Reviewer’s report

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I read the manuscript and I think it should be accepted as 1) it is an important questions, 2) the design is appropriate, 3) the protocol is very well written.

I would just suggest a minor modification i.e. to report the expected sample size in the abstract and that interim analyses are planned.

Declaration of competing interests:

I would like to also disclose that I used to work in the same research team than Florence Tubach 7 years ago.