Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Leslie W Huson

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General
I have reviewed the authors' response to my comments on their original MS. It appears that they have chosen not to follow my suggestions, and indeed the thrust of their modifications seems to be to add more information on Bayesian methodology, which I do not consider necessary or appropriate. There is ample justification of Bayesian methodology in the literature and no need to add to it.

However, since the authors have chosen a different route, I have no further comment to make.

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

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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