

## Correspondence

### Extracapsular lens extraction

SIR, We congratulate Jeffrey L Jay on his paper<sup>1</sup> and would like to confirm his findings from our own experience. We have on record 13 cases of this triple procedure by Dr Arthur SM Lim with a similar follow-up (2–34 months, average 17 months). Our procedure is similar to Mr Jay's, differing only in the positioning of the corneoscleral incision (centred on 12 o'clock in our case) and the choice of intraocular lens—Sinsky style—positioned within the capsular bag. In answer to his question regarding flexible loops, we do not find that the absence of "rigid legs acting as radial struts" leads to shallowing of the anterior chamber.

We agree that it is indeed possible to offer patients the benefit of combining intraocular lens implantation with glaucoma surgery in selected cases. PATRICIA HART  
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#### Reference

1 Jay JL. Extracapsular lens extraction and posterior chamber intraocular lens insertion combined with trabeculectomy. *Br J Ophthalmol* 1985; **69**: 487–90.

## Book reviews

**The Fundus Periphery.** Report of the French Society of Ophthalmology. By P. BEC, M. RAVAUULT, J-L. ARNE AND C. TREPSAT. Pp. 431. No price given. Masson: Paris. 1985.

The periphery of the ocular fundus is an area of great clinical importance and great anatomical complexity. It has been the subject of many authoritative but contradictory reports, and it is presumably for this reason that the French Ophthalmological Society asked for a scholarly report to review our present knowledge.

The annual reports of the French Ophthalmological Society have a splendid tradition, and this book lives up to their reputation. It is a product of two centres, Toulouse and Lyons, and is written by a number of authors from those centres with scholarship, industry, and modesty. The fact that Dr Blodi has undertaken the formidable task of translating this work is a compliment to their efforts.

The book consists of two parts—the periphery of the normal ocular fundus, and the pathology of the peripheral ocular fundus, the first 100 pages being devoted to the normal fundus. In the pathological section the longest and most important chapter relates to degenerative lesions, but, rightly or wrongly, chapters devoted to inflammation, vascular anomalies, tumours, etc. are also included. Al-

though in the French edition all the colour pictures were put at the back of the book for reasons of economy, it is a pity this decision was not reversed in the English edition. Overall, however, the book succeeds in clarifying a confused subject and is an excellent source of references. It could usefully be read by everyone who has pretensions to treating the peripheral fundus either therapeutically or prophylactically. R K BLACH

## Notes

### Implant lens congress

The Fifth Congress of the European Intraocular Implant-lens Council will take place in Jerusalem, Israel, on 13 to 18 September 1987. Further information from: Secretariat, PO Box 50006, 61500 Tel Aviv, Israel.

### Study grants

*Glaucoma Group Travel Fellowship.* Sponsored by Merck Sharp and Dohme, this will assist a visit to a hospital or research centre during the academic year starting 1 October 1986. The award will be equivalent to £1500. The purpose of the award is to enable the successful applicant to gain experience and knowledge in pursuit of a specific project related to glaucoma.

*Glaucoma Group Research Grant.* Sponsored by International Glaucoma Association, this will be available for a clinically orientated research project related to glaucoma for 1986. The award will be equivalent to £2500. It may be used towards salary or project expenses or for buying equipment.

Both these awards are available to medical graduates and non-medical scientists resident in the United Kingdom or Eire. They may be held concurrently with other awards. A curriculum vitae should be sent with information on the applicant's research project and details of proposed visit (preferably with confirmation from the centre(s) visited) to: Dr S Nagasubramanian, Glaucoma Group Secretary, Glaucoma Unit, Moorfields Eye Hospital, High Holborn, London WC1V 7AN. The closing date for applications is 14 June 1986. The successful candidate will be informed by August 1986.

### Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology

The 11th Congress of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology will be held in Kuala Lumpur on 24–28 May 1987. The deadline for abstracts is 31 December 1986. Further information from Dr Keshmahinder Singh, Malaysian Ophthalmological Society, 124 Jalan Pahang, 53000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.