Author's response to reviews

**Title:** Computer aided quantification for retinal lesions in patients with moderate and severe non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy: a retrospective cohort study

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed is our latest version of by Huiqun Wu, Xiaofeng Zhang, Xingyun Geng, Jiancheng Dong, Guomin Zhou entitled “Computer aided quantification for retinal lesions in patients with moderate and severe non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy: a retrospective cohort study”, that is, the revised version of our paper. We are pleased to answer the questions of the editor’s point to point as follows.

1. Name of the Ethics Committee that approved your study must be inserted - Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm), and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

   Answer: Thanks for the editor’s suggestion, it’s our fault that omitting this ethical information. As a clinical experiment, we have gotten the permission from the ethical committee of our university. Therefore, we have gone through the article and added the approval statement in the section of methods.

2. Informed consent must also be documented. Manuscripts may be rejected if the editorial office considers that the research has not been carried out within an ethical framework, e.g. if the severity of the experimental procedure is not justified by the value of the knowledge gained.

   Answer: Thanks for the editor’s suggestion. As a clinical experiment, we have gotten the permission from all the included patients and the informed consents were signed before experiment. Accordingly, we have gone through the article and added such statement in the section of methods.

3. We would also request that you go through the manuscript formatting checklist one more time and ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to all of the points. The link to the formatting checklist is provided at http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals.

   Answer: We have gone through the manuscript to ensure the revised manuscript conforms to all of the points from formatting checklist.

All the changes have been marked in different colors in the latest revised edition. Thanks again for your work on our manuscript.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Huiqun Wu