Reviewer’s report

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Dear Sir

Re MS: 1013009242435563
Effectiveness and cost of recruitment strategies for a community-based randomised controlled trial among rainwater drinkers Shelly Rodrigo, Martha Sinclair, David Cunliffe and Karin Leder

Thank you for the opportunity to review the changes made to the above manuscript in response to my comments. The authors have addressed the comments adequately and the paper is now clearer. I have 3 minor comments about the changes made.

Comment 1: Personally I feel that “specific requirements for eligibility” and the sampling frame are two separate issues. Maybe “, particularly” should be replaced by and.

Comment 3:
I feel the second part of this sentence needs a reference.

Discretionary
Comment 5:
I think the authors have missed the point here, but it is not an essential change. The point I was getting at was that it was more important for their study to optimise the internal validity; so while generalisability (external validity) may be reduced, this is weighed up again to the need to ensure the internal validity.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'