



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	Ophthalmology Research: An international Journal
Manuscript Number:	2014_OR_10274
Title of the Manuscript:	A Retrospective Case Study of the Incidence of Endogenous Fungal Endophthalmitis in Patients with Positive Blood Cultures for Systemic Fungemia: Review of the Literature

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
1. Line 24: do not capitalize Diabetes Mellitus and do not abbreviate intravenous. 2. Line 29: should be 40%. 3. Lines 99-101: I'm shocked that none of the patients had posterior segment findings such as hemorrhages or cotton wool spots. In my experience, the majority of fungemia patients have some sort of retinopathy. It leads me to question the detailed accuracy of the charting. 4. I would like the authors to report the spectrum of organisms responsible for the other 117 cases of fungemia to see if these differed from the 100 they examined. The authors have made acceptable changes to the manuscript. I have made a final list of suggested revisions to the manuscript after which it can be accepted.	1. Done 2. Done 3. Unfortunately, it is always possible that there were some missed cotton wool spots or hemorrhages on exam, or ones which were not documented in the patient charts. However, given the retrospective nature of this study, we are limited to report only what is recorded in the chart 4. Our study population was generated by a list from the hospital records department, and charts were reviewed and separated into those with and without ophthalmology consults. Data regarding organisms, exam findings and outcomes were only obtained from patients who had ophthalmology consults placed. Because of this, we do not have a list of the causative organisms for patients not followed by ophthalmology. However, we do think it would be interesting to further examine why only 46% of patients had ophthalmology consults placed and how this affects visual outcomes. Lines 132-134 provide potential areas to examine in future research.