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Dear editor:

Thank you very much for your suggestion, and we have revised our manuscript according the comments point-by-point as following:

1. Please could you revise the title by removing the details regarding “JASPER-1, (JingAn, Shanghai, Project for Eye Research)”

   Yes, we have removed “JASPER-1, (JingAn, Shanghai, Project for Eye Research)” on the title

2. Please state whether ethical approval was obtained. Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate. If the need for ethical approval is waived, this should also be mentioned in the Methods section of the manuscript.

   Yes, we have state the ethical approval in the methods secti on of the manuscript: The study met all standards for ethical approval in China, and the protocol was approved by the institutional board at the health bureau of Shanghai, China(see in the first paragraph in the methods section).

3 Please clarify and check the author list on the manuscript. We noticed that the author “liangcheng wu” is listed twice in your submission of this manuscript. Please confirm that this is not a mistake.

   Yes we have checked it, and only list 1 time?!

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