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RE: BMC Ophthalmol Ms ID1874182104697943 – Second Manuscript Review
“Indocyanine green angiography findings in patients with long-standing Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease: A cross-sectional study”

Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for the Journal’s careful appraisal of our revised manuscript. We are very pleased to know that each of the issues raised by reviewers (Dr. Nakai, Dr. Koizumi, and Dr. Herbort) during the first review has been resolved. As requested by Dr. Wen, an additional minor change in figure 1 legend was performed, as detailed below.

We greatly appreciate all comments regarding our paper, and thank you very much, once again, for your time and effort in considering our manuscript for publication.
Yours sincerely,
Joyce H. Yamamoto
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Reviewer:
FENG WEN

Reviewer’s Comment: “Please reveal the changes in detail in Figures (such as ICGA findings in Fig. 1 B.C.D).”
Authors’ Reply #1: As requested by the Reviewer, changes were performed in the text of the revised manuscript to detail the ICGA findings in Figure 1, as follows:
Page 18, Legend for Figure 1 (Figure Legends Section), the following statement was added to the text:
Note "fuzzy vessels" (arrows) on early and mid phases ICGA, and "late diffuse hyperfluorescence" (curved arrows) on late phase of the exam.

We greatly appreciate all the comments made by Dr. Wen, which were of great assistance to improve our manuscript. Thank you very much.

Reviewer:
KEI NAKAI

Reviewer’s Comment: “Overall this is a well written paper by Silva et al. that demonstrates that monitorization of disease activity by clinical examination and fluorescein angiography are not adequate and reinforces the importance of indocyanine green angiography in monitoring disease activity and in better conducting treatment. Each of my issues raised in the manuscript have been resolved with this revision.”
Authors’ Reply: We are very pleased to know that each of the issues raised during the first review has been resolved. Dr. Nakai’s comments were of great assistance to improve our manuscript. Thank you very much.

Reviewer:
HIDEKI KOIZUMI

Reviewer’s Comment: “This revised manuscript seems to be acceptable without revisions.”
Authors’ Reply: We are very pleased to know that each of the issues raised during the first review has been resolved. Dr. Koizumi’s comments were of great assistance to improve our manuscript. Thank you very much.

Reviewer:
CARL HERBORT
Reviewer's Comment: “This paper puts forward new concepts about VKH that are beginning to be accepted, and I recommend therefore to accept the manuscript and grant it, if possible, an accelerated publication.”

Authors’ Reply: We are very pleased to know that each of the issues raised during the first review has been resolved. Dr. Herbor’s comments were of great assistance to improve our manuscript. Thank you very much.