Reviewer's report

Title: Tehran Eye Study: research design and eye examination protocol

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The paper is an outline of a population survey of visual impairment in Tehran, Iran. It correctly computes the required sample size to determine a prevalence of 0.02 with a s.e. of 0.005, and makes a reasonably founded correction for the design effect and possible nonparticipation. A minor point would be to define the symbols that are used in the formula for sample size calculation.

It is not possible with my background to evaluate the description of the ophthalmological procedures proposed.

Competing interests:

None declared.