Reviewer's report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

NIL

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 5, paragraph 1: please change "None response" to "Non-response"
Page 5, paragraph 1: please change "Behavioral Risk Factor Survey" to "Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)"
Page 6, paragraph 3: is it possible to provide a reference for the "hundred-bank method". The description of the method sound like this is the Waksburg method but without a reference it is difficult to tell.
Page 13, paragraph 2: please explain acronyms "CATI" and "CASI" in full.
Page 20, Table 1: change in the footnote "NI+" to "NI=".

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

NIL

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests