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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: PaperReviewed.doc).

Title: Ophthalmic adverse drug reactions - a nationwide detection using hospital databases

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Thank you for the comments and suggestions. We have proceeded accordingly and believe that our paper has been improved.

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

A) **Reviewer 1** => The frequency of global ophthalmic ADRs was added, in the abstract (page 2, line 20) and in Results section (page 6, line 19).

B) **Reviewer 2**

1) Abstract: the definition of ADR of WHO was added, as suggested, and so was the purpose of the study (page 2)

2) Introduction: more evidence about the possible advantages of databases methodology was added (page 4, line 28).

3) Methods, definition of ADR: the term of side effect is very wide and used with

different definitions; therefore we did not add it. However, we changed the definitions to increase clarity: we put definition of ADR first and added, as suggested, that this study was focused on ADRs (page 5, line 1)

4) Methods, detection of ADR: we added that text, as suggested, for further clarification. Thank you (page 5, line 19).

5) Results: additional details such as drug class and duration of episode unfortunately were not registered. Dose was not possible to obtain for all ADRs.

6) Results ADR during hospitalization versus admission: Considering that after the conclusion of the study it was not possible to safely separate ADR during hospitalization versus present at admission, due to low and variable records/registers, we chose not to present those data in the results. However, we should have removed those secondary outcomes from the Methods - which we now did.

7) The meaning of 4 person-hours has been explained and added in the text and abstract.

Thank you again for accepting our manuscript in the *World Journal of Meta-Analysis*.

Sincerely yours,

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