Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparison of face-down posturing with nonsupine posturing after macular hole surgery: a meta-analysis

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A meta-analysis of comparison between face-down positioning (FDP) and nonsupine positioning (NSP) as a postoperative posture to treat macular hole.

A similar paper [17] has been published in 2016. In this analysis, authors included recent researches and assessed the influence of ILM peeling and prophylactic phaco-emulsifications and intraocular lens implantations.

Their conclusion was unsurprising.

"Based on all the available evidence, FDP after MH surgery could generally improve the overall MH closure rate than NSP. For MH larger than 400μm, ILM peeling combined with FDP could significantly increase MH closure rate. Combined cataract surgery might not influence the MH closure rate under any circumstance." (p.6 L.2-4)

While providing statistical evidence is somehow worthy, each surgeon expected those based on the experiences.

Except the similarity to their previous work [17] this work to be published somewhere. Whether BMC Ophthal is the proper place or not is left to the editor's decision.

A detail: A duplication mutation, "Using 12-item scale[19][19] [19]" (p.6 L.1).
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