Reviewer's report

**Title:** Why is recruitment to end-of-life research in primary care still so difficult? A comparison of recruitment of older patients and carers across three English NHS regions.

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**Reviewer:** Allison Williams

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The paper at issue has been reviewed and by my account, is acceptable for publication with minor essential revisions, specific to the specificity of reporting on both the US and UK regulations/ethics/data availability, etc. (in the beginning of the paper); the reason for including the US information here is unclear given that the studies of concern all took place in the UK. The reason may be to generalize the assertions of the paper, which can be similarly made for Canada and Australia/New Zealand. This minor revision can easily be tackled by the team.

**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.