Author's response to reviews

Title: What motivates British parents to consent for research? A questionnaire study

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Dear Dr Lolu da-Silva,

Please find below our responses to the addition points raised by the referees detailing the changes made to the manuscript.

Responses to reviewer's comments

Reviewer - Alan R Tait

Thank you for your further comments regarding our manuscript. We have detailed below our responses to your discretionary revisions:

Discretionary Revisions
1. We have added a sentence in the first paragraph of the discussion on the reason for parents declining consent and stated that lack of understanding of the information presented may be an important reason for this.

Reviewer - Christine Grady

Thank you for comments regarding our manuscript, they were very helpful. We have detailed below our responses to your specific points:

Major Comments:
1. We have amended the first sentence of the discussion to highlight that the findings are only related to the present study and its population. We have also amended how the studies in France and the USA are referred to in the text to indicate they are only single studies from that country to which we have compared our results.
2. We have amended the sentence structure in the paragraphs on pages 5 and 7 to make them clearer and easier to read, as suggested.

Minor Comments:
1. We have changed p.8 end of first paragraph to say "the PIVOT study recruitment rate" and have added a reference relating to the statement on extra blood and immunisations being reasons for non enrolment.
2. I have not added any further comments on the parents who felt there were disadvantages to taking part in the study as this would lengthen the discussion and the numbers were small. Of those parents that felt obliged to participate we did not ask any further reasoning behind this so it is hard to extrapolate on it in the discussion.

We hope that we have satisfactorily addressed the comments of the reviewers and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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