Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions:
Para 2, line 2. "Everyone looses" should be "Everyone loses"
Para 6, line 4. "academy" should be "academia"

Discretionary revisions: one of the most major developments in this area have been the creation of the NIHR CRN which is driving the recovery of clinical research in the UK. It is also tackling some of the other obstacles (such as excessive research governance bureaucracy) which impede clinical research in the UK. Although this is referred to obliquely in the text, I think it merits an explicit discussion.

Minor point: does the NHS provide care for one of the largest populations on earth? The UK is small, although the NHS is a large care-provider.

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