Reviewer's report

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This is a revised version of the manuscript by Kaseda et al.

My major concern still exists (which was also pointed out by reviewer Dr. Zheng). The patients and control differ significantly in age! All the other differences have the same p-value (0.05). The authors state that when correcting by age the p-values still exist. No details are given. How about doing a paired test with just age-matching pairs. Thus I would ask the authors to do such an analysis.

Again to me it seems that the authors are in a hurry, do not want to take more time on the manuscript. Best indicated by the typing error (response to the reviewer) when thanking me…..

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