Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions: 1) Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, is not the same as the University of Washington. 2) "Children's Hospital" needs to be identified by its location (Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, L.A., Miami, etc). 3) You list 2 separate Shriners Hospitals as sources of publications. They are the same group of institutions. You should identify by its location (city), which individual hospital you are referring to.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.