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Background
Visual perceptual deficits are common in neurological disorders:
- seen in around 30% of patients with acquired brain injury
- also common in neurodegenerative disorders
Can have significant negative effects on:
- activities of daily living, mental health and quality of life
- general rehabilitation
- performance on all neuropsychological tests using visual stimuli
Visual perception should be assessed following brain injury.
The literature does not provide a simple overview of tests available.

Aim
Create a framework that facilitates structured and systematic assessment of visual perceptual functions.

Method
- Visual perceptual tests and test batteries are identified in the literature.
- Tests and batteries are categorised according to their visual sub-processes.
- A simple visual framework is developed.

Conclusion
Assessment should also be carried out in the absence of visual perceptual complaints (insight often limited).
Existing test batteries suffer from limitations:
- lack of norms
- too time-consuming
- only selected aspects of visual perception assessed
- include tests of functions that are theoretically relevant but that have limited clinical value
By combining individual sub-tests from different batteries, in-depth assessment is possible, but:
- There is a need for a test battery enabling structured assessment of clinically relevant aspects of visual perception.

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