Reviewer's report

Title: Retaining young people in a longitudinal sexual health survey: a randomised controlled trial of strategies to maintain participation

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Reviewer: Edward Trimble

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Major compulsory revisions: none
Minor essential revisions: please add the estimated time it would take participants in the study to complete the questionnaires in waves 1-4
Discretionary revisions: you might want to add to your discussion some thoughts on whether the cash incentives indicate that you are actually paying your participants for their time. At the time of waves 3 and 4, most of the participants will have entered the world of work. Their time, therefore, has real value. In waves 1 and 2, the majority were at school, where students have to fill out forms or sit for tests frequently without any cash incentive.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.