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Minor essential revisions

1. I am very happy with the revised version of this manuscript and feel that the authors have thoroughly addressed the issues that I previously raised. There are only a couple of minor edits that I suggest. The first is in relation to the reference to the paper by Chittleborough et al on p32. I would reword this to read that they “… found differences by education, employment status and occupation amongst those responding…”.

2. Background, first paragraph, last sentence should read “…but also to the way it is delivered and responded to…”.

3. Background, p7, last sentence of top paragraph should read “…the nature of the response provided by respondents…”

4. Discussion, p8, second-to-last sentence of top paragraph should read “… compared to traditional data collection methods such as paper-based…”

5. IRT should be defined at first use on bottom of page 8.

6. Reference 71, Roberts, needs details of publisher, or internet details if report not published.

7. Reference 73, Chittleborough et al. is volume 8, page 54. “2008, 8:54”.

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

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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