Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

I do not have any questions to this part

Minor Essential Revisions

Although HIPAA is a well known abbreviation, I would suggest authors to introduce where they first notice it.

It would be also useful to make figures in the same colour scheme, for example, black and white.

Discretionary Revision

I do not have any suggestions for this section

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