Author’s response to reviews

Title: Varicella Zoster Virus-Associated Chorioretinitis: a Case Report

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Dear Amy Branch-Hollis,

We revised the manuscript according to your recommendation as follows. The revised contents are colored in blue also in the manuscript.

Thank you for amending your manuscript according to our reviewers' requests. However, there are a few minor revisions that are necessary before we can accept the manuscript for publication:

1. We note that you have provided the following statement in the Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate section:

"This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of Severance hospital (IRB No.4-2017-0828) and was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki. Consent to participate from the patients was waived by the Institutional Review Board of Severance hospital (IRB No.4-2017-0828) as this was a retrospective chart review study”.

As your study is a case report, please clarify why ethics approval for a retrospective chart review was obtained.

→ We obtained an ethics approval for this case report according to the submission guideline of case report on the homepage of BMC ophthalmology (https://bmcophthalmol.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/case-report). We included a statement on ethics approval because we used
human data in this case report, but we will exclude the statement if it is not necessary upon your advice.

2. Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

→ We included the statement ‘All authors read and approved the final manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.’ in the Authors’ contributions section.

3. Please remove CAREchecklist-English-2013-1.docx as this is no longer needed at this stage.

→ The file ‘CAREchecklist-English-2013-1.docx’ was removed.

Sincerely,

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