Reviewer’s report

Title: Coverage of Vitamin A Supplementation in Nigeria and Implications for Childhood Blindness

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Reviewer: Clare Gilbert

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The authors have addressed the majority of the issues raised.

It seems as if most of the publications still refer to vitamin A deficiency, and not VADD, and so I am sorry, but I suggest you change the term back to vitamin A deficiency.

Opening sentence in the abstract and introduction:

VAD is not a major cause of blindness in middle income countries, only in low income countries.

Re mortality: A recent review attributed only 1.7% of deaths in children in low and middle income countries to VADD; 95% of these deaths occurred in sub-Saharan Africa and south Asia where 2% of deaths (same in both regions) were attributed to VAD. Reference. Stevens GA, Bennett JE, Hennocq Q, Lu Y, De-Regil LM, Rogers L, Danaei G, Li G, White RA, Flaxman SR, Oehrle SP, Finucane MM, Guerrero R, Bhutta ZA, Then-Paulino A, Fawzi W, Black RE, Ezzati M. Trends and mortality effects of vitamin A deficiency in children in 138 low-income and middle-income countries between 1991 and 2013: a pooled analysis of population-based surveys. Lancet Glob Health. 2015 Sep;3(9):e528-36. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(15)00039-X.

This reference could also be used to update the data on the prevalence of VAD and the number of children affected.
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