Reviewer's report

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Minor essential revision:

In my opinion, the authors have adequately addressed the technical issues raised by the reviewers. The only item not explicitly addressed in the modified manuscript is the point about the IRB. The authors state that IRB clearance was not solicited because it is not common practice in Germany for questionnaires and that there was no identifying information in the questionnaires. To avoid future questions, the authors should state this in their paper when they are describing the sample in the methods section. Apart from that I have no further comments.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.