Author’s response to reviews

Title: The screening of visual impairment among preschool children in an urban population in Malaysia; the Kuching Pediatric Eye Study: a cross sectional study.

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To,

The Editor in-charge,
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Point-by-point response for MS: 9313 4834 0860 9199
The screening of visual impairment among preschool children in an urban population in Malaysia; the Kuching Pediatric Eye Study: a cross sectional study.

Reviewer: Josephine O Owoeye

Comment #1:
Table 5: remember to change “amblyopia” to visual impairment.

Response:
Correction performed as required.
Comment #2:

Be careful with this statement because of the signs and the definition:

Amblyopia was defined as best-corrected visual acuity $\geq 0.3 \ (\geq 20/40) \ LogMAR$ in the affected eye, together with a 2 LogMAR line difference between the two eyes and the presence of an amblyogenic factor.

- The greater than signs are confusing, wouldn’t VA $\geq 0.3 \ (or \ 20/40) \ LogMAR$ mean better VA and not lesser VA.

Maybe you should change the sign to a statement like “visual acuity **worse than** 0.3 LogMAR”.
- Write it as “0.3 LogMAR (20/40)”
- Definition of amblyopia “Amblyopia was defined as best-corrected visual acuity worse than 0.3 LogMAR (worse than 20/40) in the affected eye and/or a 2 LogMAR line difference between the two eyes and the presence of an amblyogenic factor”.

Response:

WE agree with the reviewer.

Changes made in the manuscript (Material and Methods: Referral and further evaluation, Last sentence:

Correction performed as required.

WE sincerely thank all reviewers for their time and constructive input into our manuscript. WE hope BIOMED CENTRAL OPHTHALMOLOGY will accept our manuscript for publication.

With kind regards,

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