Reviewer's report

Title: Developing a survey of barriers and facilitators to recruitment in randomised controlled trials

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The authors reported on the development of a survey tool to establish the recruitment experience of clinical teams regarding facilitators and barriers to recruitment in a clinical trial.

The method of developing the questionnaire which might be useful is presented.

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However, there is nothing in this manuscript which can be used to assess if this would indeed be a useful tool or not. The authors’ state that the survey instrument has been used to investigate the recruitment experience of clinical teams in the MAGNETIC trial – how well did this tool elicit facilitators and barriers in this trial?

The conclusion should be more along the line of the usefulness of this tool to monitor and improve recruitment performance in trials to completion to gather information on facilitators and barriers to recruitment should be assessed in other clinical trials.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None Known