Reviewer's report

**Title:** Bridging the gap: conceptual accounts and research practice in empirical medical ethics

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This article is very interesting for researchers doing empirical ethics - it gives a profound overview and discussion of the literature and studies in the field. This is a valuable contribution.

Major compulsory revisions:

However, I do not find the authors own account on how to bridge the gap between the normative and the empirical clear. I miss a clear description on how to set up a concrete study that actually bridges the gap and a description on why exactly this study does this.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'