Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory revisions – most of the major revisions were addressed by the authors with the exception of the following.

1. No mention of ethical approval – It may be that it is not required but I would still have like to have seen a statement stating that.

1. Minor essential revisions – these were addressed by the authors

Discretionary revisions - the discretionary revision was addressed by the authors, percentages are now included in the paper.

Additional comments from this draft of the manuscript

The manuscript would still benefit from careful checking of the grammar. There are instances where the tense changes from past to present within the same sentence.

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