Reviewer’s report

Title: "Recruitment, recruitment, recruitment" - the need for more focus on retention: A qualitative study of five trials

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Reviewer: David Ellard

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Thank you for inviting me to review this interesting article.

This is a qualitative study looking at recruitment and attrition in trials and the things that team do to try and maximise this.

Those of us involved in clinical trials are very familiar with this problem and we would all like the magic wand that makes it alright.

This is a timely and interesting study whilst not giving us that magic wand gives us hope that there are things that we can do to keep our attrition rates low.

The researcher have kept this study simple and as a result it has been well executed. Its a shame that a few more of the studies didn't take part but I guess we researchers are busy people.

The data are presented well without making too much out of it. I think this is a useful paper for trialists

I wish the authors well with future work

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