Reviewer’s report

Title: Indocyanine green angiography findings in patients with long-standing Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease: a cross-sectional study

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Thank you for allowing me to review the manuscript entitled, “Indocyanine green angiography findings in patients with long-standing Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease: a cross-sectional study”.

General Comments:
1. This manuscript investigated indocyanine green angiography (ICGA) findings in patients with Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada (VKH) disease at the chronic phases. The authors concluded that there was persistent choroidal inflammation detected only on ICGA in the majority of the cases, independent of the clinical findings or the treatment status. This manuscript provides some new information, however, and to be quite honest, I am unable to perceive how important the choroidal findings seen at the chronic phases are from this manuscript. Was there any relationship between the choroidal findings and the sunset glow fundus? How was the relationship with the visual function? Is it necessary to treat the patients intensively until the choroidal findings completely disappear? For example, we never abolish the choroidal neovascular membrane itself in the treatment of neovascular age-related macular degeneration. The authors should at least provide some information on the relationship between the presence or absence of the ICGA findings and the other morphologic or functional aspects.

Specific Comments:
2. Discussion; Page 5, Paragraph 1: The authors stated, “In the current study disease-related choroidal inflammation on ICGA was apparently more easily observed among those patients with milder fundus changes than in those with more severe fundus changes [17, 18].” However, there was no such information in the Results section.

3. There were no figure legends. They should be provided.
4. There were no limitations of the study in the manuscript.
5. Did the IRB approve the study?

All comments require major compulsory revisions.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests: I have no competing interests.