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Dear Editor,

Per your request, we have updated the manuscript on page 4 to include the following statement describing the ethical approval that was obtained in each of the studies from which data were pooled in this analysis.

"These studies were conducted in full conformance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki or with the laws of the country in which the research was conducted, whichever afforded the greater protection to the study participant. Institutional Review Board or Ethics Committee approval was obtained from each clinical center and signed informed consent was obtained from all study participants."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for considering our manuscript for publication by BMC Ophthalmology.

Sincerely,

Theresa Dombi, PhD