Reviewer’s report

Title: Consent for use of personal information for health research: Do people with potentially stigmatizing health conditions and the general public differ in their opinions?

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Reviewer: Delia Outomuro

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It is a very interesting paper that deserves to be published. There is a complete coherence through the article: the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found, the hypotheses are well defined, the methods are appropriate and well described, the discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. A strong point of the article is that the authors disclose the limitations of the work which, in my opinion, do not diminish the value of their work. Also, the research was carried out in the framework with reference at similar researches.

In general, the writing is acceptable and the results are well presented except Table 2 (Regression analysis of consent choice) which may be difficult to understand by whom is not accustomed with statistics.

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- Major Compulsory Revisions. NONE.
- Minor Essential Revisions. NONE.
- Discretionary Revisions: Table 2 (Regression analysis of consent choice) may be difficult to understand by whom is not accustomed with statistics. Perhaps it would be better to expose the results in several tables or figures.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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