Author's response to reviews

Title: Insertion of a foldable hydrophobic IOL through the trabeculectomy fistula in cases with Microincision cataract surgery combined with trabeculectomy.

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
To,  

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The Editor,  

BMC ophthalmology  

Subject : submission of the revised manuscript  

Dear Sir,  

Please find enclosed revised manuscript titled “Insertion of a foldable hydrophobic IOL through the trabeculectomy fistula in cases with Microincision cataract surgery combined with trabeculectomy” for publication under “Technical advance” section of your esteemed journal.  

The manuscript has been revised as suggested by the reviewers. The changes made are highlighted and underlined. The various changes made are as follows.  

Reviewer : Robert Casson  

Q. There were numerous spelling and grammatical mistakes in the text. The text should be re-written as follows:  

Ans : We have rewritten the text as suggested by the reviewer.
**Reviewer:** Aldo Caporossi

Q 1. It is not conclusively demonstrated the results of two sites phacotrabeculectomy are better than one site technique.

Ans. The various studies which suggest that two site phacotrabeculectomy as better than single site phacotrabeculectomy has been added as the reference (Reference 2 – 4).

Q 2. It is not conclusively demonstrated that bimanual phacoemulsification induces less inflammation if compared with the standard phacoemulsification.

Ans. The recent studies which suggest that bimanual phacoemulsification [Microincision phacoemulsification / Microincision cataract surgery (MICS)] induces less inflammation has been added as the reference (Reference 2, 5 – 11).

Q 3. The authors should specify in the methods section that the trypan blue staining it is necessary only in cases with poor red reflex otherwise it seems a standard step of their phaco technique.

Ans. The trypan blue was used only in cases with poor or no red reflex. This has been mentioned in the manuscript.
Q 4. The authors should provide the manufacturer and the model of the phacoemulsificator.

Ans. The model and manufactures of the phacoemulsificator has been added in the text i.e **WhiteStar Sovereign phacoemulsification system (Advanced Medical Optics, Inc).**

Q 5. The report would be improved if the authors could carry out a table specifying pre and postoperative IOP, visual acuity and glaucoma medications of the five cases.

Ans. The table with above required details (Table 1) has been added.

Q 6. The title is adequately descriptive, but it is not usual the article (THE) as first word.

Ans. The word ‘THE’ has been removed as the starting word of the title.

We hope that you will now find this manuscript suitable for publication in your esteemed journal. Kindly let us know if any other modification is required.

Thanks

Yours sincerely,

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