

A Statistical Relational Learning Approach to Identifying Evidence Based Medicine Categories

Supplementary material

Abstract ID	Sent. nb.	Label	Sentence
10070506	1	other	BACKGROUND
10070506	2	background	Subfoveal choroidal neovascular membranes (CNV) are a cause of significant visual impairment.
10070506	3	background	Laser treatment of such lesions results in visual loss.
10070506	4	background	Surgical excision of CNV may allow stabilisation or improvement of vision.
10070506	5	background	A series of results of surgical excision are presented.
10070506	6	other	METHODS
10070506	7	intervention	The records for 43 eyes of 40 consecutive patients undergoing surgical excision of CNV not associated with age-related macular degeneration (AMD) were reviewed retrospectively.
10070506	7	population	The records for 43 eyes of 40 consecutive patients undergoing surgical excision of CNV not associated with age-related macular degeneration (AMD) were reviewed retrospectively.
10070506	8	other	Statistical analyses of the relationship between pre-operative factors and post-operative visual results were made.
10070506	9	other	Improvement or worsening of visual acuity was defined as a change of more than 2 lines of Snellen acuity.
10070506	10	other	RESULTS
10070506	11	outcome	In 79.1% of patients visual acuity was improved or unchanged following surgery, and in 20.9% there was a reduction of Snellen acuity.
10070506	12	outcome	There was no statistically significant association between visual outcome and age, gender, duration of visual symptoms, cause of CNV, presence of subretinal haemorrhage, elevation of retina by subretinal fluid, prior laser surgery, or the presence of pre-
10070506	13	outcome	There was a possible association between the non-use of gas tamponade and an increased chance of reduced vision.
10070506	14	outcome	Visual loss was more likely in those eyes with good pre-operative visual acuity.
10070506	15	outcome	Recurrence of CNV was noted in 10 (23%) eyes; repeat surgery was not associated with a worse visual outcome.
10070506	16	other	CONCLUSIONS
10070506	17	outcome	Surgical excision of CNV not related to AMD is a promising technique.
10070506	18	outcome	More meaningful assessment of visual function in these patients will allow refinement of case selection.

Table 1: Example of an annotated (structured) abstract from the NICTA-PIBOSO corpus