

PEER REVIEW HISTORY

BMJ Open publishes all reviews undertaken for accepted manuscripts. Reviewers are asked to complete a checklist review form (<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/resources/checklist.pdf>) and are provided with free text boxes to elaborate on their assessment. These free text comments are reproduced below.

ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	Searching for a Technology-Driven Acute Rheumatic Fever Test: the START study protocol
AUTHORS	Ralph, A; Webb, Rachel; Moreland, Nikki; McGregor, Reuben; Bosco, Anthony; Broadhurst, David; Lassmann, Timo; Barnett, Timothy; Benothman, Rym; Yan, Jennifer; Remenyi, Bo; Bennett, Julie; Wilson, Nigel; Mayo, Mark; Pearson, Glenn; Kollmann, Tobias; Carapetis, Jonathan

This article was not externally reviewed at BMJ Open. Protocols that have been independently assessed prior to submission to BMJ Open are usually fast-tracked to publication on the grounds that further substantial changes will not be possible. This independent assessment will usually be external, independent review for both a substantial grant award from a non-commercial or government funder and ethics approval.