

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: "CASE REPORT – MANAGEMENT OF SYMBLEPHARON ASSOCIATED WITH DRY EYE SECONDARY TO GRAFT-VERSUS-HOST-DISEASE (GVHD)"

Recommendation:

- ✓ Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

The paper concludes that surgical intervention, such as symblepharon excision combined with fornix reconstruction using oral mucosal grafts, can contribute significantly to stabilizing the ocular surface and alleviating symptoms in refractory ocular GVHD cases. It emphasizes the importance of individualized, multidisciplinary care approaches in managing complex ocular surface diseases secondary to GVHD.

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Strengths

- Detailed Case Description:** The manuscript provides thorough clinical details, including pre- and postoperative ophthalmologic examinations, illustrated with figures that enhance understanding.
- Focus on Refractory Cases:** Highlights an important clinical scenario where traditional medical management fails, emphasizing the need for surgical innovation.
- Multidisciplinary Approach:** Reinforces the importance of a personalized, multidisciplinary strategy for managing severe ocular GVHD, which is relevant for clinical practice.
- Visual Documentation:** Inclusion of clinical images (preoperative and postoperative) supports the narrative and aids comprehension.
- Clarity in Surgical Technique:** The description of surgical procedures, including symblepharon excision and fornix reconstruction with oral mucosa graft, is clear and provides practical insight.

Weaknesses

- Limited Scope (Single Case):** As a single case report, the findings lack generalizability. Broader studies are needed to establish standardized guidelines.
- Short Follow-up:** The postoperative follow-up is only reported at 40 days, which may be insufficient to assess long-term success or recurrence.
- Partial Outcome:** The results mention only partial improvement, but details on the patient's functional vision, quality of life, or patient's subjective satisfaction are minimal.
- Lack of Comparative Data:** The paper does not compare different surgical techniques or medical therapies, limiting the assessment of relative effectiveness.
- Literature Context:** References to broader literature are brief; a more comprehensive discussion could place the case within wider clinical research.