Reviewer's report

Title: The challenges of multi-centred clinical trials in neonatal units

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This is a nicely written paper describing the trials and tribulations of establishing the necessary permissions to carry out a multicentre trial in the UK regulatory setting. It demonstrates the weakness of the system, that of independent trusts demanding their own rules and conditions of researchers.

The paper is short, clear and to the point. The diagram is useful and the references are appropriate. I can find no textual changes I think are necessary.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests