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 To present the surgical management of an encapsulated lens cyst in an aphakic patient 15 years after refractive lensectomy.

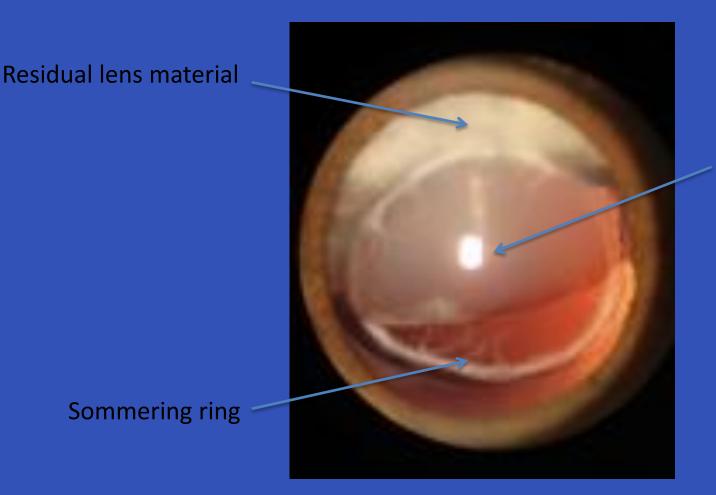
Initial Presentation

 The patient was referred for 2 days of suddenonset change in vision

• Patient had history of refractive lens extraction 15 years prior and was left aphakic

• Visual acuity was a "cloudy" 20/30

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3D-Lens cyst

Methods

- Decision was made to surgically treat the cyst with an anterior segment approach.
- In the OR, the capsule of the cyst was stained with trypan blue dye followed by viscoelastic placement into the anterior chamber.
- The cyst was opened with a cystotome.
- The cloudy fluid expelled from the cyst was sent for culture.
- Residual cortical material was removed with irrigation and aspiration.

Post-Operatively



- VA 20/25+
- Best vision patient had at any point in the 15 years post refractive lensectomy.
- Trace anterior chamber cells, resolved within 1 week
- The culture results of the cystic cloudy fluid were negative.
- Treated with topical moxifloxacin for one-week and underwent a 4-week taper of difluprednate and bromfenac

Conclusion

 This case suggests that a lens cyst can be successfully treated with surgical drainage using an anterior segment approach.