Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Effect of health education on severe thalassemia prevention and control in communities in Cambodia

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**Reviewer:** Deborah Rund

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The article is impressive for its goals and careful planning of the study. The findings are not surprising in that education can increase compliance for future testing. The results are a good model for other communities in which the target population is not well educated which is of course common in countries with a high incidence of thalassemia.

I have only one comment for a very small modification. The quality of the English is excellent but there is one sentence which uses a word in an unclear manner. The top of page 6 line 2-3 says "There has never been a severe thalassemia prevention protocol...."

The word severe is not correct. The authors mean, possibly, "serious" or "significant" but severe is not the proper word as it has a negative connotation which is not correct in this context.

Other than that I have no comments for revisions.

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