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PART 1:

Journal Name:	Ophthalmology Research: An international Journal
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Title of the Manuscript:	The Patient's Viewpoint of Cataract and Detached Retina Surgeries

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
I am glad the author is getting the perspective of an ophthalmologist and including it in the paper. I object to the Appendix of success rates. I am not a statistician, but multiplying the incidences of the various complications is not a means of determining success rate. Success rate for RD repair, for example, might be defined as a reattached retina 3 months after surgery. Avoidance of any of many side effects is not part of the calculation. Is a successful second shot on a par 4 golf hole landing on the green or being close enough to the pin for a tap in birdie? The patient suffered many uncommon complications. The odds of another cataract surgery patient having this series of complications or side effects would be quite small. It would be a disservice to readers if they understood that the clinical course described is the norm, as it certainly is not. Any more than the movie "The Hangover" describes the typical bachelor party. In terms of informed consent, if this scenario is presented to a potential cataract surgery patient with a 50/50 likelihood, no one in their right mind would have cataract surgery. Bad stuff can and does happen. Fortunately not often. A better message would be how symptoms, such as pain, while quite real and significant to the patient, may not have an obvious cause and be difficult to diagnose.	

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