Reviewer's report

**Title:** Factors influencing recruitment to research: qualitative study of the experiences and perceptions of research teams

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This is a timely and relevant article, clear and with salience beyond RTC studies. A MINOR REVISION: the exact partial minutes of an interview is not necessary in qualitative research...just round off.

DISCRETIONARY: The authors might want to address the issue of cultural factors and recruitment of ethnically diverse participants a bit more. This critical issue, culture and ethnicity, might need more consideration, and if data are not available, then some further discussion. There are articles in the literature which would advise this issue.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have NO competing interests.