Reviewer’s report

Title: Visual rehabilitation in moderate keratoconus: combined corneal wavefront-guided transepithelial photorefractive keratectomy and high-fluence accelerated corneal collagen cross-linking after intracorneal ring segment implantation

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Reviewer: Friederike Schaub

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This is a well written manuscript and the topic is of interest for corneal surgeons. The study has some limitations but the authors mention these satisfactorily in the discussion. Nevertheless, some minor comments should be addressed:

I. General comments:

I.1 The results and the discussion should include more details regarding the postsurgical course and changes during the 6 months of follow-up.
I.2 It would be desirable if the authors could discuss what their new findings are. It seems as if the results/conclusions are not new. However, this does not contradict the publication of the manuscript.

II. Specific comments:

I. Please report about complications during the postoperative course/6 months of follow-up.
II. Abstract: Trial Registration: Where was the study registered?
III. Background: First paragraph (line 68): Please explain "other therapies" more detailed.
IV. Methods:
   - How was the "sphere" determined?
   - How many eyes had all follow-up visits?
   - How many eyes had to be excluded?

V. Tables and Figures

1. Table 1 has no reference in the text
2. Figure 1: Mean values are shown? Please explain in the legend. Please add standard deviations.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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