Author's response to reviews

Title: Rare ocular features in a case of Kabuki syndrome (Niikawa-Kuroki syndrome)

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Dear Mr. Sucksmith,

Enclosed is a revised manuscript titled “Rare ocular features in a case of Kabuki syndrome (Niikawa-Kuroki Syndrome)” that we are resubmitting to BMC Ophthalmology (Section: Pediatrics and Strabismus, MS: 3766217699985077). Thank you for the detailed reviews from the reviewers. We have worked on the grammatical errors and revised the wording. We are hopeful that it will be considered for publication as a case report in BMC Ophthalmology.

Sincerely,
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There is inconsistent use of the description of ocular anomalies including any one of the following:
Ophthalmic abnormalities
Ophthalmic findings
Ocular abnormalities
Ocular findings
Ocular examination
Eye anomalies
Ophthalmic anomalies
Same inconsistency with regard to the examination, including any one of the following:
Ophthalmic evaluations
Ocular examination
Ophthalmologic assessments
I would suggest choosing one from each group above and use this consistently throughout the text. Suggest using “ophthalmic” to be more inclusive of all eye care professions.
RESPONSE: We have changed the terms to “Ophthalmic abnormalities” and “Ophthalmic evaluations” throughout the manuscript, as suggested by the reviewers. (Please see changes throughout the manuscript)

Abstract:
Background: the opening lines states that ophthalmic abnormalities are “sometimes” involved, however later on the manuscript, on page 7, the term “frequently” is used. The prevalence of ocular anomalies needs to be stated more consistently based upon the percentages currently in the literature.
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording in the abstract to “Kabuki syndrome is a multi-system disorder with peculiar facial features, and ophthalmic abnormalities are frequently involved.” (Page 2, line 3-4)
The second sentence doesn’t make sense and is incomplete as written. Suggestion: This case report of a child with Kabuki syndrome describes two new previously unreported ophthalmic conditions.
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording as suggested by the reviewer. (Page 2, line 4-5)

Case Presentation:
Suggested clarifying by adding: Ophthalmic findings in this patient and previously reported in the literature include??
Newly identified ocular features in this patient include?.
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording as suggested by the reviewer. “Ophthalmic findings which were previously reported in the literature and in this patient included ptosis, esotropia, coloboma of the iris, retina, choroid and optic disc, and microcornea. Newly identified ophthalmic features in this patient included colobomatous microphthalmos and a dysplastic and elevated disc without central cupping.” (Page 2, line 8-12)
Page 5. Paragraph beginning with “The child had peculiar”
Sentence beginning with “The child had bilateral horizontal nystagmus, esotropia and limitation of abduction” Please specific what type of esotropia (left, right, alternating) and also which eye had the abduction deficit.
RESPONSE: The sentence has been changed to “The child had bilateral horizontal nystagmus and esotropia with limitation of abduction of 30 to 40% in the left eye.” (Page 5, Paragraph 2, line 5-7)

Page 6. top of page.
Suggested changing as follows (changes are italicized):
“A detailed review of the literature illustrates that various eye anomalies have been associated with Kabuki syndrome. In the present case, there was neither??
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording as suggested by the reviewer.
(Page 6, Paragraph 2, line 1-3)

Page 7. middle of page. suggest changing:
“However, he fulfilled only two major and two minor criteria and therefore could not be clinically”
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording as suggested by the reviewer.
(Page 7, Paragraph 1, line 6-8)

Conclusions:
First line. the word “frequently” is used to quantify ophthalmologic abnormalities, when in the abstract the word “sometimes” is used. These are very different? Consistent and accurate terminology should be used.
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording according to the literature review. The wording has been changed to “Ophthalmic abnormalities are frequently associated with Kabuki syndrome.” (Page 7, Paragraph 2, line 1)

Figure Legend
There are numerous typos here.
Photographs of the 3-year-old
External photographs show (should be in present tense as you are showing these to the reader)
(B) Fundus photograph of the right eye shows coloboma?
(C) Fundus photograph of the left eye shows
No orbital fractures or intraorbital haemorrhages were found.”
RESPONSE: We have changed the wording as suggested by the reviewer.
(Page 13, Paragraph 1)