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Study describes alleles associated with VKH

The study describes the frequency and association of gene alleles potentially associated with Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada (VKH) in patients from Northern Thailand. The findings suggest HLA-DRB1 and HLA-DQB1 may be potential markers for this disease. *Ocular Immunology and Inflammation*, February 2021.

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32965138/

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Study reveals utility of portable visual acuity tests

In this study, investigators validated use of the Rosenbaum near vision card and a smartphone-based visual acuity test in 295 eyes. Both methods yielded visual acuity measurements that were comparable to standard ETDRS. These portable visual acuity tests may be useful during the COVID-19 pandemic, the authors conclude. *Clinical Ophthalmology*, February 2021. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33664563/

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Novel retinoblastoma therapy shows promise

This is the first study to describe a novel GD2-specific chimeric antigen receptor-modified T cell therapy against retinoblastoma. In vitro experiments demonstrate the therapy's potential and suggest that it may improve when combined with immune checkpoint therapy. *Translational Oncology*, February 2021.

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33321428/

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PPV with ILM peeling yields low closure rates for large full-thickness macular holes

Investigator evaluated the outcomes of pars plana vitrectomy (PPV) with internal limiting membrane (ILM) peeling in 158 eyes with large idiopathic full-thickness macular holes (FTMH). They observed that closure rate was relatively low in these eyes. Surgical success was tied to a basal linear diameter of 1200 μm or smaller, no preoperative vitreomacular interface abnormality, extended ILM peeling and postoperative ellipsoid defect of 500 μm or smaller. Clinical Ophthalmology, February 2021.

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33603330/

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Conjunctival intraepithelial neoplasia can manifest as a pigmented tumor

Investigators report a case of conjunctival intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) in a patient with pigmented conjunctival lesion. Biomicroscopic examination revealed a gelatinous pigmented conjunctival mass with feeder vessels and conjunctival impression cytology confirmed it as CIN. The tumor responded well to treatment with 0.02% mitomycin C. *Case Reports in Ophthalmology*, January 2021.

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33613255/