Reviewer’s report

Title: Hospital admissions in older people with visual impairment in Britain

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1. I fail to see why is knowing whether patients with vision impairment have elevated rates of hospital admission interesting and important. What clinical insight does this provide? What is the public health relevance?

2. What evidence do the authors have that people with a MMSE score of less than 12 provide inaccurate visual acuity measurements?

3. What statistical technique did the authors use to compare length of stay (LOS)? I suspect LOS is not normally distributed and thus parametric techniques would not be appropriate.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.