Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Understanding and Retention of informed consent process among Parents in a Rural Northern Ghana

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**Reviewer:** Sassy S Molyneux

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Major compulsory revisions:

1 - The introduction could be shortened and sharpened further. Eg remove most of the second paragraph, and merge and simplify the now third and fourth paragraphs.

2 - The study design is one very long paragraph. Could be broken down with several key sub-headings or issues of interest?

3 - I would still argue for the need for an illustration of the questions asked because it is essential to understand the meaning of the answers and the rest of the paper. Table 2 and the Figure do not assist the reader to understand really what the participants were being asked/responding. See previous reviews of mine.

4 - The discussion has been expanded as requested but is now unnecessarily lengthy. It could be substantially reduced without losing any of the key points. I would suggest that three or four key points are made (a paragraph each or so), after a simple paragraph on the limitations, and that there is a concluding paragraph on what further research might be conducted.

**What next?:** Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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 compete interests