Reviewer’s report

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Firstly I’m pleased to say I enjoyed very much reading and reviewing this paper. I think there is a huge space for usability of the learnings and appreciate the extent of the contribution allowed to patients.

However, I don’t think involvement and engagement are interchangeable words, while involvement may have a deeper and more meaningful contribution, allowing patients to actively participate across the different phases of a given Project, the term "engagement" usually stands (in practice) for having patients inputs but not necessarily taken into account to shape the final learnings. I understand that for this study you will interchange the terms but I don’t think it helps to modify the real-life practice. There is an space to criticize the way it works, as some only try to click the checkbox "patients present in the discussion..."before moving to your research and findings.

Everytime you mention "other stakeholders", specially at the beginning of the article, it is not clear to me the range or scope, who and what for may be useful to understand better from the beginning and align expectations.

Apart of that it is perfect!

Looking forward to hearing from you and contributing with you in the near future. Currently I work for Lymphoma Coalition which is based in Toronto, Canada. I wonder how we can partner in the near future.

I wish you lot of success with this research!

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