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I am puzzled by the projected 25% missing in “opt-in” – I would assume that people who did not opt-in have by not responding effectively said “no”. Perhaps I misunderstood what the authors were saying, but I would recommend that they clarify what they mean by missing.

They plan to use multiple imputation for some of the missing data – they need to be more specific.

The writing is clear. In some places, however, pronouns and their antecedents do not match and in some places the punctuation is off.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests