**Manuscript evaluation guidelines**Title: **Who should participate in CHIMs and how should they be compensated? (2792)**

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The authors have identified important issues concerning participant selection in CHIM studies and discuss critical issues around the same.

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The issues around CHIM studies have been studied and expressed in various forms by many. However, the authors have summarized the issues with relevant literature to support and discussed the way forward in a cohesive manner.

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It may be useful to introduce what are CHIM studies (understand that this paper adds to a theme issue on CHIM; hope an introductory paper presents the same), state how they differ from clinical research studies, enlist the key issues and then present them one by one. Currently there is a need for improving clarity in the presentation of the issues (may be useful to use the same language in the presentation of the issues in the initial paragraph and then use the same latter when each issue is discussed) and the proposed three points (motivation for participation; selection criteria; and compensation) the discussion that follows. It may be useful to make consolidated table for the three points (point; sub-point; discussion/debate, recommendation). It may be useful to restrict to CHIM-specific historical and ethical issues from studies and reviews on the same than citing historically important ethics related case studies which have been useful for general issues around ethical conduct of research.   
  
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