

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 24977-Review.doc).

Title: Treatment of diabetic retinopathy: Recent Advances and unresolved challenges

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1

This manuscript is an excellent and comprehensive review of current status of treatment of diabetic retinopathy. Several abbreviations are not explained when appeared first in the text. PRN; pro re nata, as-needed BCVA; best corrected visual acuity DRCR.net; diabetic retinopathy clinical research network CRT; central retinal thickness SD-OCT; spectral domain optical coherence tomography.

Reply: The abbreviations mentioned above – PRP, BCVA, DRCR.net, CRT, and SD-OCT - have been completely expanded where they first appear in the manuscript.

Reviewer 2

None.

Reply: Thank you.

Reviewer 3

The subject of this review falls within the scope of the journal. It is a compact and informative survey of the current state-of-the-art on treatment of diabetic retinopathy. The long list of the drugs mentioned in the section "can we develop more potent pharmacologic Agents?" should be omitted and transferred to the table. This section should be part of the conclusion.

Reply: The list of drugs to which the reviewer refers has been removed from this section and incorporated into the Table. New drugs are referred to in the Conclusion, but I do not believe that introducing new drugs in this section is appropriate.

Sincerely yours,
Michael W. Stewart, MD