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Congratulations to the authors for the study. I have very little to add. I think it is pertinent to insert the meaning of the acronyms before their insertion. Additionally, I suggest some figure that summarizes the relationship proposed in the review. Although relevant information has been included in the table, its layout is not pretty. These considerations, however, are up to the authors to decide whether or not to comply. They will only increase the chance of citation of the study.

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