Reviewer's report

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Discretionary Revisions

<Reviewer's comments>
1. The definition for the position of four points was properly illustrated in Fig.2. This seems appropriate to sample the tongue color.

2. It seems that the value of CIE L* is more dependent on the tongue posture and light conditions than those of the CIE a* and b*. Therefore, human being can perceive the same color as different colors due to the difference of luminance.

3. I verified that the reasons for excluding were added in the manuscript.

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.