Reviewer's report

Title: Valsalva retinopathy in pregnancy

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Reviewer: Pradeep Prasad

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General

This is a generally well-written paper which is very clear and succinct in its description of the patient's presentation and management. However, the case does not appear to be unique. Valsalva retinopathy associated with pregnancy has been well-documented in the literature. This case does not appear to meet the criteria of the journal. The management and clinical course for this patient appear to be typical of that already documented in the pubmed indexed literature.

Revisions necessary for publication

As stated previously, the case as it currently stands does not appear to meet the criteria for publication.

Perhaps discussing the potential mechanisms that predispose to valsalva retinopathy in pregnancy may help to strengthen it for publication.

What next?: Revise and resubmit
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published