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General

With the removal of the PCECOR measure this manuscript is now publishable.

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

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)

I don't like the statement "... lost statistical significance." because it gives almost no information. A very small change that takes a measure from just significant to just not significant will have the same label as a substantial change from highly significant to not significant. Also a substantial change from highly significant to just significant does not get this label. I'd prefer to see the magnitude of the change considered (as is done in one of the two places the statement is made).

What next?: Accept after discretionary 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 declare that I have no competing interests'