Reviewer's report

Title: Engaging families in physical activity research: A family-based focus group study

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Thank you for allowing me to review this well written manuscript on an issue relevant to all researchers who attempt to recruit families. The manuscript is succinct which contributes to its readability and delivers its simple, yet important messages on the topic well. Whilst the participants are not representative of the population, which does limit generalizability, this manuscript still allows an insight into recruiting families that is of importance for researchers involved in family-based research. I have only one minor suggestion for revision.

Major Compulsory Revisions
Nil

Minor Essential Revisions
Nil

Discretionary Revisions
1. For consistency, when describing the SES percentage of families in the results section, include number of families in brackets – eg: 89% (15 families), as the follow on sentences describes the other two families, which, whilst the maths is easy enough to work out, impacts on readability.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests