

Reviewer's report

Title: The diagnostic work up of growth failure in secondary health care; An evaluation of consensus guidelines.

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This is an excellent paper, the latest in a series examining the role of different approaches to the identification of growth disorders in the community. The task set was simple and this paper clearly describes this; its approaches, methodologies, and the results and limitations of the study are fully discussed.

The paper is well presented and reads fluently.

There are no major revisions needed.

Minor/discretionary revisions. Understanding the difference between the percentages of partial and fully investigated patients in table 5 is difficult and would suggest that the authors rethink a slightly clearer mode of presentation of this data.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have received consultation fees and research support from manufacturers of biosynthetic human growth hormone who may indirectly gain from the publication of this paper.

I declare that I have no other financial or competing interests.