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Dear Dr Branch-Hollis,

We appreciate the comments on the manuscript BOPH-D-18-00698R2, entitled “The relationship between foveal outer nuclear layer thickness in the active and resolved phases of central serous chorioretinopathy treated with half-dose photodynamic therapy”.

We are pleased to submit herewith the revised manuscript, which addresses the points that have been raised. Each of the co-authors has seen and agreed to each of the changes made to this manuscript and the way his or her name is listed. Thank you for your hard work and great help.

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vikas ambiya, MS (Reviewer 3): The manuscript is acceptable in its present form.

Thanks to the editors and congratulations to the authors.

Response: Thank you. We believe that your recommendations have allowed us to improve the quality of our paper.

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