Response to: Combined treatment of intravitreal bevacizumab and intravitreal triamcinolone in patients with retinal vein occlusion by Schroff et al.,

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Dear Editor,

We thank the authors for their interest in our study. We agree that combined treatment with triamcinolone could reduce the number of recurrent treatments with bevacizumab. However, the combination treatment did not seem to change the visual acuity outcome compared to previously published reports with bevacizumab monotherapy. The reduced number of re-injections with the combined treatment need to be weighed against the side-effects after triamcinolone injections,

including increased intraocular pressure, cataract, and possible increased risk of endophthalmitis and sterile inflammation.

Looking back at the data, we did not find any difference in the response of previously treated patients compared to treatment-naïve eyes, although our study is limited by the small number of patients and relatively short follow-up period. A larger randomized controlled study involving combination therapy is warranted.

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