Reviewer's report

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Responsive to suggestions for compulsory and minor essential revisions.

A relevant, targeted, and timely piece for investigators working with practice based research networks and quality improvement programs.

If I have understood this situation, the human subjects review board's requirement of "arms length recruitment" had a huge, adverse effect on this project. If this is so, it would be an even more important and citable paper if this were drawn out as a clear statement.

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 that I have no competing interests.