

Reply to Correspondence

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To the Editor,

We thank Drs Gupta and Ram for their comments. We found that smoking and diabetes were risk factors for cataracts and, because these factors may well affect statins use and diet, it is difficult to interpret findings from observational studies about associations with statin use and Vitamin C intake. The effects of these factors on cataract risk are best evaluated in randomized trials. In our study less than 1% of women with cataract surgery had a record of laser iridotomy beforehand, too few to affect our findings.

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