Reviewer's report

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The author's seem to have fully addressed the all the reviewer's comments, and the paper should be published. HOWEVER, in their rewrite, I believe an error has occurred relating to the numbering of abstracts within the text and that two references have been lost from the reference list.

On page 7, the revised manuscript refers to reference [18], and on page 8, the revised manuscript refers to references [18] amd [19]. These clearly refer to work undertaken in the authors laboratories, as given in the original version as [18] Smith, Kendall et al. and [19] Chiriboga, Xie, et al. Yet, in the revised version, these references have got "lost"!

The authors must address this apparent error before the paper can be published.

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.