Reviewer’s report

Title: 23 Gauge Ppv For The Removal Of Retained Intraocular Foreign Bodies

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The question posed by the authors is not well defined. They do not state clearly what exactly they want to investigate regarding 23 G pars plana vitrectomy in the removal of retained intraocular foreign bodies.

2. The authors state that they assess the morpho-functional outcomes. They should define them more precisely.

3. Surgical intervention was not the same in all cases, as it is described in the Methods section. Therefore, the authors should present surgeries differently, according to the situations: IOFB in the vitreous or intraretinal, association of retinal detachment, vitreous hemorrhage, endophthalmitis, cataract. In which patients was used endotamponade and the reasons why.


5. It is agreed that the IOFBs located in the posterior segment must be removed by pars plana vitrectomy, this is not subject to debate.

6. The authors discuss the timing of vitrectomy in penetrating ocular trauma, which is not the purpose of this paper that deals with the removal of the IOFBs from the posterior segment. In the presence of an IOFB, PPV should be performed as soon as possible.

7. The various factors that were associated with good or poor prognosis are not discussed sufficiently in this paper.

8. Statistical tests should be more detailed, regarding the various prognostic factors.

9. Discussion and conclusions are too general, they should be more detailed, sustained by the personal data that were investigated in this study.

10. The limitations of this work are not clearly stated.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. English needs further improvement, in this form the writing is not acceptable for publication.

2. The paper does not have any figure

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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 interests