Reviewer's report

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What would be interesting is to add an example of each proposed pattern and to test the intraobserver variation in the interpretation of the hypothesis. Adding a table with the definition of each pattern would certainly improved the message of this paper.

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'