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The manuscript has been checked for punctuation and square brackets. A number of typographical errors has been corrected and the format has been amended to meet the journal's requirements.

Response to Dr. Goldberg's comment

This is a reasonable point to make in the clinical context but to design the investigation on the basis of the common patterns of visual field loss would have been to pre-judge the outcome. To test the mapping of contrast threshold elevation on regions of visual field loss necessitated the testing of all 4 truncated quadrants. The outcome, as shown by the regression analyses, is that they did not map in a consistent manner. With respect to sensitivity/specificity data (which have been added to Table 2), the sensitivity for superior/inferior truncated quadrants was 88% and for the nasal/temporal truncated quadrants was 82% (at 91% specificity). These values are somewhat less than the 93% for testing of the whole retina and the 95% for combining both contrast thresholds and intra-ocular differences.