Reviewer's report

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Rereview

This is now a much improved manuscript. The layout is more readable and the focus clearer. The collaboration with the statistician has made a major contribution to its scientific rigor and I would encourage the authors to continue this collaboration with this and future studies.

I have only minor comments:

Minor compulsory revisions

1. P 5 Second para starting “Several eligibility criteria apply .....N/A.....Tables and Captions”: doesn’t look as though it belongs in the manuscript

2. P8 first sentence: there is a reference error followed by half a sentence with text that seems to be missing.

3. P9 last sentence: Where is the proportion of Australians by residence provided? Is there a sentence or small table missing?

Minor discretionary revisions

4. P 11 Suggest replacing the repeated words “moving forward” used at lines 6 and 21.

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