Reviewer’s report

Title: Clear lens phacoemulsification in anterior lenticonus due to Alport syndrome: a case series

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Reviewer: Nathan Radcliffe

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

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:

In their article “Clear lens phacoemulsification in anterior lenticonus due to Alport syndrome,” Dr. Amiraslanzadeh and colleagues report two cases of anterior lenticonus associated with Alport syndrome that were successfully managed with clear lens extraction. This is a nice case series that would make a good contribution to the literature.

The English usage is not good enough for publication currently. I have included several corrections below, but there are many more. I would be happy to read a revision of this article with meticulous attention to grammar.

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Revisions necessary for publication

Suggested change
Purpose
To report two cases of anterior lenticonus due to Alport syndrome and performing...
clearlens phacoemulsification and foldable intraocular lens implantation as a refractive procedure for them.

Instead:
To report two cases of anterior lenticonus due to Alport syndrome and to describe clear lens phacoemulsification and foldable intraocular lens implantation as a refractive procedure for them.

I recommend the use of scientific abbreviations (SA) within the text prior to using a SA later in the document. Some abbreviations that were not introduced:

VA = visual acuity
IOL = intraocular lens, CF for counting fingers, and BCVA (also inconsistent use of best-corrected after using BCVA), IOP

Why was the procedure performed under general only to avoid positive pressure? Did the hearing problem influence your decision? Readers may wonder.

This sentence is too informal: “Fortunately, we didn’t have any problem intraoperatively other than somewhat widening of capsulorhexis peripherally, but it was controlled without a serious complication.”

Consider: There were no intraoperative complications other than a partially outgoing anterior capsulorhexis.

Other informal language: “The same procedure was done for him as well, first on the left and then on the right eye four weeks apart.”

Typo, first line of the Discussion
“Lenticonus is said to a bulging of the lens capsule and the underlying cortex.”

There are a few more I'll let you find on your own.

Great article, I look forward to the next draft.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published