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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Ophthalmology Research: An International Journal</a>                   |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_OR_28445                                                                        |
| Title of the Manuscript: | RELATIONSHIP OF HEMOGLOBIN A1C AND OUTCOMES OF TREATMENT OF DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                                          |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | <p><b>Did any patients have vitreomacular traction syndrome?</b><br/> <b>Did any patient have anemia?</b><br/> <b>Why did it have much more male patients?</b><br/> <b>Did any patient have glaucoma ?</b><br/> <b>Did any patient have risk of stroke?</b></p> | <p>No patients with vitreomacular traction syndrome were included in this study. Any patients with a concurrent diagnosis of something that could also be causing macular edema, such as vitreomacular traction, macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, post-operative patients etc. were excluded. I included the word 'possible' on line 58 to demonstrate this.</p> <p>Anemia was not an exclusion criterion but upon chart review no patients in this study suffered from anemia.</p> <p>There were many more male patients included in this study due to the population of the patients at the Veterans Affairs Hospital having a much more male predominated population overall. I included a comment about this and how it may contribute to limiting the generalizability of these results to a 'normal' population model lines 197-199.</p> <p>Yes, patients in this study were not excluded if they had glaucoma. I added a comment about this in line 60 to inform readers that other ophthalmic pathology that did not cause macular edema was not a part of the exclusion criteria.</p> <p>Patients in this study were at risk for stroke, especially because the patients in this review were older age patients with diabetes and often concurrent vasculopathic risk factors including hypertension and hyperlipidemia. These were not exclusion criteria.</p> |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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