Reviewer’s report

Title: Atopic dermatitis, cutaneous steroids and cataracts in children: a case series.

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Reviewer: Soon Phaik Chee

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Comments to authors:

- General comments
This is a paper highlights one of the complications of atopic dermatitis that affect vision.

- Revisions necessary for publication
However, it is important to highlight another if not more important sight threatening complication of atopic dermatitis, which is retinal detachment (RD). An unrecognised RD can cause a mild cataract to progress faster and result in an asymmetric dense cataract. A clue to pick up this would be the associated hypotony. Very often the cataract that presents can be so dense as to obscure the view of the retina, it is important to highlight to readers that it is an important step to do a Bscan and intraocular pressure measurements to exclude an associated RD. We reported this in REtina.
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What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable