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- is parsimonious and reads well
- has correctly labelled figures and tables
- has correctly written and appropriate references, free from obvious omissions.

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