Reviewer's report

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General

Congratulations to the authors for producing such an interesting paper.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

It might not be evident for the reader what is meant by systemic symptoms. Could there be a better heading for these symptoms?

P. 9 last paragraph, first sentence "cardiovascular and respiratory conditions" would be more in line with Table 2 than "cardiovascular and respiratory problems".

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.