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We are submitting the final revised manuscript entitled: “Histopathological and ultrastructural analysis of vestibular endorgans in Meniere’s disease reveals basement membrane pathology” by Andrew A McCall, Gail Ishiyama, Ivan A Lopez, Sunita Bhuta, Steven Vetter, and Akira Ishiyama, as a Research Article to BMC ENT.

We would like to thank again the reviewers for their insightful and helpful recommendations for the revision of this manuscript.

**Reviewer #1:** No comments or suggestions

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**Reviewer # 3:** No comments or suggestions

**Formatting changes requested**

*Major revisions (We require the author to make these changes)*

*Corresponding author - The corresponding author listed on the manuscript must match the corresponding author listed in our submission system*

We have matched into the system the corresponding author in the submission system: Dr Akira Ishiyama for both.

*Title - This should be identical in the manuscript and the submission system.*

We have updated the title in the submission system: Histopathological and ultrastructural analysis of vestibular endorgans in Meniere’s disease reveals basement membrane pathology

*Abstract - This should be identical in the manuscript and the submission system.*

We have updated the revised abstract in the submission system.

*Table in parts - Table 2 has been divided into parts, a, b, c, d and e. It is important that tables are numbered in ascending numerical order - 1, 2 and 3. Can we please ask that the tables are*
renumbered and any references to the tables in the text are updated to reflect these changes?
Alternatively, please merge the tables into one larger complete table.

We have renumbered the tables as suggested. Table 2A is now table 2, table 2B is Table3, Table 2C is table 4, table 2D is table 5, and table 2E is table 6.

Reference 22, In press - Has this article now been published? If so, please provide the citation details.

We have updated the status of the manuscript and cited accordingly: Ishiyama A, Mowry SE, Lopez IA, Ishiyama G: Immunohistochemical distribution of basement membrane proteins in the human inner ear from older subjects. Hear Res 2009; doi:10.1016/j/heares.2009.03.014.

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We have reduced all figure legends description to a less than 200 words each.

Thanks again.

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