Reviewer's report

Title: Blood spot collection as an alternative for participation in genetic association studies

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The author gives an account of the factors which might affect the willingness of patients in participation in the dried blood spot genetic study. However, the findings in this study give little impact on the current clinical practice.

The author concluded in page 9 that "this study demonstrates that dried blood spots are an acceptable and effective method for collecting blood samples for genetic studies". However, the author did not give an account of the "quality" of the dried blood spots and any discomfort/difficulties experienced by the patients.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests