Reviewer's report

**Title:** Baseline traits of patients presenting at a low vision clinic in China

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This is an observational study reporting on the types of patients referred to a tertiary low vision clinic in Shanghai and the results of use of LVAs. The results would be useful in allocating resources for low vision rehabilitation.

Minor essential revisions are required.

The authors need to state exactly where the patients were referred from to adequately determine the geographical scope of this study. As China is such a vast country, the causes of low vision would be essentially different in each area. To use this study as a guide on low vision for the whole of China would not be suitable. Therefore, the authors also need to state the limitations of their study such as being a tertiary centre, access to their services would be out of reach or unknown to people in rural areas, and that their data may not be applicable to the whole of China.

**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.