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English language and style

( ) Extensive editing of English language and style required
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	Yes	Can be improved	Must be improved	Not applicable
Does the introduction provide sufficient background and include all relevant references?	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Is the research design appropriate?	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Are the methods adequately described?	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Are the results clearly presented?	( )	(x)	( )	( )
Are the conclusions supported by the results?	( )	(x)	( )	( )

Comments and Suggestions for Authors

The conclusion section is very small. Authors should to expand this sectio describing the scientifical and practica impact of the results.

We have now expanded the Discussion in several places (lines 302-312; lines 343-353; lines 373-381)

The literature section should be developed and contain more peer reviewed international journals to compare the results.

We have added a number of new citations and incorporated their insights into our Discussion. These include:

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