Reviewer's report

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Authors need to report numerators and denominators for the 17 centers. Some of the confidence intervals are extremely wide (e.g., for centers N & P). Authors need to report on a sensitivity analysis (what would happen to their results if these anomalous sites were removed).

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have collaborated with one of the authors, Dr. Shoo Lee, in the past and am likely to do so in the future.