Reviewer’s report

Title: Incidence of endophthalmitis after 23-gauge pars plana vitrectomy

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To evaluate the incidence of postoperative endophthalmitis after 23 gauge PPV, population should be clearly isolated by its surgical technique.

In this report, 2 cases of 3 endophthalmitis received combined surgery including phaco emulsification.

Phacoemulsification affect the risk of postoperative endophthalmitis.

Identifying real risk of endophthalmitis after 23G PPV needs exclusion of cases which received combined surgery such as phacoemulsification, penetrating keratoplasty, and glaucoma filtering surgery.

3 cases of 3979 cases is very small number and it means endophthalmitis after 23 G PPV is very rare complication.

However, types of combined surgery, suture of surgical incision, and other possible risk factors are not evaluated in this report.

And postoperative follow up period and delayed reaction is not described.

I think this report looks like case report show relatively low incidence of endophthalmitis after 23G PPV, but not suitable for scientific publication.
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