Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Ewan Ferlie

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thank you for sending me a revised MS. The authors have responded carefully to the points made by the referees. For instance, the discussion of the IMperial/NWL case is now much sharper and the literature review is fuller. I liked ending with a research agenda section. So I am pleased to say I can now recommend publication.

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.

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