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General
1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? YES
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? YES
3. Are the data sound and well controlled? YES
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? YES
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? YES
6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? YES
7. Is the writing acceptable? YES

The point made by authors is well taken. It is a skilful design of study and the conclusions are befittingly clear and well balanced taking into account selection of study populations and methods used.