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Does the manuscript contain original, innovative, and interesting information?

Yes

No

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Are the literature references current and appropriate?

Yes

No

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To the best of your knowledge, is there a conflict of interest or significant bias that has affected the research results and conclusions?

Yes

No

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Overall rating

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Good ☐

Fair ☐

Poor ☐

B. SCOPE AND RELEVANCE OF SUBJECT

Does the manuscript fit within the Aims & Scope of the Journal?

Yes

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Does the manuscript present an adequate background and conceptual framework?

Yes

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Is there a clear hypothesis and justification of the study?

Yes

No

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Are the conclusions adequately supported by the data?

Yes

No

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Overall rating

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Are the English style and grammar satisfactory and the language clearly written?

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Does the abstract concisely convey the argument and conclusions of the manuscript?

Yes

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Are the figures and tables of acceptable quality?

Yes

No

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Is the length of the manuscript appropriate for the clear data presentation?

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Overall rating

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Fair ☐

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Is the overall design appropriate?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are participants studied adequately described and their conditions defined?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Did author(s) provide enough experimental details in order for the experiment to be reproduced?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have the results clearly answered the research question?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the interpretation and conclusion warranted by and derived from the data?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the abstract accurately reflect the contents of the paper?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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