Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Christina Easter

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Thank you for addressing my comments. The majority of answers I am satisfied with however there are a few outstanding aspects that need to be addressed.

Could the English please be checked again especially in the figures as I have found a spelling mistake in figure 2.

With regards to the number of multiple imputations, could the authors provide a reference for rationale behind completing 5 imputations. The added detail about this also needs to be read carefully as it doesn’t make complete sense.

Also could the authors please make it clearer if multiple imputation will be used in the primary analysis or if complete case will be used as primary analysis? If it is the case the multiple imputation will be used in primary analysis then I would advise the complete case be completed as a sensitivity analysis. Could the authors please also include at what percentage of missing data would mean that multiple imputation will be used along with an appropriate reference.

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