Reviewer's report

Title: Unique characteristics of Korean cancer patients: the perception of clinical trials

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Reviewer: Andrew Vickers

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This is an interesting study but is often poorly reported.

major comments

a) Reflect on the participation rate for the conclusions of your study. Surely the 67% who responded to the questionnaire are much more likely to join a clinical trial than those who refused even to fill in a questionnaire? How might estimates change if you took into account those who refused to take part?

minor comments

a) Use appropriate levels of precision. No need to use decimal places in percentages or more than 1 decimal place in VAS results. Use only one significant figure in p values (e.g. 0.8 not 0.823)
b) Figure 1 includes impossible values (e.g. -5)
c) don't report means and medians
d) report standard deviations with means
e) put the questionnaire in an appendix rather than in the body of the paper.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'