Reviewer's report

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Discretionary Revisions

The paper “Young patients', parents', and survivors' communication preferences in paediatric oncology: Results of online focus groups” is a good paper. The questions posed by the authors are new (no similar data are, so far, reported in the literature) and very well defined. Method is appropriate and properly described as well as the obtained results. Discussion and conclusions are well balanced and enough supported by the data. Title and abstract accurately convey what has been found. Writing is more than acceptable.

Two suggestions are addressed to make the message reported in the paper more efficient and precise as discretionary revision:

1. Table 1: huge difference between approached and participated participants. The authors explained the reason, but it should be better to have their comment on it to help others who wish to replicate the study to overcome the gap.

2. Conclusions: it should be better to specify in few sentences the point of view of the authors, how they suggest to approach the problem, looking at the results of this study.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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,