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Minor Essential Revisions

Methods: Paragraph 1. The sentence commencing “The UCD can be one the causes mentioned...” should be amended to read “The UCD can be one of the causes mentioned...”

Methods, Algorithm: Paragraph 2. The phrase “...permits to assess its potential participation in...” should be amended to read “...permits us to assess its potential participation in...”

Conclusion. The sentence commencing “The method presented in this paper permits to obtain more structured...” should be amended to read “The method presented in this paper permits us to obtain more structured...”

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

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