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Title: Normative Values of The Retinal Macular Thickness in a Middle Eastern Population.

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 Probably - with minor revisions

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GENERAL COMMENTS: The revision has improved the manuscript. I have only minor suggestions.
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
P2 abstract: "multivariant" should be "multivariate"
P2 abstract: You wrote "Furthermore, we found a significant difference 17 between age and central macular thickness (p= 0.001)". But what was the effect of age - thinner as it gets older, thinker? What? Please describe.
P3 paragraph 1: OCT stands for optical coherence tomography not ocular coherence tomography.
P3 paragraph 1 second 2 sentences: These are difficult to understand. English language editing is required.
P6: The difference by age group is driven by the lower values in the under 30s. The rest of the groups are not different to each other so you can't say that thickness "peaks" from 51-60.
Table 2 is an important addition. However it contains spelling errors. Please ensure the data collected for table 2 are directly comparable. Present numbers in the column with a single heading of what is being reported. English language editing is required.

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Yes

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Yes

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I am able to assess the statistics

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