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: Patrick Musonda

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The article deals with pertinent issues in randomized controlled trials and how researchers can minimize loss to follow up. Overall, the paper used a qualitative approach which I think was reasonable for this kind of study so as to tease out the "why" and "how" can we deal with the problem of attrition in RCTs.

It is reasonably well written paper, I found no issues and as such I am recommending publication without any revisions. Much of the reported issues are what individuals said with respect to focus groups, it is really difficult to dispute any of their findings.

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