Reviewer’s report

Title: Value and learning from carer involvement in a cluster randomised controlled trial and process evaluation - Organising Support for Carers of Stroke Survivors (OSCARSS)

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Reviewer: Cindy Mann

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I very much enjoyed reading this paper and congratulate the authors on a clearly written engaging account of the PCPI in the OSCARSS study. The conclusions they draw relate clearly to the results and the work is, as they suggest, a useful example in encouraging other health researchers to engage enthusiastically in PCPI, as well as providing useful recommendations about what facilitates engagement and contributes to success.

I suggest a couple of minor revisions:

1. The description of the analysis is currently very thin. It would benefit from a little more detail about the process between initial coding and arriving at final themes.

2. I would like an explanation of the identifying letter and number at the end of each quote.

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