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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	CHILDREN'S VIEWS ON RESEARCH WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS: A UK QUALITATIVE STUDY
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VERSION 1 – REVIEW

REVIEWER	Kristien Hens Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium
REVIEW RETURNED	17-Apr-2018

GENERAL COMMENTS	This is a good paper based on qualitative research with children who have experience with emergency care, on their views on participating in research without prior consent. As such, it fills a gap in knowledge, as the opinions of children have been traditionally largely ignored. I had no real comments on methodology, results or discussion. Maybe a formal definition of assent could be given in the introduction for those not familiar with this terminology.
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REVIEWER	Karen Goddard BC Cancer, Vancouver Center Canada
REVIEW RETURNED	23-Apr-2018

GENERAL COMMENTS	Interesting and unique work - it would be worthwhile exploring this question further in adolescent patients alone
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

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Response: We would like to thank the reviewer for their comments. We have added a definition of assent to the background section.

Reviewer 2

Interesting and unique work - it would be worthwhile exploring this question further in adolescent patients alone

Response: We would like to thank reviewer 2 for their suggestion on exploring this question further with adolescent patients and can confirm we aim to explore this in the future.

Editorial office comments:

You have cited reference #29 right after reference #26 and reference number #34 right after 31 which makes your citations incorrect. Please review again your main document and ensure that all references will be cited and will appear in ascending order.

Response: We have refreshed endnote and can confirm that the reference numbers are now in ascending order unless the reference has been used in an earlier part of the document.

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- Response: this additional detail has been added

We have also addressed the other submission queries raised.