Reviewer's report

**Title:** Survey of policy for MRSA screening in English cataract surgical units and changes to practice after updated National guidelines

**Version:** 2  
**Date:** 18 November 2013

**Reviewer:** Aidila Jabbari

**Reviewer's report:**

1. Suggest to use a table to show the similarities or differences between 2004 and 2007 studies ie although there was not much differences between the number of units that screened for MRSA (55% vs 66%), more units were screening patients who were from nursing home etc (see Results: comparison with Second survey), sample site for screening and perceived treatment responsibility. Otherwise, it can be quite confusing.

2. Strengthen the study by finding out whether there has ever been a study to see percentage of patients from nursing home requiring/had undergone cataract surgery and/or the increasing number of cataract patients referred from nursing home to show burden of disease ie we are likely to see more patients from nursing home therefore need to increase screening etc. I have not come across any articles of this sort.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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 interests