Reviewer's report

Title: A case of pseudoxanthoma elasticum with proliferative diabetic retinopathy

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Kakurai et al. reported the case of a patient with pseudoxanthoma elasticum (PXE) and proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR) who required vitreous surgery. They concluded that systemic vascular changes in PXE may indeed play some role in the progression of diabetic retinopathy.

This is a very interesting case report. I have only a few comments.

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Because it is very rare to perform vitrectomy of the PXE eye, and because PXE is a disease characterized by a metabolic abnormality of elastin in elastic fibers, it would be interesting to mention whether there was any unusual findings in the preretinal fibrovascular membranes during vitrectomy. Were the fibrovascular membranes almost same as those without PXE? Was it difficult to peel the membranes? Was the adhesion of the membranes to the retina weaker than the other?

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