Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Alan Merry

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I did not structure my original comments into Major Compulsory, Minor Essential and Discretionary.

The authors have responded to all the comments. Overall the manuscript is much improved. However, my comment that the English needs some language corrections before being published remains true. I have rated this as major and compulsory.

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

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None relevant