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Title: Subtenon injection of natural leukocyte interferon alpha-2a in diabetic macular edema: a case report

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Dear Editor,

I send to you the manuscript titled “Subtenon injection of natural leucocytic interferon-α 2a in diabetic macular edema: a case report”, M. Cellini, N. Balducci, E. Strobbe, E.C. Campos; Ophthalmology Unit, University of Bologna.

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Reviewer: Ziad Bashshur

1) Actually, the systematic review of the literature published on the Cochrane Database Systematic Reviews by Virgili et al (see reference #4 in our case report) concluded that “There is moderate quality evidence that antiangiogenic drugs provide a definite, but small, benefit compared to current therapeutic options for DMO, i.e. grid laser photocoagulation, or no treatment when laser is not an option.” We have corrected the term used in the background section, replacing “little benefit” with “definite, but small, benefit”.

2) In this case, the follow-up was of 1 year, differently from our previous abstract where the follow-up period was of only 4 months. We have specified this in the background section (see background, penultimate and last paragraphs).

3) We have cropped the image in figure 2 like suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer: Yogita Kanan

1) We have made the modifications suggested by the reviewer. Inserire a b c d e nella figura.
2) Qui credo che voglia che venga tolta la linea verde del cut off. Per noi sarebbe un lavoro lunghissimo anche perchè bisognerebbe ricercare le stesse identiche immagini, per cui proverei a rispondere così: We reported the cut off in all the figures to demonstrate that the values of retinal thickness were calculated in the same identical retinal point during all the follow-up visits. To better show ILM and BM we also reported 2 other images without the cut off line in the figure 2. However, if the reviewer considers it insufficient, we will change the figure 1, removing the cut off line.

3) We have labeled the two figure in the figure 2 as a and b and we have done the same in the lagend. Aggiunge a e b nella fig 2

4) We have changed the label head arrow to arrow head.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mauro Cellini