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Use free anterior capsule as an endothelial cells protector during femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgery

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We will report several unique cases of using free anterior capsule as an endothelial cells protector during femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgeries. Three cases of cataract patients with very low endothelial cell density were chosen to accept this procedure. These cases have a very potential to receive endothelial transplantation after cataract surgery, the situation was informed to them and consents were signed. Femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgeries were conducted, after femtosecond laser treatment by LenSx, the freed anterior capsule was lifted by viscoelastic agent and was attached to patient's corneal endothelial layer firmly. Then the phacoemulsification was performed as routine procedure. After IOL implantation, the anterior capsule was removed by gentle irrigation and aspiration by I/A tip. No corneal edema and other complications were observed in all cases. The unique method may have potential benefit to cataract patients.

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