Reviewer’s report

Title: Convective burn from use of hairdryer for heel warming prior to the heel prick test - a case report

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The only major revision would be to delete pictures which add little to the message

Minor revisions include:

* Indicate why all UK babies have heel prick (presumably metabolic screening) which may be done in hospital or at home.
* Indicate method of literature review (database, key words, limits)
* Although the principle issue for this report is not pain with heel sticks, as the authors have indicated this there should be reference to methods to reduce pain (eg. oral sucrose) which might also be included in accreditation (There is reference to use of automated devices for safe skin penetration).
* Reference #6 relates to NICU care rather than a public health issue and should be eliminated or expanded to indicate what specific management may reduce deleterious effects and complications if applied to public health screening (See also above).

As a discretionary revision:

* I am not aware that rubbing (presumably the heel) is safe or recommended although there is information on the benefits of prior leg massage to reduce pain response.

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.

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