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Dear Editor,

Thank you for having our original manuscript reviewed. Please find uploaded files of our revised manuscript titled “Ultrasound biomicroscopy findings of 25 G Transconjunctival sutureless (TSV) and conventional (20G) pars plana sclerotomy in the same patient”.

These are the point by point revisions made in response to reviewer 1. No response seems necessary for reviewer 2’s comments.

Minor revisions:
1. Which 25G system was used?
   Response: The B&L system was used. This has now been mentioned on page 2, case report section, line 24.
2. Which ultrasound machine was used? How was the sclerotomy site localized at day 14 (particularly for the 25G sclerotomy)?
   Response: Ultrasound biomicroscopy machine used was Paradigm model P40. This has now been added on page 2, case report section, line 41.
   Sclerotomy site was recognized by the color of the vicryl suture at the 20G sclerotomy site and by distortion of the overlying conjunctival vasculature for the 20G sites. This is now indicated on page 2, line 42-44.
3. How was the sclerotomy closed? Was it superficial or deep? Was the vitreous well cleared from the opening and how?
   Response: Sclerotomy was closed using 6-0 vicryl mattress suture placed at 75% depth. Vitreous was cleared from the opening before closure using the vitreous probe. This is now mentioned on page 2, line 34-37.

Discretionary revision:
On 6 month follow up were there any additional findings? Retinal tears? Further traction or vitreous organization at the sclerotomies?
As this patient was from out station (referred from a distant location from Delhi) he was followed up at one month and then advised to return in case of any worsening of symptoms. Hence we do not have any records beyond this postoperative period. This information is provided to the editor and reviewer and has not been included in the revised text.

I hope these revisions are adequate and satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,
Pradeep Venkatesh