Reviewer’s report

Title: Public's attitudes on participation in a biobank for research: An Italian survey.

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Overall the document is improved. The authors made the majority of changes I proposed in my first review. A few additional comments:

1. I pointed out in my first review that "availability" is ambiguous and should probably be changed to "willingness". The authors made this change, but missed a few occurrences (see, for example, Page 10, Line 10 and Page 13, Line 3). This term is also still used on Figure 1.

2. I proposed a revision to the sentence that is now found on page 11 at line 7. The authors attempted a revision, but the sentence remains ambiguous. What does it mean when you say "from point 2 'Protection of confidentiality' the reported percentage refer to 122 subjects"? Could you perhaps just say "All percentages are expressed as percent of non-missing values"?

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: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests