The paper is very well written, the trial is comprehensive, and methods were explained in detail. The high level of detail in the data presented is a rare find, and valuable insight in the understanding around SOC dynamics in CA systems. I was unable to find any problems in the manuscript, as far as I can tell the trial layout, sampling and analysis are correct, and the manuscript is written in clear language, that convey the message effectively.

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