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Title: Prevalence and Associated Risk factors of Dry Eye Disease in 16 Northern West bank Towns in Palestine: A Cross-Sectional Study

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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No - there are minor issues

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Not sure - key details are missing from the manuscript

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No - there are issues with the statistics in the study

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Yes - the author’s interpretation is reasonable
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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: This paper is very well written and presented.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The authors need to address the reason why 900 subjects firstly were invited using phone. The sample size seems to be adequate, but the power of sample calculation should be cleared.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

Were 769 subjects who were recruited using eye drops for the treatment of dry eye disease? I suggest that some patients were taking the drops such as artificial tear, lubricant as a habitual medicine.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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No

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