Reviewer's report

Title: Diagnostic self-tests on body materials among Internet users in the Netherlands: prevalence and correlates of use

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Reporting is much better now. The major concerns were addressed. Language is a bit awkward in the rewritten sections.

Minor Essential Revisions

Page 5 – “The questionnaire has been 8-days online and a reminder was sent to non-responders after 5-days.”
Rephrase, e.g. “The questionnaire remained online for 8 days. A reminder was sent to non-responders after 5-days.

Page 6 – “health-related behaviors”
Behavior (see also spelling – you mix UK and US spelling)

Page 6 – “Chi-square analyses were used to assess”
Chi-square test statistics were used to assess associations..

Page 7 – “Mean age of the respondents was 36.7 years (SD = 13.7), ranging from 12 to 94.”
Mean age .. ranging?

Page 8 – “were bought by “
bought from

Page 8 – “In order to analyze whether self-testers and non-testers differed with respect to the various variables, potential differences in variables between groups were calculated, for women and men”
Simplify sentence, or remove.

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

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

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