Reviewer’s report

Title: Effect of Corneal Cross-linking on Endothelial Cell Density and Morphology in the Peripheral Cornea.

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Reviewer: Eyal Cohen

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I would like to thank the authors for submitting this study for publication. This is a nicely written study evaluating the peripheral ECD and endothelial morphology pre and post standard CXL. Here are some points to be address by the authors: 1. Study by its nature suppose to answer a question which yet been answered, although this is the first study describing the ECD and morphology at the corneal periphery it is well known already from previous studies that central ECD and morphology are not affected by the procedure. Is there a logical explanation why the cornea would act differently in the periphery? and if not so, we can speculate that the results won't be different from previous studies. 2. Post-operative assessment of 3 months is very short, I would suggest a longer follow up.

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