Clinical observation

The presence of small central macular haemorrhages, sometimes punctiform, associated with oedema in an eye with soft drusen, is highly suggestive of RAP in its initial stages (Fig 1).

The following lesions suggest RAP in $AMD^{(8-17)}$:

- i) Small multiple haemorrhages, pre, intra or subretinal, normally not observed in macular neurosensory detachments with choroidal neovascularization.
- ii) Tortuous, dilated retinal vessels, sometimes showing retino-retinal anastomoses (Fig. 2).
- iii) Telangiectasias.
- iv) Microaneurysms.
- v) Sudden disappearance of a retinal vessel that appears to have moved deeper.
- vi) Hard exudates around the retinal lesion (Fig. 1,3,4).

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