Reviewer's report

Title: Factors complicating asthma care for ethnic minority children: a qualitative study among care providers

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This study has as its objectives to explore the factors that complicate asthma care in ethnic minority children and to use the results towards developing cultural competency training curriculum. The study identified non-adherance as the major problem. However, the authors point out that it is a general problem and not specific to ethnic minority children. In addition it is a well recognised problem in asthma management. The discussion on cultural competency training was based on what the respondents did not mention and existing literature. Therefore, this study adds very little to what is already known about this research question.

1. Ethnic minority children: As the audience of the paper is an international one, it would have been useful to know the ethnic composition of the minority children.

2. Respondents: The sample of respondents were all, I presume, are White and from Netherlands. The authors should have included a few care providers from ethnic minorities. The homogeneity of the sample could explain the limited variations in responses and rapid saturation. A table giving details of the respondents, like experience, % ethnic minority children treated etc., would have been useful.

3. Topic list: The topic list could have included some of the topics on cultural competence which authors discuss.

4. Framework: More details are required especially about Seeleman's cultural competency model.

5. Results: Could have included more details and quotes.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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