Reviewer's report

**Title:** Advice about diet and smoking for people with or at risk of age-related macular degeneration: a cross-sectional survey of eye care professionals in the UK

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**Reviewer:** Jie Jin Wang

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The authors have not addressed adequately the comments about the following issues:

1. The purpose of the survey and reporting these data: What was the rationale to conduct the survey? Is there benchmarked advice required to be provided to patients as standard practice? How will the knowledge of current practice patterns help to improve eye health care provision to consumers?

2. The low response rates (particularly very few responses from ophthalmologists, n=54, <4% of the total responses), indicate that these descriptive data reflect predominantly the current practice of optometrists in the UK. The authors may consider modifying the study conclusion to reflect the source of their data.

3. The discussion section is still extremely long (7+ pages including Conclusions), and yet has not covered study limitations (a major one is selection bias).

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.