

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** The air quality impacts of road closures associated with the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston

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**Reviewer:** Nicolas Gilbert

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General

The study appears to have been initially well designed, but the authors did not carry out any statistical analysis. They nevertheless conclude that the Democratic National Convention had a measurable influence on air pollution levels. This conclusion is not supported by the data presented in the paper.

The authors should carry out statistical analyses to determine whether or not the difference they found between DNC and non-DNC days was significant.

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.