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Dear Scott Edmunds,

We are submitting the above mentioned revised manuscript to BMC Ophthalmology based on the comments from the reviewer. We have responded to all the comments of the reviewer as below. We hope this will satisfy their final queries and looking forward for your decision.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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<td>Page 13: paragraph 1, line 4: &quot;identification&quot; versus &quot;detection&quot;.</td>
<td>Agreed and edited accordingly.</td>
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<td>Chen et al identified the fungi by RFLP and the current study is only able to</td>
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<td>detect the fungi by these primers. The authors should remove this comparison.</td>
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