**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Evaluation the ocular surface characteristics and Demodex Infestation in Paediatric and Adult Blepharokeratoconjunctivitis

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Dear editor,

We are truly grateful to yours and the reviewers’ thoroughgoing comments. Based on these comments and suggestions, we have made careful modifications on the manuscript. Considering this is a clean version of the manuscript, we would like to indicate that all of the modifications in the manuscript are mentioned in the following point-by-point responses:

Editor Comments:

1. Please see Reviewer 2’s comments.

   Answer: Thank you for your reminder. Point-by-point response to reviewer 2 has been made below.

2. Co-author emails

   Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.

   Answer: The email addresses for all authors have been listed on the title page.

3. Please remove the conflict of interest statement from the title page.
Answer: The interest statement in the title page has been removed.

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Answer: Thank you for your kind comment. All tracked changes and highlights have been cleaned and an additional figure has been uploaded as the reviewer 2 suggested.

Reviewer reports:

Hong Liang, MD, PhD (Reviewer 2): Please offer the precise Number of the Ethics number, especially for the <16 years old subjects authorization if the author could.

Two representative photos of Paediatric and adult BKC might be suitable to illustrate.

Answer: Thank you very much for your rigorous and valuable comments.

1. Current work is a part of our clinical study on the eyelid margin associated ocular surface diseases which was approved by the Ethics Committee of our hospital (Eye and ENT hospital of Fudan University). The ethics number is No.2015010. This information has been added in Declarations part in the manuscript. The current part study just performed clinical observation and didn’t involve trial treatment. The examinations did in this study were all clinical routine examinations both in adults and children. Data collection was performed after the written informed consent was obtained from all subjects or their legal guardians if they were under the age of sixteen.

2. Two representative photos of paediatric and adult BKC have been added in the manuscript. A sentence for indicating the Figure 1 was added in Line 172-173.