Reviewer’s report

Title: Utility of telephone survey methods in population-based health studies of older adults: An example from the Alberta Older Adult Health Behavior (ALERT) Study.

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It would be informative to have a better description of the random digit dialing. Where are these numbers from? Are they dialled electronically? etc. At times I was confused, e.g. in the Discussion: 85% of participants returned objective data. next sentence say’s 100%?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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