Reviewer’s report

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1) It seems strange that no Ethics Approval of the project was obtained since patients are vulnerable and their rights should be protected. No explanation was given why it was not sought or why it was excluded. Was it for time constraints? or for other reasons? If so, these should be listed.

2) Although in the preliminary investigations the patient suggested that face2face was the best preference for this study. Contrary to this most interviews were conducted through focus groups. In my opinion, if this study was carried out face2face, a more honest set of replies would have been obtained since the patients would have been more at ease during to answer confidential questions.

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