Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Judith Thornton

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Thank you for sending me the revised manuscript. The authors have addressed in detail my comments from the initial review (and those of my co-reviewer) and have incorporated changes into the manuscript. I am happy with the changes; there are a few points on which we may have differing opinions but the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

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 am a member of the GRADE working Group