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Title: Migraine and Increased Risk of Developing Open Angle Glaucoma: A Population-Based Cohort Study

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Re: Manuscript BOPH-D-18-00734R2, titled “Migraine and Increased Risk of Developing Open Angle Glaucoma: A Population-Based Cohort Study”, by Jehn-Yu Huang, Chien-Chia Su, Tsing-Hong Wang, and I-Ju Tsai.

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

I, along with my coauthors, would like to re-submit the attached manuscript entitled “Migraine and Increased Risk of Developing Open Angle Glaucoma: A Population-Based Cohort Study” as an Original Research article. The manuscript ID is MS No.: BOPH-D-18-00734R2.
The manuscript has been carefully rechecked and appropriate changes have been made in accordance with the reviewers’ comments and the editorial policies. We have also answered the questions from the editor. All authors have reviewed and concur with each of the changes made to the manuscript, and to the order their names listed in the authorship.

We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in your journal.

I look forward to your reply

Sincerely,

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We appreciate the editor’s comments. This research protocol has been reviewed and approved by the Research Ethics Committee of the National Taiwan University Hospital and comply the categories of exempt in accordance with the government laws and regulations. After approval of research protocol, we can further apply for the permission to access the raw data from NHIRD.
According to the regulations of Taiwan’s National Health Insurance Research Database (NHIRD), all researchers who wish to use the NHIRD and its data subsets are required to sign a written agreement declaring that they have no intention of attempting to obtain information that could potentially violate the privacy of patients or care providers. The use of NHIRD is limited to research purposes only. Applicants must follow the Computer-Processed Personal Data Protection Law and related regulations of National Health Insurance Administration and National Health Research Institutes. The licensed application number of NHIRD for current study is NHIRD-102-132.

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