

manufacturer had to withdraw its retractable dog leashes after a recoil injury caused partial blindness in a 13-year-old girl.<sup>4</sup> Subsequently manufacturers have advised securing the dog leash with a secondary security collar.<sup>5</sup> Although this may appear to be an inconvenient second step, the benefits far outweigh the risk of permanent sight loss. It is also important to choose a type of leash that is adjusted to the size, weight, and force of the animal. When using leashes without the secondary security collar, eye protection is strongly recommended.

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Sir,  
**Comment on 'Phakic intraocular lenses outcomes and complications: Artisan vs Visian ICL'**

We read with interest Hassaballa and Macky's<sup>1</sup> article on phakic intraocular lenses (p-IOL) outcomes and complications. In their series significant complications resulting in elevation of intraocular pressure (IOP) requiring additional surgery occurred in two eyes (3%). As noted there are several possible mechanisms for increased IOP in patients implanted with a p-IOL. If IOP remains uncontrolled removal of a p-IOL may potentiate further pigment dispersion. There are case reports of intractable IOP elevation presumed secondary to pigment dispersion requiring surgery.<sup>2,3</sup> We performed non-penetrating glaucoma surgery for a similar case of bilateral severe IOP elevation post p-IOL implantation in a patient with high myopia.<sup>3</sup> The authors report pigment dispersion occurring in 28.6% (Artisan) and 15.38% (Visian) in their series. They did not document whether all patients underwent pre- and post-operative

gonioscopy to examine the anterior chamber angle. Stulting *et al*<sup>4</sup> reported an incidence of iris pigment precipitates of 6.9%. A long-term incidence of pigment dispersion of 6.6% has also been described.<sup>5</sup> This may be of significance as patients undergoing p-IOLs are generally from a younger demographic.

As the article stands, we agree with the authors on the need for long-term data on the efficacy and complications of p-IOLs. Evaluation of the possible effect on trabecular function from p-IOL-related pigment dispersion is warranted. Pigment dispersion is not always benign.

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We would like to thank Nguyen *et al*<sup>1</sup> for their valuable comments. Our study<sup>2</sup> is a retrospective one; in which, we reported in the 'Material and methods' section only the list of examinations and investigations done to all patients. In our study, not all patients had a