Author’s response to reviews

Title: Children with Albinism in African Regions: Their rights to 'being' and 'doing'.

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We thank the reviewers for their positive comments and having addressed the suggestions which were raised, we agree that this has now strengthened our paper. The following provides detail on amendments:

Reviewer 1:

Line 385: Reference has now been made to the complaints mechanism under the African Children’s Charter and new opportunities afforded to children under OP3 CRC, although we have referenced the latter mechanism’s limited use at present given the lack of ratification of this so far across African nations.

Line 74: The repetition in these lines has now been removed.

Reviewer one notes that ‘There is a section where violence against persons with albinism is linked allegedly to poverty-this is a very inflammatory statement and the countervailing view that such violence cannot be explained in this way should at least be mentioned’.

Thank you for pointing this out. We have added a recent reference to this, softened the language, and included a countervailing view.
Reviewer 2:

Line 397: Reference has been made to the call by disabled people for the strengthening of the CRPD. The work of Berghs has been referenced.

Line 498: Alternative Brocco paper has now been cited.

In answer to the question regarding the use of both the CRC and UNCRPD. We have specifically used both the CRC and CRPD because together they should afford disabled children and young people multiple avenues of protection and rights. We would argue that disabled children fall between the gaps of both conventions whereby disabled children are rarely mentioned within debates or reporting on the CRC, similarly disabled adults dominate discourse concerning the CRPD with often lip service given to the rights of disabled children within this. Thus bringing the two Conventions together offer an opportunity to examine the full rights of disabled children as both children and as disabled people.

Table 1: Reference to Article 23 has now been added. We do not think that the paper needs to be examined by a legal expert. The paper is not meant to be a full legal representation of the UN Conventions but to stimulate debate and action.

Line 100: Adequate standard of living has now been added.

Line 109: The year is correct, according to the OHCRC website. http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Albinism/Pages/IEAlbinism.aspx

The conclusion has now been strengthened to further illustrate the practical uses of using this theoretical framework and a full proof read undertaken. Repetitions have been removed and definitional checks all made.

We hope you agree the arguments in the paper are enhanced by addressing these comments.

Kind regards

Taylor, Bradbury-Jones and Lund