Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Peter Bower

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Many thanks to Professor Pawson for his detailed response to our comments

I am happy for this piece to be published. Having re-read the revised manuscript, I am not sure that the content has changed markedly in response to the reviews, but I don't think the function of a Debate piece is to find a middle ground between the views of the author and those of the reviewers. I have flagged my concerns about some of the arguments and he has responded. I think the proper place for further discussions of these interesting ideas is post publication

I look forward to seeing this in print and observing the response from the wider community, from the 'intrigued' to the 'apoplectic'

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