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This is a paper dealing with practically important theme but methodologically difficult theme. It is nicely written and should be regarded as a pilot study, or a starting point from which other, more detailed, presumably longitudinal studies will follow. The paper should be published.

The statistical analyses are based on the GEE approach (with exchangeable correlation structure) which quite correctly account for correlation among results of genetically or even behaviorally related persons of the same family (the analyses could be also done using the mixed model framework).

The fact that the missing data presence was substantial (especially if one counts also those nontraceable individuals) is large. It is clear that it is caused by obvious technical difficulties that are hard to overcome. Nevertheless, substantial nonresponse should be listed among study limitations. It would be highly desirable to spent some non-negligible effort in missing data modeling (MAR, ignorability checks) in future studies performed longitudinally.