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Authors' reply

Sir,

We thank the authors for their interest in our study. Side port is routinely used by us for capsulorhexis as well as for aspiration of sub incisional cortex (which is a routine practice by many surgeons who perform manual small incision cataract surgery). Sub-conjunctival antibiotics and steroids is not a universal practice and simple apposition of reflected conjunctiva by gentle diathermy is done by us. Patching is a must for six hours and continuing beyond that is the surgeon's clinical decision.^[1]

Comment on post-operative topical regimen is well suggested. But it does not alter the aim and conclusion of the study, which is about intra-operative bacterial contamination of anterior chamber and the comparison between well controlled diabetics and non-diabetics.

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