Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Joel Lexchin

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript again. The authors have answered my original concerns. There are a few relatively minor changes that still need to be made.

**Minor essential revisions**

Last sentence in Abstract:

This sentence is hard to follow and needs to be rewritten to make its meaning clear.

Page 7, first line:

It’s not clear if there is one European correspondent for each country or just a single person in this position. Also it’s not clear exactly what this person does.

Page 7, fourth paragraph:

Who are the experts that are being referred to and how many of them are there?

Page 7, fifth paragraph:

What do the authors mean by “the current situation”?

Page 9, third paragraph:

How many experts were contacted, what percent finally replied?

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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