

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Case Report: Surgical Management of Symblepharon and Severe Dry Eye in Ocular Graft-Versus-Host Disease Using Oral Mucosa Graft

Recommendation:

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

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

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Date: 07-08-2025

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This case report effectively highlights a multidisciplinary and personalized surgical approach to managing ocular GVHD refractory to medical therapy. The stepwise clinical course—from diagnosis to surgery and postoperative outcomes—is logically presented, with good photographic documentation.

The use of oral mucosa graft is appropriate and demonstrates a feasible reconstructive technique in severe ocular surface disease. However, the discussion could benefit from comparing alternative graft options (e.g., amniotic membrane, conjunctival autograft) and elaborating on long-term prognosis. References are relevant but could be updated with more recent surgical outcome studies.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Appraisals / Strengths

- Rare Clinical Presentation: Highlights a less common but serious complication of GVHD.
- Clear Surgical Description: Explains the sequence of excision and grafting in a comprehensible way.
- Good Clinical Imaging: Pre- and postoperative photographs effectively illustrate surgical results.
- Multidisciplinary Context: Emphasizes integration of ophthalmology, hematology, and possibly oral surgery.
- Practical Clinical Relevance: Provides actionable insights for similar cases in tertiary centers.

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Critiques / Limitations

- Language Quality: Requires grammatical refinement for international readership.
- Short-Term Follow-Up: Only 40 days postoperative—long-term graft stability and vision outcomes are unknown.
- Limited Literature Comparison: Could compare surgical outcomes across different techniques and graft types.
- Single Case Limitation: No control or comparative cases to validate the procedure's broader applicability.
- Postoperative Care Details: Lacks in-depth description of postoperative management and complications.
- Statistical or Quantitative Outcomes: Although a case report, objective measures such as tear break-up time or ocular surface staining scores could enhance scientific value.