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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 | <b>This manuscript describes symptoms of one complicated patients deeply. I cannot understand what authors want to tell others.</b> | <p>To answer your question, we have added the following section.</p> <p><b>1.1 Who Should Read This Paper And Why Should They Read It?</b></p> <p><b>1.1.1 Ophthalmologists</b></p> <p>Ophthalmologists can read this paper and diagnose the patient's medical problems. The symptoms and people interactions have been laid out in chronological order. These are the facts that were thought to be true at the time, but some of them might prove to be wrong in the end. The appendix provides useful but possibly irrelevant statistics that he or she might want to consider. Hopefully, the ophthalmologist can learn a little about the patient's viewpoint of ocular surgeries. The ophthalmologist could learn about the types of pain that can result from ocular surgeries. Then he or she could write brochures that describe potential postoperative pain and explain treatments that would be used to resolve those pains. Finally the ophthalmologist can decide if he/she would have done better than these dozen ophthalmologists.</p> <p><b>1.1.2 Optometrists</b></p> <p>Optometrists can expand their horizons and find their place in ocular surgeries. In 1977, Larry Stark et al. [1] described many nontraditional optometry tasks that professionals were performing in his Neuro-optometry Clinic at Berkeley (UC) and San Francisco (UCSF). This paper suggests another nontraditional task: assisting patients with detaching retinas. Detached retinas seem to be in the purview of ophthalmologists. However, this paper explains ways that an optometrist was involved in (1) diagnosing a detaching retina, (2) tracking the specialties and equipment of local ophthalmologists, (3) acting as a primary visual care provider, (4) understanding and explaining to the patient what lies in store for him during and after the surgery, (5) diagnosing and perhaps solving postoperative complications {such as (a) postoperative diplopia, which (in this case) was ameliorated with prism spectacles, (b) the iris being trapped by the intraocular lens, which was solved by a lens replacement, (c) inflammation, in this case due to the suture securing the scleral buckle and (d) helping with pain diagnosis and remediation,} and (6) explaining the relationships between fundus photos, visual field diagrams and ocular coherence tomography images. Also the American Optometric Association has an extensive set of recommendations for optometrists dealing with retinal detachments [2] [Jones].</p> <p><b>1.1.3 Students of Ophthalmology and Optometry</b></p> |



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|                                                | <p><b>It is very interesting, but it should be published as other style.</b></p> | <p>Students of Ophthalmology and Optometry can augment their diagnostic skills by practicing on this real-life case study. They can also learn about a topic that does not get much attention in the curriculum, pain.</p> <p><b>1.1.4 Intelligent layman</b></p> <p>Intelligent laymen and patient advocates can learn about complications and interactions between cataract and detached retina surgeries, such as the following. Pain is hard to diagnose, measure, quantify and treat, making it frustrating for both the patient and the physician: in this case there were many causes of the pain, which caused confusion. There was no face-to-face communication between the dozen doctors that were involved in this case: furthermore, many times the written communications were not received, read or understood. In complicated procedures involving many physicians and many physical systems, perhaps there should be a patient's advocate, who knows the system and is interested only in the patients' best interests. A useful metric for choosing a doctor is the amount of time that he or she schedules for each appointment or operation. A better understanding and resolution for a medical problem may be treating the symptoms, the doctors, the patients and the procedures as a whole system instead of a group of specific entities to be treated individually.</p> <p><b>1.1.5 Families and friends</b></p> <p>Families and friends of patients who have or will undergo ocular surgeries can understand what the patient is experiencing and what signs and symptoms should be reported to the ophthalmologist. When a new clue surfaces a very difficult decision is always, Should I call the doctor? Should I go to the emergency room? Should I take more narcotic pain pills? Reading this paper should help with these decisions.</p> <p>I am willing to change the type of study to a case report or a design. I think we should ask our Editor for advice.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments</p>   |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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