

## PEER REVIEW HISTORY

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### ARTICLE DETAILS

<b>TITLE (PROVISIONAL)</b>	Prevalence and causes of ocular disorders and visual impairment among preterm children in Ethiopia
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### VERSION 1 – REVIEW

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Dr. Dupe Ademola-Popoola University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ophthalmology
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	21-Nov-2023

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	Kindly look at each of the comments in the main manuscript
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<b>REVIEWER</b>	Frank Martin University of Sydney - Sydney Medical School Nepean, Pediatrics Child Health & Ophthalmology
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	15-Dec-2023

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	This is a very valuable study. The data reflects what I would have expected from this population. A follow up prospective study commencing in 5 years time would be of value as I expect the number of surviving very low weight infants (500-750 g ) to significantly increase. The results from this study would be directly comparable to studies from the developed world. This study provides excellent data to use to advocate for a screening program for all low birth babies
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### VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

Reviewer: 1

Dr. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital  
Comments to the Author

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Excuse me; we didn't get the comments.

Reviewer: 2

Frank Martin, University of Sydney - Sydney Medical School Nepean

**Comments to the Author**

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Thank you so much for the kind words and positive feedback.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for publication in your journal. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sadik T. Sherief.