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Title: Learning from older peoples' reasons for participating in demanding, intensive epidemiological studies: A qualitative study

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This qualitative research interviewed a series of older people who participated in a demanding research study involving physician screening, long travel, and a muscle biopsy. The people were highly motivated and this do not represent typical research participants. For this reason, it is unfortunate that the researchers were unable to interview older adults from the parent cohort who declined to participate. Would their motivation for participation in research differ? An interesting question is what level of motivation is needed for participating in studies that differ in invasiveness, discomfort, and commitment. Still, the conclusions from the research seem reasonable: barriers to participation can be substantially lowered with careful outreach and accessibility.

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