Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluating patient experiences in decentralised acute care using the Picker Patient Experience Questionnaire; methodological and clinical findings

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Reviewer: Suzanne Fredericks

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The study is one which is interesting; however what is the rationale for examining patients experiences in MAW? The reason for this study has not been clearly explicated. Also, why examine experiences using a quantitative design. Won't you get more information about the phenomenon of interest by doing a qualitative design. What is the impact of this study? What are the benefits of this type of study? This needs to be clearly explained.

The present study doesn't seem to add anything new or innovative to the existing literature. Collecting data on patient experience using a questionnaire doesn't seem to be the best approach.

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