TABLE 2 MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Acute symptomatic horseshoe tears

Acute symptomatic operculated holes

Type of Lesion

Acute symptomatic dialyses Traumatic retinal breaks

Asymptomatic horseshoe tears (without subclinical RD) Asymptomatic operculated tears

Asymptomatic atrophic round holes Asymptomatic lattice degeneration without holes

Asymptomatic dialyses

Asymptomatic lattice degeneration with holes

Eyes with atrophic holes, lattice degeneration, or asymptomatic horseshoe tears where the fellow eye has had a RD

Usually treated

Treatment*

Treat promptly²⁵⁻³⁰

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Treatment may not be necessary

Treatment is rarely recommended Treatment is rarely recommended

Not treated unless PVD causes a horseshoe tear

Usually does not require treatment

No consensus on treatment and insufficient evidence to guide management

Often can be followed without treatment

No consensus on treatment and insufficient evidence to guide management

* There is insufficient evidence to recommend prophylaxis of asymptomatic retinal breaks for patients undergoing cataract surgery.

PVD = posterior vitreous detachment; RD = retinal detachment