Reviewer’s report

Title: Paediatric vision screening by non-healthcare volunteers: Evidence based practices

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Reviewer: J. Margaret Woodhouse

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The methods of this study are still not at all clear. The authors have toned down their conclusions from the earlier version but are still claiming far too much - the agreement between volunteers and optometrist is not high and in my opinion quite poor for FORTY hours of training. That is an enormous time commitment to produce over 3 times the number of referrals. The authors evaluate the outcome in terms of costs to the state. They are forgetting that false referrals also have a cost to families, taking time off work, travelling to hospital clinics, taking children out of school and of course the cost in unnecessary worry.

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