Reviewer’s report

Title: Awareness and practices regarding eye diseases among patients with diabetes: a cross sectional analysis of the CoDiab-VD cohort

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Authors investigated prevalence, awareness, and practices regarding eye diseases among Swiss patients with diabetes. They found that eye diseases were frequent, especially among patients with type 1 diabetes, and that the majority of patients were aware of the positive influence of regular eye examinations by an ophthalmologist on the prevention of diabetic eye diseases. However, one third of patients did not visit an ophthalmologist during the last year. They also showed that regular eye examination was positively associated with patients' awareness of ocular preventive measures. From a clinical point of view, these results are interesting in essence. There are, however, some points which should be addressed for publication in this journal.

Specific comments

Criticism 1: Authors stated that they opted for a more comprehensive approach of eye diseases in patients with diabetes. Did you evaluate the presence or absence of diabetic macular edema? Diabetic macular edema is an important clinical condition.

Criticism 2: In the discussion section, authors described the reasons of the difference in the prevalence of diabetic retinopathy between the current data and previous reports. Could this difference explained by the extent of diabetic retinopathy? How about the classification of diabetic retinopathy such as simple diabetic retinopathy and proliferative diabetic retinopathy in these patients?

Criticism 3: Authors showed that multiple eye diseases affected more often patients with type 1 diabetes than patients with type 2 diabetes. The reason should be described.

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