Reviewer's report

Title: Sensitivity to electricity - Temporal changes in Austria

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Reviewer: Martin Roosli

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The paper has markedly improved and there are only two minor issues left that should be considered.

1. Last sentence of the abstract (conclusions):
In my view the authors should be more specific and refer to non-specific symptoms. Thus the last sentence should be changed as follows:
“The results show that concerns about EMF did not decrease with time in spite of scientific studies and health risk assessments concluding that a causal relationship of EMF below recommended reference levels AND NON-SPECIFIC SYMPTOMS would be implausible.”

2. Introduction:
I acknowledge the extensive investigations of the authors with EHS groups. However, in my view there is still no theoretical basis to conclude that electro-sensitivity is a necessary precondition for EHS. As long as objective criteria for EHS have not been established, one cannot know what exactly is involved with being EHS. I encourage the authors to phrase this paragraph a little bit more cautiously.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.