Reviewer's report

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There are now some minor issues that were revealed in the latest reading of the revised manuscript.

1. Page 1, line 19. Delete [..].
2. P 3, l 70. If release of the protocol is the date of registration, it should say so.
3. P 5, l 118. Suggest inserting [reduction and possibly] between [local] and [elimination].
4. P 8, l 171. Rewrite as [500x500 m].
5. P 12, l 275. Delete [and/].
6. P 16, l 377. Insert the version of Excel being used. Earlier versions than 2010 have flaws in the random number generator.
8. P 36, l 840. Rewrite as [H, Riley EM:]; ie, delete the [.]
9. P 36, l 853. Insert the date of last access.
10. P 38, l 957. Rewrite as [2x2.5 km] and [500x500 m] to be consistent with the rest of the text.