Reviewer's report

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The authors have addressed the comments from both reviewers.

The only final suggestion I have is to remove the sentence "The rapid expansion of Internet use and increasing online engagement thereby offer new opportunities for the study of hidden population with unprecedented sample sizes and richness of information." from the conclusion. It is true but not proven by the research specifically, and the more precise version of the sentence is already stated in the conclusion in the first sentence.

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