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Pictures & Perspectives

Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography of a Central Retinal Artery Occlusion Before and After Anterior Chamber Paracentesis

A 74-year-old man presented 6 hours after sudden painless vision loss in the left eye. He had finger counting vision, normal intraocular pressure, and an afferent pupillary defect. Diagnosis of central retinal artery occlusion was made. Optical coherence tomography angiography performed before (Fig 1A, C) and immediately after (Fig 1B, D) anterior chamber paracentesis showed dramatic improvement in macular perfusion. Vision was 20/70 at the 1-month visit. Optical coherence tomography at presentation showed acute inner retinal opacification (Fig 1E), whereas 10 months later (Fig 1F) it illustrated partial preservation of inner retinal laminations, which we attributed to reperfusion of superficial and deep retinal circulations.

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