Reviewer’s report

Title: Obstacles to recruitment in paediatric studies focusing on mental health in a physical health context: The experiences of clinical gatekeepers in an observational cohort study

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This article was very well written and interesting. I would assume it applies to so many settings. It makes me want to replicate this study. And it was written about a place that does a lot of research already and people want to work there because of this; yet it sounds like there can be too much research going on, at times.

It provides a cautionary tale for all of us. I have no suggestions for the manuscript for improvement.

Well done.

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