Reviewer's report

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I am beyond impressed by the level of thoughtfulness and reflection which the authors used in undertaking this revision. I feel like they did not dismiss any of the concerns but took them quite seriously and made substantial (and surely time-consuming) efforts to address them fully.

The result is an astonishingly well-thought out and well-written paper which will be a significant contribution to the literature. It is far more powerful than the original and to me reads as balanced and sticks to the data in summarizing the results and yet the discussion along the way of the different themes which emerged is quite sophisticated.

Unlike most of my reviews, I have no additional revision to suggest. This was perhaps the best paper revision I have ever seen in response to reviewer comments.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.