Starry sky cataract in a teenage girl

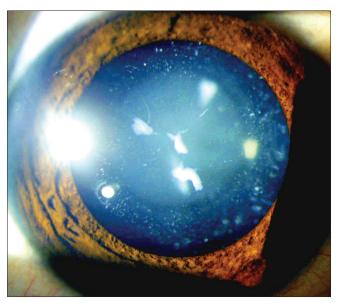


Figure 1: Anterior segment photograph showing lamellar cataract with central stellate opacity, suggestive of sutural cataract and multiple blue cortical opacities suggestive of cerulean cataract

A 13-year-old healthy female presented with a bilateral blurring of vision. Her best-corrected visual acuity was 20/60 OU. Slit-lamp examination revealed bilateral, central lamellar lenticular opacity with "Y"-shaped stellate opacities along anterior and posterior sutural lines. Also, there were multiple blue cortical opacities OU. Family history was unremarkable. Given the appearance, she was diagnosed with bilateral combined lamellar, sutural, and cerulean cataract; resembling as "starry sky" [Fig. 1]. She underwent bilateral phacoaspiration with intraocular lens implantation.

Lamellar and sutural cataracts are mostly congenital, and cerulean cataract is a variant of developmental cataract. Such combined variants of pediatric cataracts are usually inherited as autosomal dominant.^[1,2]

Declaration of patient consent

The authors certify that they have obtained all appropriate patient consent forms. In the form the patient(s) has/have given his/her/their consent for his/her/their images and other clinical information to be reported in the journal. The patients understand that their names and initials will not be published and due efforts will be made to conceal their identity, but anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

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