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

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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-18-00734R4.
The manuscript has been carefully rechecked and appropriate changes have been made in accordance with the reviewers’ comments and the editorial policies. We have amended the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the manuscript to address the relevant clarifications. 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

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We appreciate the editor’s comment. We have added the clarifications regarding data permissions in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section.

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