Reviewer’s report

Title: Consent to Data Linkage in a Large Online Epidemiological Survey of 18-23 Year Old Australian Women in 2012-13

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This study is timely. The following may improve the readability of the manuscript.

Methods: sample size

Results: N needed

Abstract: consent to which administrative dataset? Demographics? SES? MRN numbers? You may want to use terms such as PHI or potential PHI which may infer level of privacy.

Background: It would be beneficial for the audience if you could clarify 1) what literature concretely reports about consent linkages in the online-based study like yours, 2) what literature concretely reports regarding consent linkages in the face-to-face studies. You somewhat mentioned but there is room to improve in clear communication. Both are completely different and irrelevant in some degree.

103: women- define age category

114: insert "length of questions and range of sample size (url)" instead of "details of the study can be found" phrase. It would look clearer for the audience with the same length of the sentence.

135: specify age range

198: report likelihood with numbers.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?  
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Yes

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