Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Riitta Kaarteenaho

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The revised version of the manuscript by Eurlings and co-authors has been greatly improved. The authors have answered to the reviewer's comments adequately and revised the manuscript according to the suggestions. After the revisions in the reference list, the names of some journals are still not written by their official abbreviations which needs to be corrected before publication (refs no 14, 20, 21, 23 and 36).

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' below