Reviewer's report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
None

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Although the investigators did not examine understanding, I think that they need to add something in the discussion regarding the importance of presenting understandable information. As interested as most parents are in contributing to medical knowledge, altruism does not trump a lack of understanding.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'