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Title: Comparison of visual quality after EVO-ICL implantation and SMILE to select the appropriate surgical method for high myopia

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1. Please have the text edited by a professional language editing service or a native English speaking colleague. There are many issues with grammar, wording, spelling, and/or punctuation that need to be addressed before acceptance for publication.

Thank you for your advice. We already have our manuscript edited by a professional language editing service.

2. Please can you provide more clarification regarding how the patients included in your study were assigned the treatments. Were the patients assigned these treatments based on standard care or were they assigned these treatments to meet the aims of your study.

Thank you for reminding us of the Trial Registration Number.

China has a large population, children in China are under great learning pressure, and the myopia rate has been increasing year by year. These years the myopia rate of Chinese has exceeded 70%. The hospital where we do research is the largest hospital in Jiangsu province of China and it is the affiliated hospital of the best medical university in Jiangsu province. Nearly 9,000 patients come to our hospital for surgery every year because of ametropia. Therefore, when patients came to our hospital, we objectively told them what kinds of surgical methods they could choose
according to their preoperative examination. The final choice is in the hands of patients, and they may choose the surgery method they wanted according to their own needs and financial conditions.

We have a large number of patients. We are not worried about the number of cases and we respect patients' choice. So the patients assigned these treatments based on standard care rather than assigned these treatments to meet the aims of our study.

Therefore, we think a Trial Registration Number for this study is not very necessary.

Your suggestion is very useful for us. Registration of a clinical trial is important that should be paid attention to by every clinical researcher. In future studies, whether our study is based on standard care or assigned to meet the aims of our study. We will register the trial in advance.

Thank you.

3. Please add a “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research article and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.

Thank you for your suggestion. We have already added a “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section.

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