

Reviewer's checklist

Please consider the following points:

- Is the paper important?
- Is the work original? Does the work add enough to what is already in the published literature?
- Is there a clear message?
- Does the paper read well and make sense?
- Is this journal the right place for this paper?

Scientific reliability:

- Abstract/summary — does it reflect accurately what the paper says.
- Research question — is it clearly defined and appropriately answered?
- Overall design of study — is it adequate?
- Participants studied — are they adequately described and their conditions defined?
- Methods — are they adequately described? For randomised trials: CONSORT style? Ethical?
- Results — does it answer the research question? Credible? Well presented?
- Usefulness of tables and figures? Is the quality good enough? Can some be eliminated? Is the data correct in the tables?
- Interpretation and conclusions — are they warranted by and sufficiently derived from/focused on the data? Message clear?
- References — are they up to date and relevant? Any glaring omissions?