Reviewer’s report

Title: Which online format is most effective for assisting Baby Boomers to complete advance directives? A randomised controlled trial of email prompting versus online education module

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It seems necessary to comment on how far the whole group of participants is probably biased because of the pre-survey all participants received and because of the selection due to the recruiting process: As the participants were recruited by advertisements etc. it is at least possible that they are more open to ADs than the average South Australian citizen. The pre-survey might have the effect of calling the participant's attention to the issue of ADs and thereby influence the willingness to complete an AD. Therefore the AD completion rate of the control group A is possibly higher than in the average population. This should at least be mentioned as a limitation of the study.

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