Author’s response to reviews

Title: Differential expression of connective tissue growth factor and hepatocyte growth factor in the vitreous of patients with high myopia versus vitreomacular interface disease

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Dear editor and reviewers,

Thank you very much for your advice. We have revised the manuscript, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers, and the amendments are highlighted in the revised manuscript. Point by point responses to the reviewers’ comments are listed below.

We sincerely hope that editor and reviewers will be satisfied with the revised version of the manuscript.

Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer 1 : suggested corrections are mentions in the article file.

Answer:

According to your suggestion, we have revised the two statements in the article (the 1st paragraph in Background section and the 2nd paragraph in Method section). The amendments are highlighted in yellow.
Reviewer 2: The Methods section has a statement on 'patients being further divided into 4 subgroups. This is confusing in the present form, which could imply sub-grouping of each of high myopia, and VMID into 4! I believe what the authors mean is subdividing each of the 2 groups further into 2 subgroups? The statement needs to be revised appropriately throughout the manuscript.

There is a fair bit of repetition (verbatim) of the Introduction section (lines 64-81) under Discussion. This needs to be rectified.

Answer:

According to your suggestion, we have revised the statement on subgroups, and reinterpreted it as follows: “Each of the two groups (high myopia and VMID groups) were further subdivided into two subgroups”

Because there is a repetition of the Introduction section under Discussion section, so we have revised the Discussion section. We merge the first and second paragraphs of the Discussion section, modify or delete the repetitive sentences, and redescribe them as succinctly as possible.