Reviewer's report

Title: The cost-effectiveness of tracking newborns with bilateral hearing impairment in Bavaria: A decision-analytic model

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Reviewer: Andreas Gerber

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Dear authors,

thanks so much for your extensive and thorough revisions. The paper is well written, but I still doubt that your outcome is helpful in a decision on financing tracking newborns with bilateral hearing impairment. Let me give you an example: If somebody did a study telling us how much Euro you would spend per case of breast cancer detected or per case of coronary heart disease detected what could we do? Both from the perspective of a decision maker and (even more so) from the perspective of German Social Code Book V you would have to show that there is effects on mortality, morbidity, or quality of life.

But I am happy if the editors think that the paper should be published. I understand that there are different perspectives on why one should publish an article.

Yours sincerely,
Andreas Gerber-Grote.