Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of Diabetic Retinopathy in Tehran Province: A Population-Based Study

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Minor essential revisions:

The Results section of the abstract contains percentages about prevalence of retinopathy - this should also include numbers with denominators. Similarly Table 1 should include numbers not just percentages.

The second paragraph in the Results refers to "high risk retinopathy" but this is not defined in the manuscript; PDR is high risk retinopathy but also severe NPDR is also high risk. The term "vision treatening retinopathy" is used appropriately elsewhere in the manuscript. The authors should consider the importance of the terms such as "high risk" and "vision threatening" in terms of when patients should be referred urgently and examined for possible treatment. I suggest that it is not only PDR that should be in this category but also severe NPDR.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests