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Dear Editor,

We thank the Reviewers and Editorial team for the time and effort they have spent reviewing our manuscript, “Trends and Implications for Achieving VISION 2020 Human Resources for Eye Health Targets in 16 Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa by Year 2020” (MS: 1529900972122499).

Please find below, our response to the Reviewer’s comment, which we hope satisfy everyone’s concerns with this piece of work. We have made no changes to the manuscript submitted in April.

Sincerely,

Jen Palmer & Karl Blanchet (on behalf of the authors)

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AU: Authors’ response.

Reviewer 1

Reviewer: Serge Resnikoff

Reviewer's report:

Overall, the authors adequately addressed the questions I raised. As for the sister article, there is however one issue that still needs to be corrected. While in the text it is now clear that the averages presented are not representative of the sub-saharan region, table 2 and Additional File 1 still refer to «Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Ratio». This should be replaced by a formulation making clear
that these ratio only refer to the pooling of a limited number of countries.

AU: Our title, abstract and methods section make clear that we are drawing conclusions from a sample of 16 countries in sub-Sahara. We have elected to maintain this definition here and in the sister article.