Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and progression of visual impairment in patients newly diagnosed with clinical type 2 diabetes: a 6-year follow up study

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Reviewer: Stian Lydersen

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The authors have satisfactorily addressed my comments, with one minor exception:

You state "To account for multiple statistical testing, we applied the method of Benjamini-Hochberg [28] on the p-values in Table 5, and found that a significance level of 0.0179 was to be used in order to control the false discovery rate at 5%.

It is not clear to me how you did this. Did you for example apply the procedure of equation (1) in Benjamini-Hochberg [28] to one of the four columns of 28 p-values in Table 5? Please explain this in the manuscript or in the letter accompanying your revision.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below