Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of the feasibility and coverage of a modified universal hearing screening protocol for use with newborn babies of migrant workers in Beijing

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Major Compulsory Revisions

None

Minor Essential Revisions

The following information provided by the authors should be reflected in their manuscript under Discussion to justify one advantage of their modified protocol.

"We found that 2169 infants would have missed the inpatient hearing screening based on the recommended protocol, out of which 492 didn’t pass the inpatient hearing screening. Thus result 492 infants suspected to have permanent childhood hearing impairment would have been omitted without the earlier OAE screening test at 24-48 hours. The final status could not be ascertained as they left hospital about 48 hours."

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.