many inclusion/exclusion important criteria, that would be better evaluated for experimental design, are still present.

In addition, the authors stated that the overall design must be not changed substantially, at present time.

Thus, my conclusion is that my original criticisms have not completely answered and some of them have been also underlined by one of the referee.

However, I do not think that these factors will be examined a posteriori by statistics, even if different statistical analysis will be used.