Author’s response to reviews

Title: The prevalence of and major risk factors associated with diabetic retinopathy in Gegharkunik province of Armenia: Cross-sectional study

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Dear Editorial Team,

Thank you for your prompt feedback on our manuscript entitled “The prevalence of and major risk factors associated with diabetic retinopathy in Gegharkunik province of Armenia: Cross-sectional study”.

On behalf of the authors’ team, I am re-submitting the manuscript, which addresses your comments. Please, find the description of our response to each comment bellow.

Comment 1

1. Author’s Contribution - for manuscripts with more than one author, all BMC Series journals require an Authors’ Contributions section to be placed after the Competing Interests section.

Our Response:

We added a paragraph about author’s contribution after the “Competing Interests” section (page 14).

Authors’ Contribution: AG, TH, and VP developed the research questions and designed the study. AG performed the analysis and drafted the manuscript. TH and VP have contributed to the interpretation of data and revised the manuscript critically for important intellectual content. All the authors have read and approved the final manuscript.

Comment 2

2. Requesting for consent statement

Our Response:

We added the following statement in the Methods section (page 7) “Oral consent was obtained from the patients”.

Comment 3

3. Please note that Research Article require the following sections:

Abstract sections
- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
Trial registration: If article reports the results of a controlled health-care intervention, author must list trial registry and identifying number (in the format “Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN73824458”) as the last line of the abstract.

Article sections
- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion (Results and Discussion may be combined)
- Conclusions
- List of abbreviations used (if any)

Our Response:

In the abstract we replaced “Purpose” with “Background” (page 1) and in the main text we replaced “Introduction” with “Background” (page 3) and added “Conclusion” section (page 13).

We added the list of abbreviations at the end of the text (pages 13-14).

Comment 4

4. Please put all Tables after the Reference section.

Our Response:

We moved all the tables after the Reference section (pages 18-20).