Reviewer's report

Title: Influences on visit retention in clinical trials: Insights from qualitative research during the VOICE trial in Johannesburg, South Africa

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On the whole I think this is a really nice piece of work, which contributes greatly to understanding of the experience of participation in a trial and the facilitators and barriers to adherence to study protocol.

Discretionary Revisions

1. There is a p value cited in the description of the sample, but no description of tests used are included in the data analysis section. It would be nice to have this information if possible.

2. I wonder whether a mention of the recently published paper by Ware et al might benefit the manuscript. Their's as a similar qualitative exploration of reasons for non attendance, but in Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda. There are interesting similarities and differences between the two papers.

http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001369#abstract

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