Appendix B

Checklist for Reporting Results of Internet E-Surveys (CHERRIES)

Item Category	Checklist Item	Explanation
Design	Describe survey design	Target population: a nationally representative sample of the American public as per US Census figures. Survey topics included feelings of isolation, attitudes toward fatalism, overall life satisfaction, social media use and participation, awareness of IBD including stigmas associations with IBD and IBD symptoms, and knowledge of 12 low-barrier facts about IBD. The IBD knowledge survey was designed by a team of subject matter experts including IBD clinicians and researchers from the Boston University Medical Center.
IRB approval & informed consent process	IRB approval	
	Informed consent	
	Data protection	No personal identifying information was collected.
Development and pre-testing	Development and testing	This study was prompted, in part, by earlier findings by the lead author regarding the dynamic role of social media in public awareness of antimicrobial resistance. Indexes investigating personal characteristics and media consumption were built upon a series of already validated instruments. The questionnaire regarding IBD knowledge was developed by a team of subject matter experts including IBD clinicians and researchers from the Boston University Medical Center.
Recruitment process and description of the sample having access to the questionnaire	Open survey versus closed survey	
	Contact mode	
	Advertising the survey	

Survey	Web/Email
administration	
	Context
	Mandatory/voluntary
	Incentives
	Time/Date
	Randomizations of
	items or
	questionnaires
	Adaptive questioning
	Number of items
	Number of screens
	Completeness check
	Review step
Response	Unique site visitor
rates	
	View rate (Ration
	unique site
	visitors/unique
	survey visitors)
	Participation rate
	(Ratio unique survey
	page visitors/agreed
	to participation)
	Completion rate (Ratio agreed to
	participate/finished
	survey)
Preventing	Cookies used
multiple	
entries from	
the same	
individual	
	IP check
	Log file analysis
Analysis	Handling of
	incomplete
	questionnaires
	Questionnaires
	submitted with an
	atypical time stamp
	Statistical correction

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