Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory revisions--none
Minor essential revisions--none
Discretionary revisions

I believe the authors have responded adequately to the reviewer comments. The manuscript is improved, and the moderating edits concerning the findings and policy implications are very appropriate.

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

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.