Reviewer’s report

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions- Not Required

2. Minor Essential Revisions
   a. Abstract- 5th line grammatical error
   b. Introduction paragraph 2 1st line- grammatical error
   c. 18th line- grammatical error
   d. Data and methods- criteria for diagnosis- grammatical error
   e. Methods- paragraph 1- grammatical error
   f. Figure 4- legend missing
   g. Discussion 1st paragraph, 6th line- grammatical error
   h. 7th paragraph- quote reference
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   i. References- Author names and journal names not in format
   j. Limitations of the study are not clearly stated

3. Discretionary Revisions- Not Required

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.