Reviewer's report

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The authors have responded well to the comments, and edited the manuscript appropriately. In my opinion, the manuscript is now very exciting, with interesting findings, and the conclusions have been drawn with appropriate caution. The issues of concern have now been justified in the manuscript.

There is one issue remaining that I leave with the Scientific Editor to resolve. I still have some concern with Table 4 (I would like to point out that I am familiar with Odds Ratios and use them myself frequently). I do not think that the presentation of Table 4 is clear. The information is complex, but even in the simplified version, I still do not find it easy to follow. I think it still needs quite a bit of work on the reader’s part to determine what the Odds Ratios refer to in this table. I wonder whether the readership would be able to interpret this information. However, I leave this decision with the Scientific Editor.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions