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Dear Drs. Borhanihaghghi, Farjam, and Karimi,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled: “**Proteinuria and Renal Function After Intravitreal Injection of Bevacizumab in Patients With Diabetic Nephropathy: A Prospective Observational Study**” as a GMJ original article. This prospective observational study was done on 40 adult patients with diabetic nephropathy and proliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or clinically significant macular edema undergoing intravitreal injection of bevacizumab at Poostchi Ophthalmology Center affiliated with Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (Shiraz, Iran) from September 2017 to February 2018. The intravenous administration of bevacizumab is associated with important adverse events including hypertension, proteinuria, and renal dysfunction. However, the association between these adverse effects and intravitreal bevacizumab injection is not well-studied and our study is the first prospective research on evaluating these complications. We found that intravitreal injection of bevacizumab does not result in deterioration of proteinuria or renal function in patients with diabetic nephropathy. Nevertheless, it decreases plasma vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) level and platelet count and increases diastolic blood pressure and hemoglobin level. We feel that it might be of interest to your readers.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal.

The study was supported by Shiraz University of Medical Sciences. All authors listed have contributed sufficiently to the project to be included as authors. Additionally, to the best of our knowledge, no conflict of interest, financial or other, exists. The Ethics Committee of Shiraz University of Medical Sciences reviewed and approved the study and it was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki Principles.

The authors state that the corresponding author has the right to communicate on their behalf in all correspondences regarding the submitted manuscript.

Sincerely,

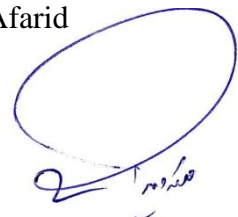
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