Reviewer’s report

Title: Trachoma in Yunnan province of Southwestern China: findings from Trachoma Rapid Assessment

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The authors have carried out a trachoma rapid assessment (TRA) in high risk villages of high risk provinces in a state of China previously reported to have endemic trachoma. This TRA method is not a population based survey as the sample is selected as being at high risk of trachoma; the TRA therefore does not generate population prevalence data and cannot be compared with data from the Global Trachoma Mapping Project.
The paper can be shortened by at least 50%.

It should include:
a) previous data on trachoma from China;
b) the TRA method applied to this state;
c) the results given as whole numbers not prevalence;
d) no risk factor analysis (this is inappropriate given the fact that trachoma was hardly found);
e) short discussion explaining that active disease has disappeared and old disease is only seen in people aged over 60.

In summary this could be a useful short report demonstrating the disappearance of active trachoma from a previous endemic area of China; however it should not be inferred that it provides prevalence data; data for risk factor analysis; or confirmation of elimination according to WHO criteria.

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