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Dear Editor,

We much appreciate the editor’s and reviewer’s positive and constructive comments and suggestions regarding our manuscript entitled “Reoperation Following Vitrectomy for Diabetic Vitreous Hemorrhage With versus Without Preoperative Intravitreal Bevacizumab” (BOPH-D-18-00514R2).

We have studied the editor’s comments carefully and have made revisions according to the comments.

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