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Dear Dr chen,

Your revised manuscript "Incidence of endophthalmitis after 23-gauge pars plana vitrectomy" (BOPH-D-17-00461R2) has been assessed. I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Ophthalmology, once you have carried out some further revisions, detailed below:
1. English language

Please have the text edited by a professional language editing service or a native English speaking colleague. There are still some issues with grammar, wording, spelling, and/or punctuation that need to be addressed before acceptance for publication.

Author reply: This manuscript was revised this time, by Professor Robin R. Seemongal-Dass, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

2. Request clean copy of the consent form

Please attach an English language clean copy of the consent form used to collect the written consent of the patients for the editor's review.

Author reply: We have attached the written consent of English copy.

3. Textual overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works. Please see below for the specific sections in your manuscript which overlap with previously published articles:

ENDOPHTHALMITIS AFTER 25-GAUGE AND 20-GAUGE PARS PLANA VITRECTOMY: Incidence and Outcomes

Scott et al., 2008
00006982-200801000-00018.

I have attached a screenshot of the section in the Discussion which should be revised.
While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

Please re-phrase this section to minimise overlap.

Author reply: We have revised this correspondingly.

Original

Zhang et al. reported visual acuity outcomes of light perception to 0.02.[3] In a 20-year study of postvitrectomy endophthalmitis (1984-2003) reported from the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, visual acuity after treatment ranged from 20/200 to no light perception, with final vision of light perception or no light perception in 4 (67%) of 6 eyes.[4]

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Zhang et al. reported the final visual acuity ranged from light perception to 0.02.[3] A two-decade study (1984-2003) from the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute reported that the final visual acuity of postvitrectomy endophthalmitis ranged from 20/200 to no light perception after treatment, with a third (4 out of 6 eyes) of light perception or worse.[4]

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Author reply: We have attached the clean copy.