Reviewer’s report

Title: Pain and Stress Assessment After Retinopathy of Prematurity Screening Examination: Indirect Ophthalmoscopy vs. Digital Retinal Imaging

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This is well written article that clearly demonstrates there is less pain at time of eye examination with digital retinal imaging than with standard indirect ophthalmoscopy.

The article is much too long, but its conclusions, although self-evident, are important.

A potential drawback to the study is that the digital retinal imaging was performed initially in all infants and the standard eye examination subsequently after 3 to 5 days, but as suggested by the authors, this is unlikely to have affected the results.

The article should be significantly shortened before it is accepted for publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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 interests