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Dear editor:

**Name of journal:** *World Journal of Ophthalmology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO: 11635**

**Age-related macular degeneration treatment in the era of molecular medicine**

We thank the reviewers for their insightful and helpful comments on our manuscript.  
We have made the following changes to the revised manuscript:

1. According to the comment boxes from the word document: 11635-edited
  - a. All reference numbers listed in the text have been superscripted
  - b. The references noted to be out of order (reference 25) have been corrected. Reference 25 that was originally at the end of the section Genome-Wide Association Studies on page 6 was changed to reference #27. References 26 and 27 listed earlier in the same section were changed to reference 25 and 26 respectively.
  - c. Reference 63 is a reference to an ongoing phase 1 trial and a direct reference was not included in the previous text. A short sentence referring to this trial was added at the end of the section "Gene Therapy" on page 11.
  - d. The PMID was added to all of the references, the journal name was italicized, and the DOI (when available) coupled with the PMID was placed in brackets as shown in the example given in the editor's comments.
2. Grammatical/style corrections according to reviewer comments

- a. Reviewer 00505066
  - i. Page 2 line 5: “intravitreal injections” was changed to “intravitreal injection of medications.”
  - ii. Page 2, line 19: “stem cell transplantation” was changed to “transplantation of stem cell-derived RPE”
  - iii. Page 7, Line 14 and 18: “with at risk genotype” was kept (line 14) and “for the at risk variant” was changed to “for the risk variant” (line 18)
  - iv. Page 13, Line 11 “RPE Stem Cell” was changed to “RPE stem cells”
- b. Reviewer 00505129
  - i. According to reviewer’s comments the heading Genomic Wide Association Studies was changed to Genome-Wide Association Studies on Page 5
- c. Reviewer 00504910
  - i. Page 15, Line 29: “dry” AMD was added to clarify the type of AMD treated in this study <sup>[93]</sup>.
- 3. Minor changes from the Authors
  - a. Page 3, line 6: “2” was removed from the phrase “subretinal space in 2 human subjects” due to the fact that there are ongoing trials with more patients that have not yet published their results.
  - b. Page 4, line 1: “irreversible” was removed given that cataracts are not an irreversible cause of blindness.

Please notify us if there is any additional editing that you would like us to pursue.

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