Reviewer’s report

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Good Morning Dr. Vogsen,

Thank you for submitting a very interesting paper. I did enjoy reading it and was delighted to see that using patient input was able to increase your sample size and that the attitudes of researchers changed with time. This is the first time that I've seen a quantitative measurement of the impact of patient involvement which I think in this case is significant.

Where I felt a bit disappointed was in the analysis of what it was about the Patient representatives that allowed you to achieve such results. I'm certain that if you had worked with patients with a different personality type or approach to collaboration, that you would have had a very different outcome. I don't feel that you touched on this at all and as a consequence, a crucial part of the overall picture is missing.

it would be good to know what characteristics you would chose of patient representatives in future studies so that it will help others to achieve the same positive outcomes as you did.

Keep up the great work, it's so critical that you continue to work in this way.

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