Reviewer’s report

Title: Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder: development of consensus referral criteria for specialist diagnostic assessment in Australia

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Reviewer: Alison Tigg

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I would recommend the following discretionary revisions:

1. The recruitment of the health professionals was designed to be those with expertise or experience in FASD screening or diagnosis. However, in the results only 77% if participants reported experience in FASD screening or diagnosis. Could this perhaps be clarified further?

2. The authors have mentioned the difference between screening and diagnosis but seem to be using the criteria for diagnosis in the screening criteria. Could they please clarify what the next step for children sent for screening would entail i.e. details of the diagnostic process once referred.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

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