Reviewer's report

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The authors should mention as a limitation that the research team's knowledge of the clinical consensus diagnosis may have overestimated the sensitivity of CRS-R to detect MCS and that it may be less without a priori knowledge of a competing method to diagnose.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'