Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

The authors have taken into consideration all comments raised in my first review and modified the manuscript accordingly. I have no further comments or requests for revision.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.