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## **Comments to Reviewers:**

### **Reviewer 00401043**

I have added a brief discussion of current therapeutic options. Including current recommendations re closing CSF pressure after LP, how to differentiate low pressure headache from the headache of IIH.

We are not claiming that the fluctuations in CSF pressure the so called b-waves are influenced by this treatment, but rather are trying to suggest an alternative approach that needs to be explored with further collaborative research. We have proposed a theory that explains why some patients have a resolution of IIH with a single LP.

The reviewer suggests that the role of female hormones should be discussed, but as Sir Thomas Huxley said “the tragedy of science, the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact.” Men get IIH raising significant doubt over the primary role of hormones in the pathogenesis of IIH.

We have not advocated a LP to try and induce a low-pressure headache in patients with threatened vision.

### **Reviewer 00646655**

Subtitles have been added to manuscript

Additional brief comments re pathophysiology have been added but we do not want to obscure the message by rehashing old and unsustainable theories, if a proposed cause is not present in all instances then we believe it cannot be implicated in the primary cause of IIH.

We have added a line re the main risk of IIH is visual loss.

We have discussed other treatment options.