Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence, incidence, and risk factors of primary open-angle glaucoma - a cohort study based on longitudinal data from a German public health insurance

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Reviewer reports:
Ian Murdoch (Reviewer 1): Thank-you
RESPONSE: We are very grateful for your helpful comments.

Alex Black (Reviewer 2): In this second revised manuscript, the authors present data from a large random cohort of German health insurance provider, examining the prevalence, incidence and potential risk factors for primary open-angle glaucoma.
The authors have adequately addressed the issues raised in the previous reviews, and the findings of the study are appropriately presented, reported and discussed.
RESPONSE: Thank you for your valuable feedback!

A few minor comments below will help improve a few aspects of the manuscript.

L107 - Expand POAG abbreviation, as first use. Also need to include a comment that POAG is the most frequent form of glaucoma, and hence the focus on this in the present study, using Ref 1.
RESPONSE: We revised the sentence.

L109 - Include references to these small sample size studies.
RESPONSE: We deleted the sentence.

L116 - This last sentence needs to be placed just before the risk factors are discussed. Currently, the prevalence and incidence rates follow in the next paragraph.
RESPONSE: We revised the chapter.
L119 - Reference for Kapetanakis needs to be included here, rather than several sentences away.  
RESPONSE: We changed the referencing.

Table 1 - Need to include refs for each of the studies. Please check spelling - Friedmann incorrect.  
RESPONSE: We revised the table and the spelling of Friedman.

Table 2 - Also include the n value on the table for completeness.  
RESPONSE: We added the n values in the table.

FORMATTING CHANGES:

>> The email address of corresponding author in the submission system (daniel.kreft@uni-rostock.de) is not the same as in the manuscript file (kreft@rostockerzentrum.de). Please correct so they are consistent with each other.  
RESPONSE: We changed the email address.

>> Please rename Background and objective as Background.  
RESPONSE: We revised the title.

>> Please rename 'Data and methods' as Methods.  
RESPONSE: We revised the title.

>> Please rename Introduction as Background.  
RESPONSE: We revised the title.

>> Please rename Materials and Methods as Methods.  
RESPONSE: We revised the title.

>> Please move the List of Abbreviations and the Declarations section to after the Conclusion.  
RESPONSE: We changed the order.

>> In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.  
RESPONSE: We revised the funding section.

>> Please include a Figure legends section after the References.  
RESPONSE: We added a list of figures.