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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

The review of Murray and colleagues deals with the advancement in retinoblastoma treatment. The manuscript is well written and focused. In line with the aim of the journal, the content is of interest to basic and clinically oriented scientists. Moreover, authors give a balanced view providing a summary of the most recent publications in the field.

I have some minor points that I would be grateful if you could consider.

1) At the end of the introduction, the authors should better clarify the aim/goal of their review. They should explain the need of a new review on this field in order to help the critical reading by the audience. – **We agree with the reviewer and we have modified the last sentence of the paragraph to better clarify the aims of the review paper. “The current review discusses the evolution of retinoblastoma treatment, highlighting recent advances with the aim of saving the life, eye, and vision of children with retinoblastoma.”**

2) The description of the focal laser ablative therapy is lacking. A new paragraph on laser therapy would make reading easier also for those researcher not in the field. In addition, it would be important a critical evaluation by the authors of the role of laser therapy itself.

**We agree with the reviewer and we have added an additional section on “Laser Therapy.”**

**Laser therapy consists of using a diode laser via indirect ophthalmoscopy to apply precise burns to the entirety of the tumor. Laser therapy is performed during exam under anesthesia (EUA), and is used as monotherapy, combined with systemic or intraarterial chemotherapy, or for focal tumor recurrences. For small, unilateral tumors, local laser ablative therapy may spare a child systemic or local chemotherapy and can be used as monotherapy. However, children must continue to have frequent EUAs, as new tumors can occur at sites away from the solitary lesion. Studies have shown that systemic chemotherapy combined with focal laser consolidation is more efficacious than systemic chemotherapy alone, with in-depth discussion in the next section. Finally, laser therapy does not prove efficacious for vitreous or subretinal seeds, but is often used for focal, marginal recurrences following primary tumor treatment. Overall, laser ablative therapy plays an important role in the primary management of retinoblastoma.**

The manuscript contains different typos. - **Corrected**