Reviewer's report

Title: Orthodontic therapy of handicapped children - treatment time and success: a retrospective study

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This article describes a retrospective study comparing a broadly defined HC group with an equally broadly described NHC group. This design unfortunately suffers from the range of biases that affect retrospective studies, meaning that it is not possible to draw any meaningful conclusions from the data presented.

The design of this study means that it is not suitable for publication in BloMedCentral.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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