Reviewer's report

Title: Eye care utilization patterns in Tehran population: a population based cross-sectional study

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General
The authors have answered many questions in the response, but not placed the answers within the text per se. They should add the following to the text:

State that perimetry was not routinely done.

Mention that because of sample size they did not evaluate the utilization of each type of ophthalmic disorder individually.

Mention that people's incomes varied widely and note that the cost of eye care is relatively high (define this) in comparison with mean income.

Better discuss the roles of ophthalmologists and optometrists

Note the percent of individuals that are insure and the fact that many can not afford them.

Note that there is not data in the study that looks at the numbers that have been previously diagnosed, but have not utilized care despite the diagnosis.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.
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