Reviewer’s report

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**Reviewer:** Martin Tickle

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Major compulsory revisions

Although the authors have acknowledged the compulsory revisions requested in the discussion they have not adequately addressed them. Further data collection is required to make a contribution to the literature about recruitment of children into trials outside the specifics of the FiCTION trial and to satisfy concerns about saturation. The latter point is a particular concern as parents who refused to participate were not interviewed.

The authors accept the need for further qualitative research in the main trial. The main decision is whether this paper is sufficient to be accepted as a stand alone publication or that the preliminary findings should be built on through additional data collection in the main trial.

**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 have no competing interests