Reviewer's report

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General
Subject enrollment and data collection:
Although the authors report that they did not make any changes to the manuscript, it is interesting to see that they actually made changes by moving the methodology of the subject enrollment and data collection from the results to the methods section. I agree that the results of the recruitment and the data collection should remain in the results section. The current version is appropriate.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

2. Introduction (page 3, para 3): “In this article, …. “ sentence needs to be corrected
3. Table 1: The numbers only add up to 2,936 encounters?
4. The authors are encouraged to carefully check the reference section and comply with the Journal's instructions, e.g., list all authors of an article.
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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.