Reviewer’s report

Title: Professionals' experiences with pediatric colonoscopy: an interview study (Original Article)

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PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS: To view the full report from the academic peer reviewer, please see the attached file.

REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: The authors detail a qualitative study investigating HCP experiences of assisting with paediatric colonoscopy.

The objective is clearly stated.

The results describe clear themes determined from interviews with HCP staff, highlighting issues and weaknesses

The study area is relatively novel, with opportunities for improving patient and carer experiences.

The study is well referenced.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

I struggled in places to follow the language, e.g. in the abstract conclusion, and I think the manuscript would benefit from further review of the medical English to ensure composition, word order, and grammar are clear.

There are one or two places where this may impact on interpretation, e.g. page 4, first para, is IBD in 25% of all adolescents, or those undergoing a scope? Surely not the former. Wording could be clearer here and elsewhere.

It felt like there is some mild repetition of points in the results.

The big point for me is a 'so what' i.e. what should happen next? Issues are identified, but there is little discussion of recommendations resulting from these. Concrete quality improvement points based on the findings would be helpful, perhaps in a table. What needs to happen, what could be tested, who should do it, how could it be done?
e.g. how can HCPs get more knowledge, how could cooperation be improved?

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

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**Are the methods appropriate and well described?**
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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Yes

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No

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