Reviewer's report

Title: Valacyclovir in the treatment of Acute Retinal Necrosis

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Minor essential revision: This is an interesting and well-written paper. I have one comment regarding the discussion on page 6 paragraph 2 – sentence 3 does not make sense – this may be a typing error as the paper they are discussing actually shows that Valacyclovir, administered at a dose of 1000 mg every 8 hours 24 hours prior to pars plana vitrectomy achieves vitreous concentrations exceeding the inhibitory concentration for the majority of VZV, HSV-1, and HSV-2 strains (Huynh paper) and they should also note that famciclovir, the oral prodrug of penciclovir, administered at a dose of 500 mg times 3 doses and then on the morning of pars plana vitrectomy, also resulted in vitreous concentrations inhibiting the herpetic viruses (Chong DY, Johnson MW, Huynh TH, Hall EF, Comer GM, Fish DN. Vitreous penetration of orally administered famciclovir. Am J Ophthalmol 2009;148(1):38-42 e1)

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests