Reviewer's report

Title: Missed opportunities for impact in patient and carer involvement: a mixed methods case study of research priority setting

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I felt this was a well written report exploring an interesting aspect of service user/carer involvement in research. It focused on one aspect how views of what is treatment had influenced the design of research questions. It demonstrated how a narrow medical view of treatment can skew what is chosen to put forward. I would have liked this aspect to be explored further maybe comparing how this had been addressed in other conditions involved in the James Lind approach. I also wondered if participants had been asked what they felt about their research question being rejected. Is it important to define what medical treatment means so that the questions are more likely to be accepted or as was stated change some aspects within the process to include a more 'holistic' view of medical treatment?

It was useful to see this question addressed in such a thoughtful way.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests