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9 Thesen

1. Die Rolle des Linseneithels bei der multifaktoriellen Genese der alterskorrelierten Katarakt ist noch nicht ausreichend geklärt. In der Literatur wird diskutiert, ob primäre Veränderungen des Linseneithels die Kataraktogenese induzieren können. Dysfunktion der membranständigen Ionenpumpen und eine resultierende Störung der Permeabilität des Linseneithels sollen dabei zur Ausbildung von Linsentrübungen führen können.
2. Anhand rasterelektronenmikroskopischer und röntgenspektrometrischer Untersuchungen von Linseneithelien von Patienten mit alterskorrelierten Katarakten, die während Phakoemulsifikationen durch Kapsulorhexis gewonnen wurden, können Veränderungen des Linseneithels charakterisiert werden.
3. Für die Bewertung möglicher Alterationen des Linseneithels bei der Entwicklung alterskorrelierter Katarakte können folgende Kriterien herangezogen werden: Beschreibung und Grading morphologischer Veränderungen der einzelnen Linseneithelzellen sowie des Zellverbandes, die Bestimmung der Zelldichten, Zellkernvolumina und Zellkernoberflächeninhalte sowie der relativen intrazellulären Phosphorgehalte der Linseneithelzellen.