Reviewer's report

Title: Glaucoma following congenital cataract surgery - the role of early surgery and posterior capsulotomy

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General
1) You note – “only 3 patients operated on within 7 months had an intact posterior capsule” -- What was the age of the patient who has intact posterior capsule, when operated before 7 months of age. If it is greater than 4 or months - in this age group, children tend to have low incidence of glaucoma anyway. Figure 2 and 3 are strongly confounded by age, and results of figure 4 is not statistically significant. This should be further elaborated in the discussion.

2) Although posterior capsule may have been left intact, I assume that within few months these eyes may have required secondary surgical posterior capsulotomy and vitrectomy. If this eye has underwent secondary posterior capsulectomy during early postoperative period, the discussion stating “potential protective effect by preventing exposure of the maturing angle structures, …. ” is not much relevant. Please add this in the discussion if child require secondary posterior capsulectomy.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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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 interest.