Reviewer’s report

Title: Brain donation in psychiatry: results of a Dutch prospective donor program among psychiatric cohort participants

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The study by de Lange and colleagues investigates recruitment rates for brain donation among cohorts of patients with psychiatric disorders. The manuscript is well written and the results clearly presented. The major finding that a face-to-face approach yields a greater number of recruits supports experience in the field.

What is missing from the manuscript is some contextualisation of the findings in relation to current literature. Indeed, the entire discussion cites only one reference. How do the enrollment frequencies compare with other psychiatric cohorts, or neurological cohorts? How do the findings sit with what has been reported on attitudes/decisions to consent.

The issue of capacity to consent in psychiatric cohorts is not addressed. This has bearing on those that were approached by post.

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