Author’s response to reviews

Title: Acute Emotional Stress as a Trigger for Intraocular Pressure Elevation in Glaucoma

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For the ease of the reviewers, a full response letter was provided in Word format as a Supplementary Document. A copy can be found below.

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Lausanne, January the 3rd, 2019

RE: BMC Ophthalmology, “Acute Emotional Stress as a Trigger for Intraocular Pressure Elevation in Glaucoma” - BOPH-D-18-00635

Dear Editors,

We are pleased to submit the revised case report entitled "Acute Emotional Stress as a Trigger for Intraocular Pressure Elevation in Glaucoma" for consideration of publication in BMC Ophthalmology.

Once again, we would like to thank the Reviewers and Editor for their insightful reviews. We have considered all their comments and have revised our manuscript accordingly. A point-by-point response to the comments is included below.

Sincerely yours,

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Research Fellow to Prof. André Mermoud & Prof. assoc. Kaweh Mansouri
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"Dear Authors,

The revised manuscript sounds a lot better than the previous version. Only some minor changes:

1. Line 44 points to a reference of the Collaborative Normal Tension Glaucoma Study. I invite Authors to add other references, e.g. EMGT (Early Manifest Glaucoma Trial), AGIS (Advanced Glaucoma Intervention Study) and CIGTS (Collaborative Initial Glaucoma Treatment Study).

2. Line 162: Authors probably intended “case” and not “care”.

3. RNFL image may be easily replaced by OCT image of the bleb."

We would like to thank the editor again for their thoughtful and detailed comments.

1. We have added the suggested references [5, 6, 7] regarding the effect of intraocular pressure reduction on glaucoma progression.

2. Line 162 should indeed have read "case" instead of "care". Thank you, this was corrected.

3. We fully agree that OCT images of the bleb would make a very valuable addition to this report, however, we were unfortunately unable to retrieve the images due to a technical issue with the trial AS-OCT device we were using at the time of the patient's presentation. We deeply regret not being able to add these images.

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Comments to the Author:

Reviewer 1 - Xiangmei Kong:
“The revision of the manuscript is highly improved. I thought it could be accepted.”

We would like to thank the reviewer for her time and assistance in improving this manuscript.

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Comments to the Author:

Reviewer 2 - Chiara Posarelli:

"The Authors address all the points during the revision of the manuscript, I only suggest to add an image of the bleb captured with the OCT this could be of interest for the reader."

We would like to thank the reviewer for her time and assistance in improving this manuscript.

We fully agree that OCT images of the bleb would make a very valuable addition to this report, however, we were unfortunately unable to retrieve the images due to a technical issue with the trial AS-OCT device we were using at the time of the patient's presentation. We deeply regret not being able to add these images.