Reviewer's report

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Discretionary Revision

1. "Other experience and attitude questions" instead of "other questions" would be more precise (p. 5, paragraph 3).
2. Please provide an argument for that the samples were representative for the Netherlands (p. 6, paragraph 1).
3. Please provide an argument for choosing backwards-stepwise inclusion into the regression model (p. 6, paragraph 4).

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.