Author's response to reviews

Title: Mitochondrial DNA haplogroup T is associated with coronary artery disease and diabetic retinopathy: a case control study

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To the editorial board,

Please find enclosed the revised version of the manuscript entitled “Mitochondrial DNA haplogroup T is associated with coronary artery disease and diabetic retinopathy: a case control study” by Kofler et al.

We hope we have adequately addressed the two points of the referee to major comment 2 and minor comment 11.

REVIEWER 2

Major comment 2
According to the suggestion of the reviewer we have now added the sentence “Haplogroup frequencies were very similar in the two study centres, Salzburg and Graz.” in the results section.

Minor comment 11
We added the sentence “Also, no trend of haplogroup T with severity of retinopathy was observed as can be derived from the frequencies of haplogroup T in non-proliferative retinopathy (13.3%) and proliferative retinopathy (10.8%).” in the results section, as the reviewer recommended.

Yours sincerely

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