Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None
Minor Essential Revisions: None
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I rarely have no specific suggestions for improvement of a manuscript, but this is such a case. This manuscript addresses an important and timely topic, is extremely clear and well written, takes an appropriate statistical approach, does not overstate its findings, and places the findings solidly in context. An excellent paper which makes a clear contribution.

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.