Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and Causes of Blindness, Visual Impairment Among Different Ethnical Minority Groups In Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China

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This is a well organized cross-sectional study in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous region, China.

1. In discussion, line 20

This survey has demonstrated the magnitude and causes of blindness, visual impairment in Han Chinese and minority ethnic group in Altay and Tacheng, Xinjiang.

-> The aim of this study is to ascertain the prevalence and causes of blindness, visual impairment, uptake of cataract surgery among different ethnic group, as written in abstract.

But the sentence in line 20 could confuse the readers whether it compare the Han chineses and other minority ethnic group, or compare four groups. I recommend the correction of the sentence.

2. Table 3

13. all other globe/CNS abnormalities

-> there is no comment about 13 in manuscript.

3. There is a clear data proven and conclusion in this study. In addition, this study include the very important data in prevalence.

But in discussion, the some results was simply repeated in discussion. Reviewer did no information about ethnical backgrouns, for example, just genetic difference or other life style difference depending on ethenic groups. Reviewers recommend more detailed explanation about study results and expect to improve more powerful, valuable study.

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