Reviewer’s report

Title: Tocopheryl acetate 20% spray for elimination of head louse infestation: a randomised controlled trial comparing with 1% permethrin creme rinse

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Reviewer: Vincenzo Lariccia

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In this paper Burgess et al. compared tocopheryl acetate 20% spray with permethrin 1% creme for the treatment of head louse. They found that tocopheryl based treatment was more effective than permethrin use.

I only have minor essential revision requests:

the authors estimated a success rate of about 30% for permethrin treatment referring to previously reported outcomes. The authors are invited to provide reference(s) supporting this statement. References are also missing for tocopheryl acetate clinical success rate estimation.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests