Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of community engagement and social support on the outcomes of HIV-related meningitis clinical trials in a resource-limited setting

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Reviewer: Rodney Basford

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Your research project was about cryptococcal meningitis as evidenced in the title. However, you seek publication in a journal dedicated to Patient Public Involvement. Therefore it would seem that the reference to cryptococcal meningitis in the title is secondary.

Perhaps a better title, which could garner a wider readership could be "Impact of community engagement and social support on the outcomes of clinical trials involving an intrusive procedure, in a resource-limited setting", given that there are many other intrusive procedures where the steps taken by you would be relevant.

It is suggested that the keyword list include, 'Patient Public Involvement' and 'PPI' as well as "Community engagement; social support"; and 'lumbar puncture'. Also, 'cryptococcal meningitis' if it does not remain in the title.

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