Reviewer’s report

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1. I am still concerned by the many exclusions before analysis of the data. I would recommend that the analysis should first be performed in the entire data set before exclusions, and then a secondary analysis after the exclusions could be performed.

2. In Table 2, the weighted percentages of the population do not seem possible. For each line in which these are given, it seems that they should add up to approximately 100%.