Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary Revisions

The authors should describe how they recruited the subjects of a total of 7,263 unrelated women of childbearing age with normal hearing and without family history of hearing loss.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.