Reviewer's report

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

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**Reviewer:** Haleema Shakur

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This manuscript has been significantly edited which has improved the clarity of its aims and objectives. The methodology has now emerged in this version whereas in the previous version, it was difficult to see clearly what had been done.

The more cautious conclusion which recognises the need for appropriate trial specific adaption is more in line with the study presented.

Discretionary revision - I am still concerned that it concludes that ‘It can be used in any clinical setting or speciality involving adults or children and can be modified by adding trial specific issues’. I would suggest that its usefulness in other clinical trial settings still needs to be established.

**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:**

None