Reviewer's report

Title: Monitoring the level of government trust, risk perception and intention of the general public to adopt protective measures during the influenza A (H1N1) pandemic in the Netherlands

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First of all, I appreciate that the authors made serious efforts to improve the paper. Most of my comments and suggestions are properly addressed. Some of the confusing or unclear writing has also been clarified. I have a few more suggestions to make the paper even more focused and clear.

• Minor Essential Revisions

Some of the variable names seem improper. For one, the authors dealt with fear and worry as separate risk perceptions, but the question wordings do not seem to indicate that they are. For example, the concept of fear is asked as “to what extent are you worried…” Then, why is it fear, not worry? Clarifying the variables may make it necessary to reanalyze the data. Also, please double check all the scales and ranges because they all seem different from one another and inconsistent between text and appendix (e.g., worry). Providing descriptive statistics in table format or in the text would be helpful. Also, some of the variable labels are inconsistent—e.g., personal characteristics or demographic characteristics?

Furthermore, the paper needs trimming. I do understand that the authors wanted to provide more details on the results, but some of them are not significant to readers and therefore do not need to be detailed. Instead of including all the nonsignificant findings in tables, the authors could simply mention the null findings to highlight their significant and important findings.

Discretionary Revisions

Please proofread the manuscript more carefully to catch several spelling errors and misuses of periods instead of commas (e.g., F value in Result).

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

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statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.