Author's response to reviews

Title: Matrix metalloproteinases and their tissue inhibitors after selective laser trabeculoplasty in pseudoexfoliative secondary glaucoma

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Dear Dr. Kerr

Here you will find a point-by-point replay to the reviewers' comments and the revision version of the manuscript entitled: Matrix metalloproteinases and their tissue inhibitors after selective laser trabeculoplasty in pseudoesfoliative secondary glaucoma. (Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN79745214).

Editorial remarks:

1. Ethics - We added the approval of the institutional ethic commette, with reference number, and the informed patients consent in the Methods section
2. Revised manuscript conforms to the journal style by using BMC154d protocol.

Reviewer 1 – Kai Kaarniranta

No response because for this reviewer the article is acceptable now.

Reviewer 2 - Don S. Minckler
Dr Minckler write:

- Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

  1. We changed the first part of the Methods to explain that we took an aqueous sample in all three groups of patients (PEXG-Cataracts, PEXG-SLT and Cataracts) for MMP-2 and TIMP-2 evaluation before and not at the end of the surgery. We used the technique specified by Marko Maatta (J Glaucoma 1005)

- Minor Essential Revisions

  Top of page 8: “fiber rather than fibre”
  2. We changed the word fibre in fiber
I hope that the revision version it is now O.K. for pubblication.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Mauro Cellini