Reviewer’s report

Title: Ocular Surface Health in Shanghai University Students: A Cross-sectional Study

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This manuscript investigated a population-based survey of ocular surface health in Shanghai college students. In general, this article needs a good language editing and some minor revisions. Although some limitations exist, there are still good points which deserves to be published.

Hereunder are suggestions for the authors:

1. Please add the diagnosis criteria of DED. What is golden standard of tear film evaluation?

2. We have noticed that there is corneal epithelium staining in this young college student. Do you investigate the contact lens wearing and refractive surgery history of these students, since this is very common in college student, and it really influence the status of ocular surface health.

3. In line28 to 36 of page 8;

And in line 58 to 59 of page 14:

Although I can understand the inner intentions that the author wants to express, I still hope to reinforce and modify the grammar and expressions.
4. In line 58 of page 12:
If the sixth word 'DES' refers to 'DED'?

5. As to the anxiety scale, are there differences between fresh student and high grade students? According to published paper, how many factors which can influence the anxiety scale except ocular surface health?

6. You mentioned "keeping eye strain for a long time" as a related factor of DED, so can you describe the function of blinking pattern in DED?

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Yes

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Yes

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