Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical drug trials in general practice: a ten-year overview of protocols

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I am happy for the article to be accepted after the changes below are made:

Minor essential Revisions.

Abstract, Conclusions: Please summarise main conclusion here and remove statements to do with methods, such as "We describe a study with several..."

Background, Paragraph 1 - "in acceptable proportions" can be re-phrased as "proportionate".

Methods, Paragraph 1 - "Some more details" should be stated as "More detail"

Results, Case Study - "Some more details" should be stated as "More detail is given"

Discussion, Paragraph 4 - Amend sentence to "However, a NUMBER of GPs were involved in quite a FEW trials..."

Conclusions - Suggest rephrasing sentence 6 as follows: "It raises the important ethical considerations with regard to exposing patients to unnecessary risks in either, an inordinately large or a small, under-powered trial."

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

None to declare