

**Additional File 1:** CHERRIES-Checklist for reporting results of Internet-E-Surveys.

Reference: Eysenbach G. (2004) Improving the quality of Web surveys: the Checklist for Reporting Results of Internet E-Surveys (CHERRIES) *J Med Internet Res* 6(3):e34  
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Item Category	Checklist Item	Explanation
Design	Describe survey design	All members of the Swiss Society of General Internal Medicine (SGAIM) were approached by newsletter e-mail combined with postal mailing.
IRB	IRB approval	Yes
	Informed consent	On the front page of the online survey, participants were informed about the presumed duration for filling in. All their answers were stored on the SurveyMonkey website and are available there up to now. All authors of study were investigators. The aim of our study (to develop RIAs for ambulatory general medicine with substantial involvement of Swiss GPs from the beginning) was clearly stated in the invitation and in the introductory text on the website. By starting the survey procedure, participants declared to consent to participate.
	Data protection	Guaranteed by the responsible researchers' personal login to the SurveyMonkey account with user name and password
Development and pretesting	Development and testing	The survey items were constructed by the research team and pasted into the SurveyMonkey area by the responsible researcher. Procedure and items of the survey were pre-tested, adapted and approved by the research team.
Recruitment process and description of the sample having access to the questionnaire	Open survey versus closed survey	Open survey
	Contact mode	Newsletter e-mailing and postal mailing
	Advertising the survey	announcement of the survey in the official SGAIM journal "Primary and Hospital Care".
Survey administration	Web/E-mail	SurveyMonkey Tool
	Context	SurveyMonkey is a website for constructing, storing and analysing online surveys. The administrator can design the length, the kind of information provided and the type of questions & answers. The maximal number of participants was restricted by the number of SGAIM members approached. The website appearance is neutral and is not suggesting any opinion, which was also true for the mailing design.
	Mandatory/ Voluntary	Voluntary

	Incentives	In the round 1, participants got an incentive of CHF 25 per e-banking. In the second round, we provided 10 iPads (or 10 x CHF 500, alternatively) given by chance.
	Time/Date	Round 1: 27.11.2018 – 15.12.2018 Round 2: 25.06.2019 – 15.07.2019
	Randomization of items or questionnaires	The 16 items for round 2 were presented in a randomized order (not ranked by frequency as resulted from round 1)
	Number of items	Round 1: two fill-in boxes and an additional (voluntary) third box for remarks Round 2: 16 items to rate
	Number of screens (pages)	4 (in each of the two rounds)
	Completeness check	In case of incomplete answers, there was an alert like «an answer is required» before the participation could be continued. We did not provide alternative answers like «cannot answer to this» or «don't know»
	Review step	Participants had the option to switch between pages by using «go back to» and «proceed» buttons, and to change answers.
Response rates	Unique site visitor	Only participants or visitors completing at least the first page and proceeding to the next page were counted. Thus, calculation of views or participation rates is not possible.
	Completion rate	Round 1: 0.4 (German speaking participants) to 0.65 (French speaking participants) Round 2: 0.97 to 0.98, respectively
Preventing multiple entries from the same individual	Cookies used	Only one participation per device was possible, using cookies for this purpose.
	IP check	IP identification of participants were collected and compared, which guaranteed to avoid multiple participation.
	Log file analysis	See above. Participants had the option of multiple participation only if they deleted cookies from their device or if they accessed the survey website from another device.
	Registration	No registration required (open survey)
Analysis	Handling of incomplete questionnaires	Participants' data were included only if they completed at least the mandatory questions. Participants who dropped out before completing the mandatory part were not included in the analysis. Participants with obviously false answers were excluded.
	Questionnaires submitted with an atypical timestamp	Average time of access was recorded, but there was no cut-off for a minimal time required.
	Statistical correction	Was not used