Reviewer's report

Title: The insertion of a foldable hydrophobic IOL through the trabeculectomy fistula in cases with Microincision cataract surgery combined with trabeculectomy.

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Reviewer: Aldo Caporossi

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General
The manuscript by Dada et al describes a new combined technique to perform bimanual phacoemulsification and trabeculectomy. The insertion of the IOL through the trabeculectomy fistula, makes possible to carry out bimanual phacoemusification without to enlarge one of the two phaco incisions. This is a good option for the surgeons that believe in bimanual phaco technique and in two sites phacotrabeculectomy.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. it is not conclusively demonstrated the results of two sites phacotrabeculectomy are better than one site technique.
2. it is not conclusively demonstrated that bimanual phacoemulsification induces less inflammation if compared with the standard phacoemulsification.
3. The authors should specify in the methods section that the trypan blue staining it is necessary only in cases with poor red reflex otherwise it seems a standard step of their phaco technique.
4. The authors should provide the manufacturer and the model of the phacoemulsificator.
5. The report would be improved if the authors could carry out a table specifying pre and postoperative IOP, visual acuity and glaucoma medications of the five cases.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The title is adequately descriptive, but it is not usual the article (THE) as first word.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests