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Dear Editor:

We are pleased to submit to *BMC Health Services Research* a definitive paper that reports current status of health examination utilization in the visually disabled population in Taiwan.

It is well known that people with disabilities are more vulnerable to medical diseases, morbidities and mortality. Visual disabilities are associated with an increased risk of all-cause mortality and cardiovascular disease-related mortality, and have been regarded as an independent predictor of mortality. Preventive health examination, on the other side, is important health promotion strategy, and has proved effective in reducing morbidities and mortality in different countries. Currently there appears to be scarce reports analyzing status of utilizing health examination in the visually disabled population.

With a nationwide database, comprehensive adjustment factors for analysis and the focus on health exam utilization in this specific disadvantaged population, the research covered social and behavioral determinants of health in this population. We believe it consistent with the editorial policies of *BMC Health Services Research*, and may attract the interest of relevant health care policy makers and professionals.

There are no completing interests to declare from all the authors. We would appreciate your consideration of this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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