Reviewer's report

Title: Awareness of cataract and glaucoma in a population of Nepal: Bhaktapur Glaucoma Study

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Reviewer: Yvonne Buys

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. Please state if this study was approved by an ethics board.
2. Please state if participants provided consent and how this was done.
3. Please include a copy of the questionnaire.
4. The conclusions do not reflect what was studied. This study revealed poor knowledge of cataract and glaucoma however did not study the prevalence of these diseases. As such it is incorrect to conclude that improved knowledge would reduce the impact of the diseases. One can only conclude that there is poor knowledge.

Minor Essential Revisions:

5. In Table 1 include a '-' for the confidence intervals. Also add a row for the Total. This would work nicely under the age group.
6. Table 2 is slightly confusing as 2 separate questions are presented (What is cataract? and Source of information) however there is no clear separation in the table. Please either use a solid or double line to separate these categories.

Discretionary Revisions:

7. The first paragraph of the methods should be moved to either the introduction or the discussion.
8. The second paragraph of the methods is not directly related to this study and should be removed.
9. The order of the discussion is somewhat disorganized. Recommend beginning with explanation of the regions. Also the sections on the significance of gender and literacy in the level of knowledge should be moved to the results.
10. Provide a reference for the Brahmin and Chettre castes being more affluent and literate.

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 no competing interests.