Author’s response to reviews

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Point by point responses to the editor's comments:

Dear Editor,

Thanks so much for the comments! We have carefully revised our manuscript according to your suggestions. All the amendments are listed as follows. And all the amendments have been marked red in the new revised manuscript.
Editor Comments:

Thank you for your revision work. Considering this is part report of a multicenter, prospective study named "A multicenter, prospective, observational registry study of different treatments for neovascular age-related macular degeneration ", has that prospective study been published yet? If yes, you need to cite it properly in your article.

Re: The data of this multicenter, prospective study is now under statistical analysis and has not been published yet. Since our center is the leading center of that multicenter study (we designed and organized the multicenter study), therefore, we have the right to publish our single center results.

No matter that study has been published yet or not, it is required to clarify that this is a single center report of that clinical trial in methods section, and therefore some methods have been described in that trial, such as the missing randomization information in your study.

In addition, in methods section, you should describe the difference between your current study and the multicenter study, it would be better the your study is from a different angle, not covered by the Multicenter study.

Re: According to the suggestions of the editor, we have clarified that this study was a single center report of that multicenter clinical trial which has not been published in methods section (see in lines 21-22 of Page 4 in the Methods section). Besides, we emphasized the missing randomization information in the revised paper (see in lines 1-4 of Page 5 in the Methods section). In addition, in methods section, we have described the difference between our current study and the multicenter study: we have calculated and analyzed some other parameters which were not covered in the multicenter clinical trial such as the proportion of patients who had complete regression of polyps and the cost-benefit analysis in this single center report (please see in lines 4-7 of Page 7 in the Methods section).

Please include a section Trial registration at the end of the abstract part, for example: "Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN12345678. Registered 28 September 2004."

Re: We have added a section Trial registration at the end of the abstract part according to the editor's suggestions (please see in lines 5-6 of Page 3 in the Abstract section).

At last, please make it clear whether it is allowed to publish your single center results if that study has not been published.
Re: Since our center is the leading center of the multicenter (we designed and organized the multicenter study) study, therefore, we do have the right to publish our single center results.

Thanks so much again for the useful comments! We hope to receive positive response from you!

Best Regards,

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