Reviewer's report

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My excuses for the delay.

I have received the revised version of the article and conclude it has significantly gained from the review. My main problem as described in my report - comparing 2005 with 2006 and 2006 with 2007 has been dealt with seriously in table 5 and the discussion as well. Using data of 2008 obviously strengthens the authors' argument. The article is now much better readable than in its original version.

I also noted that the authors have adequately dealt with most of my other comments (group plans, non-response, the relevance of public reporting; they also have replaced the word anticipated with expected as I suggested).

My conclusion is that the article can now be ACCEPTED for publication.