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**□** Properly drawn with regard to methods and data

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Maybe the data could be better presented as research note because the study is solid but quite traditional.

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