Reviewer’s report

Title: Good functional recovery following intervention for delayed suprachoroidal haemorrhage post bleb needling: a case report.

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Reviewer: marlene moster

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Comments to authors:

Case presentation
Was the intraocular lens implant anterior or posterior?

In the abstract, you say the IOP was 18mmHg in the right yet in the case presentation you say that it was 16mmHg. Which is it?

This patient was on plavix, and a discussion of the increased tendency to develop this phenomenon with this drug specifically (platelet inhibitors) should be discussed.

Why did this patient develop a vitreous hemorrhage? This is not usually the case at all with suprachoroidal hemorrhage. Was there a tear in the retina that was precipitated by the original drainage procedure?

We usually recommend waiting 10 days, not 5 to drain the suprachoroidal hemorrhage so that the clot completely lyses at that time. This patient required a drainage and a vitrectomy, perhaps if you waited, could the second surgery have been avoided? A comment regarding the timing of the drainage is indicated here.
Also, what instrument was used to needle the bleb? Was this done under topical or retrobulbar anesthesia? Was the entry site cauterized? Was viscoelastic left in the anterior chamber at the time of reformation?

Was the anterior chamber deep, shallow or flat during the episode of both hemorrhages? You mentioned an anterior chamber reformation. How flat was the chamber at the time of reformation?

**What next?:** Accept after minor revisions

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