| Category                | Item                                                                 | Reported on Page Number/Line Number | Reported on Section/Paragraph |
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| Title and abstract      | Is the design of the study stated in the title and/or abstract?      | Lines 43-45                        | Abstract Methods             |
| Introduction            | a) Is there an explanation of why the research is necessary, placing the study in context of previous work in relevant fields? | Lines 80 to 84                    | Section 1 Paragraph 1        |
|                        | b) Is the purpose or aim of the paper explained?                     | Lines 84 to 86                    | Section 1 Paragraph 1        |
| Methods                 | a) Is the questionnaire described?                                    | Lines 92-97 and Appendix           | Section 2 Paragraph 1        |
|                        | b) If an existing tool was used, are its psychometric properties presented? | No existing tool was used          | NA                           |
|                        | c) If an existing tool was used, are references to the original work provided? | No existing tool was used          | NA                           |
|                        | d) If a new tool was used, are the procedures used to develop and pre-test provided? | No tool was used                   | NA                           |
|                        | e) If a new tool was used, have its reliability and validity been reported? | No tool was used                   | NA                           |
|                        | f) Is a description of the scoring procedures provided?              | There is no scoring                | NA                           |
| Sample selection        | a) Is there a description of the survey population and the sample frame used to identify this population? | Lines 101 to 106                   | Section 2 Paragraph 2        |
|                        | b) Do the authors provide a description of how representative the sample is of the underlying population? | Lines 102 to 105                   | Section 2 Paragraph 2        |
|                        | c) Is a sample size calculation or rationale/justification for the sample size presented? | No as this is not to do any        | NA                           |
| Survey administration   | a) Mode of administration?                                           | Lines 44-45; Lines 99 to 102       | Abstract Methods, Section 2 Paragraph 2 |
|                        | b) Do the authors provide information on the type of contact and how many attempts were made to contact subjects (i.e., prenotification by letter or telephone, reminder postcard, duplicate questionnaire with reminder)? | Lines 112-114                      | Section 2 Paragraph 2        |
|                        | c) Do the authors report whether incentives were provided (financial or other)? | Lines 111-112                      | Section 2 Paragraph 2        |
|                        | d) Is there a description of who approached potential participants (e.g., identification of who signed the covering letter)? | Line 101                           | Section 2 Paragraph 2        |
| Analysis |  |  |
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| a) Is the method of data analysis described? | Lines 123-124 | Section 3 Paragraph 1 |
| b) Do the authors provide methods for analysis of nonresponse error? | Line 125 | Section 3 Paragraph 1 |
| c) Is the method for calculating response rate provided? | Line 124 | Section 3 Paragraph 1 |
| d) Are definitions provided for complete versus partial completions? | Lines 141-146. Not really | Section 3 Paragraph 3 |
| e) Are the methods for handling item missing data provided? | Line 126 | Section 3 Paragraph 1 |

| Results |  |  |
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| a) Is the response rate reported? | Line 122 | Section 3 Paragraph 3 |
| b) Are all respondents accounted for? | Line 126 | Section 3 Paragraph 2 |
| c) Is information given on how nonrespondents differ from respondents? | No as the response rate is |  |
| d) Are the results clearly presented? | Lines 126-249 | Section 3 all paragraphs |
| e) Do the results address the objective(s)? | Yes, Lines 398-399 | Section 5 Paragraph 1 |

| Discussion |  |  |
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| a) Are the results summarized with reference to the study objectives? | Lines 398-399 | Section 5 Paragraph 1 |
| b) Are the strengths of the study stated? | Lines 400-401 | Section 5 Paragraph 1 |
| c) Are the limitations of the study (taking into account potential sources of bias or imprecision) stated? | Lines 403-433 | Section 5 Paragraph 2 |
| d) Is there explicit discussion of the generalizability (external validity) of the results? | Lines 403-433 | Section 5 Paragraph 2 |

| Ethical quality indicators |  |  |
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| a) Study funding reported? | Line 481 | Acknowledgements |
| b) Research Ethics Board (REB) review reported? | No REB review | NA |
| c) Reporting of subject consent procedures? | No subject consent | NA |

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