Reviewer’s report

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The authors have responded in a detailed way to all comments and suggestions from the second round of reviews. I note that there is still some disagreement between the authors’ interpretation of the findings and my own appraisal of the study results (e.g., problem of variability of findings across subsamples and doubts about the replicability of the findings in the collapsed sample). However, the authors now present all data that are needed for readers to come to their own conclusion. In addition, they acknowledge a number of limitations and critically discuss their findings. In my opinion, the manuscript is therefore now in good shape for publication.

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.