Reviewer's report

Title: Care for Amish and Mennonite Children with Cystic Fibrosis; A Case Series

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The manuscript lacks a clear statement of the problem and presents no evidence regarding the extent of the problem and associated issues. Some basic demographic information regarding the number of Amish and Mennonite families across the US and the incidence and prevalence of CF in this population, for example, would help to provide a context for the information presented.

2. The conclusions presented in the paper are brief and cursory. It seems to me that this study has implications for culturally sensitive care among broader populations as well.

3. This qualitative study presents good information regarding how to better serve the specific families mentioned, however, I think it would useful and of interest to a broader audience if the authors could broaden their discussion of the implications of this study for other groups that might have religious or other objections to standard medical treatments.

4. I appreciate the qualitative nature of this study, however, it would be good to have some sort of information to back up the statement that appears on the second to the last page of the manuscript, "and helps these families to seek care perhaps sooner than the otherwise would". Even quotes from the families would lend credibility to these types of statements.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page numbers would be helpful for reference.

2. Background (p1) remove extra "of" at end of 2nd paragraph. Review paper for minor edits throughout.

3. Be careful with terms like "TOBI" without an explanation.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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