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Dear Mr. Abraham (Editor), Ceyhun Arici (Reviewer 1) and Navid Ardjomand (Reviewer 2), Abhay Vasavada (Reviewer 3),

We would like to thank you very much for your kind and careful review of this manuscript. All remarks were greatly appreciated. We have discussed the issues raised and have revised the manuscript in response to the comments. We believe that the revised version of this manuscript has now improved in scientific quality and we hope that it will meet the standards of the journal.

Please find below the point-by-point answers to the issues raised by the Editor.

Thank you very much again for your valuable time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Wolfgang J. Mayer

Editor Comments:

1. Ethics approval and consent to participate
   In this section, please clarify who provided consent.
   Please also provide the full name of the institutional review board that granted ethics approval.
   - All experimental procedures and the tissue harvesting process included proper consent and approval, complied with the Declaration of Helsinki and were approved by the institutional review board. Ethics approval for the project of the isolation, study and cultivation of postmortem human eye tissue, number
was granted by the Ethics committee by the Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich, (Head: Prof. Dr. Eisenmenger) (Ethikkommission bei der Medizinischen Fakultät der LMU München, Pettenkoferstr. 8, 80336 München, Germany). Consent for the donation and scientific use of the human donor tissue in conformity with the declaration of Helsinki was given either prior to their death by the donors themselves or post-mortem by the next of kin.

2. Funding
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