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Please find below the revisions to the points raised at the initial review

1-Added the following statement at the end of the methods section:
"The audit was approved by Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust audit committee. The audit adheres to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki, and followed the full code of ethics with respect to subject recruitment, subject testing and data protection."

2-The title page now is included at the start of the manuscript

3- There was no written consent taken from Cohort 1 patients. The audit forms part of the National Screening Committee’s rolling audits as well as having been approved by the Moorfields Eye Hospital Audit Committee. Patients attending diabetic eye screening service are subjects to continuous audits to ensure data quality and for these audits no additional consent, on top of consenting for the screening, is required.