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Dear Editor

We would like you to consider our article, «Fusional stamina: An alternative to Sheard’s criterion” for publication in your journal. Sheard’s criterion has been the topic of several studies, and is widely accepted among clinicians as well as researchers. The problem with it is that it only has two outcomes; pass or fail. To be able to make more precise evaluations of binocular vision, we need a continuous variable.

Fusional stamina is a measure which can be used as a substitute for Sheard’s criterion. It is continuous and easy to calculate. We present standardised values in this paper and report that repeatability is better than for more common measures like positive fusional vergence.

We realise that this paper is slightly longer than those preferred for your journal, and would appreciate suggestions on how to make it shorter if this is necessary for publication. We would rather not change the content since we feel that the information included is essential for understanding the need for this new variable, and to justify its use for clinicians as well as researchers.

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