Reviewer’s report

Title: Paucity of qualitative research in general medical and health services and policy research journals: Analysis of publication rates

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No further revisions needed.
Documenting the paucity of qualitative research published in top journals is itself useful as it opens the door to subsequent assessment of why this is so and what subject matters are consequently not being investigated or adequately understood using conventional methods of inquiry.

I concur with the remark of another reviewer that it would have been useful to ask why the BMJ has chosen to carry - and indeed promote - qualitative approaches to research.

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