Reviewer's report

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I have comments for the first paragraph on page 7:
1- "Responders and non did not differ significantly in terms of their mean DAT populations (320,674 vs. 313,078, F=0.03, p=0.86)."
    ----- I think this is a "T test."

2- "Responders did not significantly differ from nonresponders in terms of their estimated PDU rate (PDU 665 vs. per 616 100,000 population, F=1.96, p=0.164)."
    ----- I think this should be a chi square test.

3- "Thus, from the available data, their appears to be no selection bias."
    ----- This sentence is not needed because we are not sure of that.