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Point-by-point response to reviewer’s comments:

1. Please include the full name of the ethics committee (and the institute to which it belongs to that approved the study and the committee’s reference number if appropriate.

Response: Apologies that this was not clear earlier. This was approved by the Audit and Research department at the Sussex Eye Hospital, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, Brighton. This is now corrected in the first paragraph of the methods section. There was no reference number for the approval.

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Response: This is now edited as per the journal’s recommendation.

Jacqueline Busingye, M.D. (Reviewer 2): Most of the minor grammatical mistakes have been improved and more clarification has been given about the surgeries which is appreciated. This study is limited by size and surgeon experience. Although there are other studies/experiences on this topic there is a need for more studies to help give better guidance especially to teaching institutions.

Response: Many thanks for the comments.