Reviewer’s report

Title: Patients’ and researchers’ experiences with a patient board for a clinical trial on urinary tract infections

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It's a quality work with few changes to make

I have 2 changes to ask:

First, about goals of the study.

Aim of this study isn't real clear, in introduction (L. 98 to 103) you talk about "elucidate the perspectives of patients and researchers..." and after, like if you were talking about a secondary goal "We not only wanted to learn about the challenges faced when conducting effective PPI, but also discussed the patients' and researchers' experiences with the patient board, taking their views on their initial motivation and expectations into consideration" When reading, it a bit blury : is the challenges your first goal and experiences your secondary ?

On discussion (L. 359 to 365), it's not the same, there's no distinction between challenges and experiences

It would be better to change both to make it clear.

Second, about INVOLVE's recommendation

You talk about it (L. 472) like a reference but it's nowere else on the paper and it's not developed, why choose it ? What do you mean by co-production ? They did it on the same time ? You were working with them ?

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