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Contact Lens Indications in the Management of Computer Vision Syndrome and Digital Eye Strain

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The digital screen is everywhere: at home, at work, at school and everywhere in between.

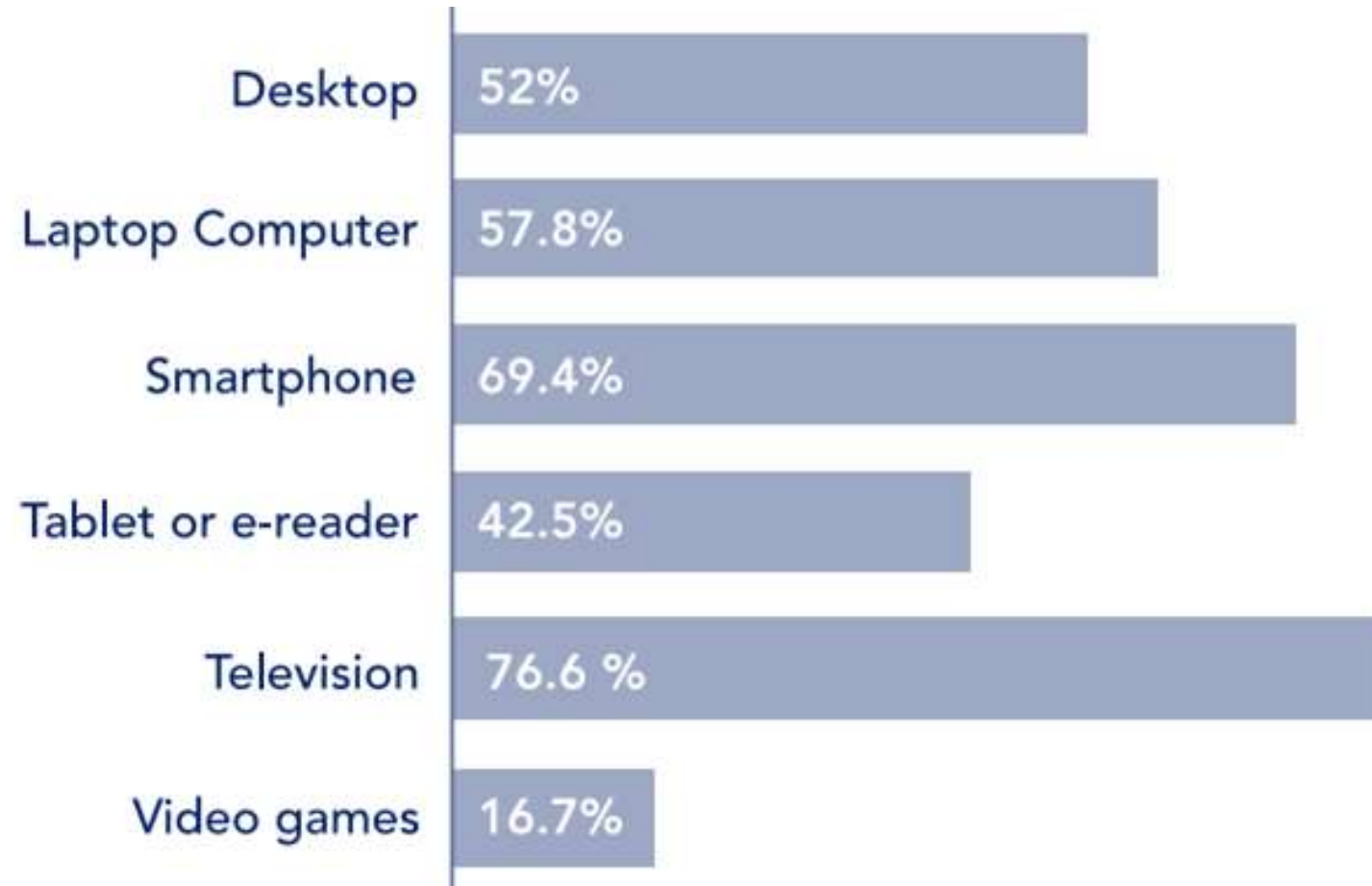


Hours spent in front of digital systems



<https://www.statista.com/statistics/278544/time-spent-with-media-in-the-us/>

Digital Devices Most Commonly Used



Digital devices use can induce eye discomfort and vision problems

Many individuals experience eye discomfort and vision problems when viewing digital screens for extended periods.

The level of discomfort appears to increase with the amount of digital screen use.

Symptoms



Eye Fatigue



Itchy Eyes



Dryness



Blurred Vision



Double Vision



Headaches

Jaiswal et al. Ocular and visual discomfort associated with smartphones, tablets and computers: what we do and do not know. Clin Exp Optom. 2019 Jan 21. [Epub ahead of print]

Computer vision syndrome and digital eye strain -*Definition*



Group of eye and vision-related problems that result from prolonged computer, tablet, e-reader and mobile phone use.



Common symptoms associated with digital eye strain

Tired eyes (40%)

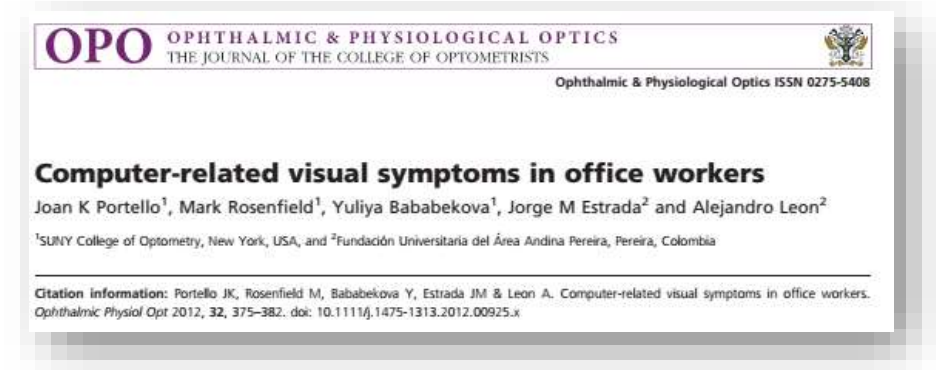
Dry eyes (32%)

Eyestrain or eye discomfort (31%)

Irritated or burning eyes (28%).

Light sensitivity (26%)

Blur at distance (23%) or near (17%)



Common symptoms associated with digital eye strain

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Attitudes of optometrists in the UK and Ireland to Digital Eye Strain and approaches to assessment and management

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Abstract

Purpose: To investigate the attitudes and understanding of optometrists in the UK and Ireland towards Digital Eye Strain (DES), and to examine related practice patterns.

Methods: An anonymous online questionnaire was developed, covering attitude and understanding of DES, examination of patients who may be experiencing DES and approaches to management options. The questionnaire was promoted to UK and Ireland optometrists via professional bodies and local and area optometric committees.

Results: 406 responses were included in the analysis. Most respondents agreed that DES was an important concern for optometrists (88.9%). 91.4% reported they felt confident in discussing possible symptoms of DES and management options; this was weakly and negatively associated with number of years qualified ($r_s = -0.198, p < 0.001$). Estimations of the proportion of patients affected by DES were lower than reports in the literature (median 25%, IQR 10%–50%). Most respondents always (60.6%) or frequently (21.9%) inquired about device usage in routine case history taking, and also asked follow-up questions, although 29.3% only asked about the presence of symptoms half the time or less. Advising on regular breaks (84.0%), lubricants (35.7%) and environment/set up (69.2%) were felt to be extremely or very important by most respondents. Advising on specialist spectacle lenses, specifically blue filtering design, was considered extremely or very important by 34.2% and 15.2%, respectively.

Conclusion: Given the agreement that DES is a significant issue causing frequent and persistent symptoms, and practitioners reported high levels of confidence in discussing DES, patients can expect to receive advice on symptoms and management from their optometrist. Simple management strategies were felt to be most important to advise on, with more uncertainty linked to specialist spectacle lenses.

KEYWORDS

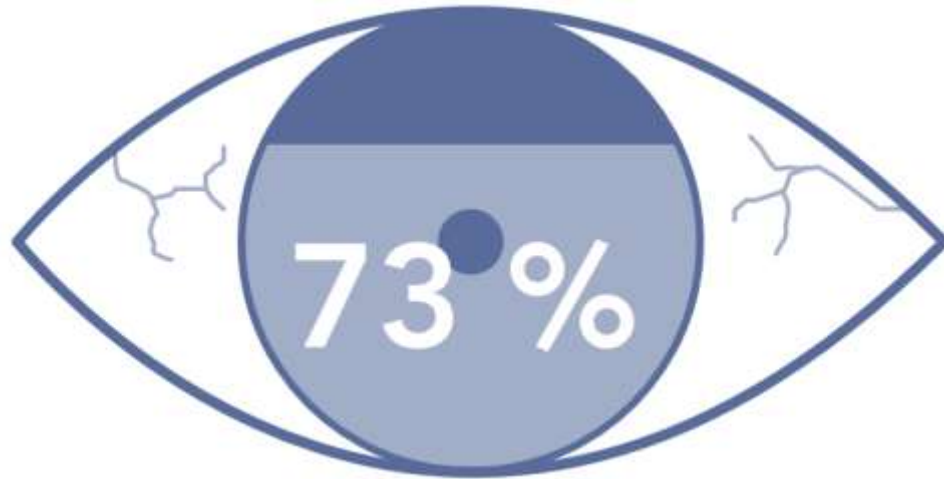
computer vision syndrome, digital eye strain, optometrists

TABLE 4 Key symptoms of DES cited by $n = 391$ optometrist respondents

Symptom	Percentage of respondents citing (n)
Asthenopia or eye strain/ fatigue	72.6 (284)
Headache	64.7 (253)
Dry or irritated eyes	56.0 (219)
Focussing issues or blurred vision	48.8 (191)
Ocular soreness or redness	35.8 (140)
Non-specific discomfort	6.6 (26)
Photophobia or glare	6.1 (24)
Binocular vision disturbance e.g. diplopia	3.6 (14)
Musculoskeletal issues	3.1 (12)
Insomnia	1.5 (6)
Lid twitching	1.0 (4)
Don't know	0.5 (2)



Who is more involved



Adults under 30 experience the highest rates of digital eye strain symptoms (73%) compared with other age groups

Who is more involved

80% of 200 children between 10 and 17 years of age said their eyes burned, itched, felt tired or blurry after using a digital device

(AOA American Eye-Q survey, 2014)



Who is more involved

Children attending classes as part of a remote learning strategy had:

- more rapid myopia progression,
- increased frequency of dry eye and visual fatigue symptoms
- exhibited signs of vergence and accommodation disturbances such as acute acquired concomitant esotropia and convergence insufficiency

BMJ Open Effects of remote learning during the COVID-19 lockdown on children's visual health: a systematic review

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ABSTRACT

Objectives Increased exposure to digital devices as part of online classes increases susceptibility to visual impairments, particularly among school students taught using e-learning strategies. This study aimed to identify the impact of remote learning during the COVID-19 lockdown on children's visual health.

Design Systematic review using the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses guidelines.

Data sources Scopus, PubMed and ScienceDirect databases from the year 2020 onwards.

Eligibility criteria We included cross-sectional, case-control, cohort studies, case series and case reports, published in English, Spanish or French, that approached the effects of remote learning during the COVID-19 lockdown on visual health in neurotypical children.

Data extraction and synthesis We included a total of 21 articles with previous quality assessments using the Joanna Briggs checklist. Risk of bias assessment was applied using the National Institutes of Health quality assessment tool for before-and-after studies with no control group; the tool developed by Hoy *et al* to assess cross-sectional studies; the Murad *et al* tool to evaluate the methodological quality of case reports and case series; and the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale for cohort studies.

Results All but one study reported a deleterious impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on visual health in children. Overall, the most frequently identified ocular effects were refractive errors, accommodation disturbances and visual symptoms such as dry eye and asthenopia.

Conclusions Increased dependence on digital devices for online classes has either induced or exacerbated visual disturbances, such as rapid progression of myopia, dry eye and visual fatigue symptoms, and vergence and accommodation disturbances, in children who engaged in remote learning during the COVID-19 lockdown.

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INTRODUCTION

Since the WHO declared a global pandemic in March 2020, COVID-19 has become the focus of governmental decisions aimed at protecting the public and limiting the death toll. Schools, universities and businesses have been forced to close to prevent the spread of the virus, limiting in-person relationships and

STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY

- A systematic review was conducted in three different databases, studies were filtered following the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses guidelines.
- Analysed studies approached the effects of remote learning during the COVID-19 lockdown on visual health in children.
- To facilitate comparison, eligible studies were clustered according to the main ocular effects evaluated, including refractive errors (myopia), accommodation disturbances (esotropia) and visual symptoms (dry eye and fatigue).
- We used quality assessment guidelines and specific risk of bias assessment tools for each study design included.
- Heterogeneous methods used in each study, including both subjective and objective measures, limit precise comparisons between them.

substantially enhancing our digital dependence. The lifestyle and behavioural modifications that have emerged in response to the lockdowns have affected approximately 80% of the world's student population.^{1,2}

The establishment of in-house quarantine led to a significant decrease in the amount of time spent engaged in outdoor activities, reduction in exposure to sunlight and increase in time spent doing near work. These factors can enhance the risk of visual impairments, especially among school and university students encouraged to adopt a digital learning approach.³ A growing dependence on e-learning and electronic devices has increased the incidence of visual fatigue, the onset and progression of myopia, dry eye, irregular astigmatism and acute concomitant esotropia among other ocular pathologies.⁴

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, an estimated 22.9% of the global population had myopia.⁵ During the COVID-19 lockdown, the increased need for electronic devices, digital screens and virtual classrooms

Who is more involved

Excessive duration of online classes and digital device use are serious issues that can result in higher convergence insufficiency symptom scores in children. Online classes longer than 4 hours are more detrimental to abnormal binocular vergence and accommodation parameters than those shorter than 4 hour

Binocular Accommodation and Vergence Dysfunction in Children Attending Online Classes During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Digital Eye Strain in Kids (DESK) Study-2

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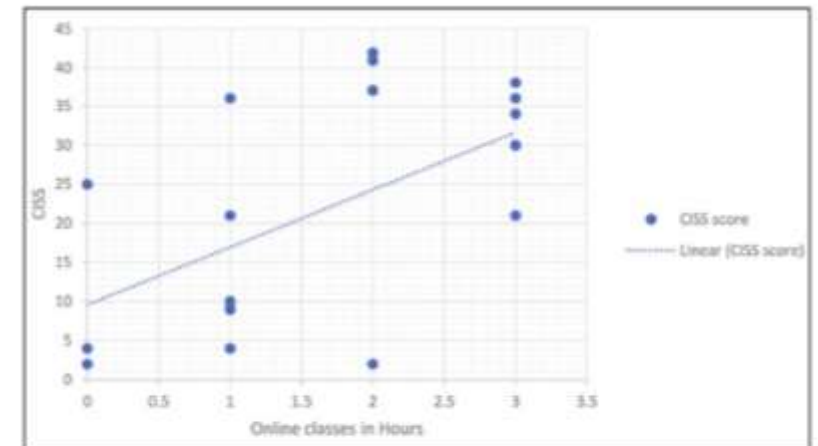


Figure 1. XY scatter chart showing relation between online class activities and Convergence Insufficiency Symptom Survey (CISS) score.

Contact lens wear and digital eye strain

Who wear contact lenses and are exposed to the computer for more than 6 h day are more likely to suffer symptoms than non-lens wearers working at the computer for the same amount of time with a prevalence of 65% vs 50%.

Effect of contact lens use on Computer Vision Syndrome

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Contact lens wear and digital eye strain

Contact lens wearers presented a higher prevalence of:

dryness (73% vs 36%, $p < 0.001$)

burning (30% vs 20%, $p = 0.04$),

feeling of a foreign body (42% vs 30%, $p = 0.02$)

excessive blinking (40% vs 28%, $p = 0.02$)

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Contact lens wear and digital eye strain

The most common symptoms in contact lens wearers as compared to non-wearers were:

red eye (47.9% vs 29.6%, $p < 0.01$)

scratchiness (31.0% vs 9.9%, $p < 0.01$).

With symptoms appearance at *end of day* (53.6% vs 32.24%, $p < 0.01$)

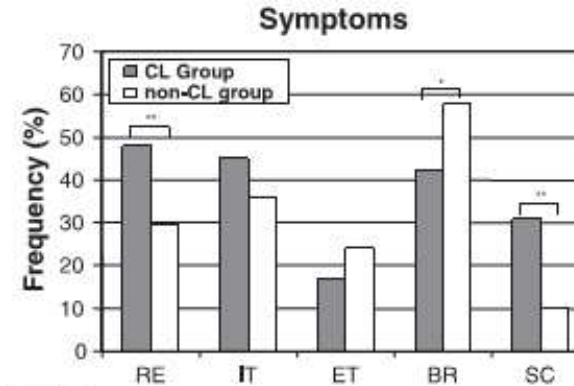


FIGURE 1. Frequency of symptoms of red eye (RE), itching (IT), excessive tearing (ET), burning (BR), and scratchiness (SC) for subjects in the CL wear group (dark bars) and n-CL group (white bars). Brackets indicate significant differences (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$).

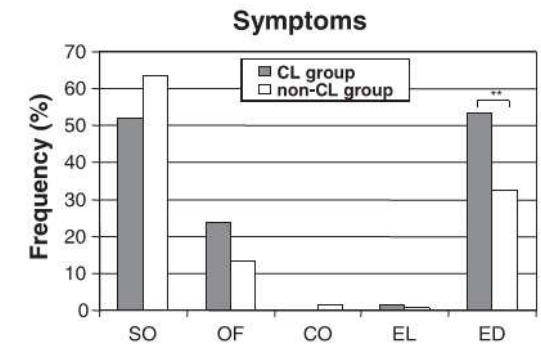


FIGURE 2. Pattern of symptom appearance as being “sometimes” (SO), “often” (OF), “constant” (CO), “early in the day” (EL), and at the “end of the day” (ED) in the CL and n-CL wear groups. Brackets indicate significant differences (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$). χ^2 not applicable at CO and EL, because more than 20% of the samples have expected count < 5 .

Contact lens wear and digital eye strain

Office workers who wore contact lenses and spent more than 4 hours engaged in VDT work had a lower tear meniscus volume with significant dry eye and visual symptoms triggered by environmental factors

The Impact of Contact Lens Wear and Visual Display Terminal Work on Ocular Surface and Tear Functions in Office Workers

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TABLE 3. Comparison of Age, Sex, Schirmer Test Results, Tear Film Break-up Time Values, Vital Staining Scores, Tear Meniscus Heights, Symptom Questionnaire Scores, and Distribution of the Percentages of Dry Eye Diagnosis between Contact Lens and Noncontact Lens Wearers

	Contact Lens Wearer	Non-Contact Lens Wearer	P Value
No. of subjects	69	102	
Age (years)	34.3 ± 7.3	36.7 ± 7.2	.102
Sex (male/female)	17/52	36/66	.190
Schirmer I test (mm)	12.3 ± 9.5	14.7 ± 10.9	.261
Tear film BUT (sec)	4.1 ± 1.9	5.0 ± 2.9	.106
Fluorescein score (pts)	2.0 ± 1.7	1.6 ± 1.7	.130
Rose Bengal score (pts)	1.5 ± 1.3	1.2 ± 1.2	.073
Tear meniscus height (mm)	0.58 ± 0.31	0.69 ± 0.34	.013 ^a
Questionnaire (pts)			
Mean dry eye symptom score	39.1 ± 15.0	27.1 ± 15.6	<.001 ^a
Mean visual symptom score	29.2 ± 18.8	20.1 ± 12.9	.002 ^a
Mean environment symptom score	36.7 ± 5.4	15.3 ± 14.7	<.001 ^a
Mean total dry eye severity score	32.3 ± 11.9	25.0 ± 12.7	<.001 ^a
Mean dry eye symptom aggravation score by air conditioners	2.1 ± 1.1	1.3 ± 1.2	<.001 ^a

Contact lens wear and digital eye strain

Regular use of contact lenses during VDT exposure at work

increases risk of bulbar, limbal and lid redness, and lid roughness.

In the case of limbal and lid redness, the risk is higher among those who use VDT more than 4 h per day.

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Ocular surface and tear film status among contact lens wearers and non-wearers who use VDT at work: comparing three different lens types

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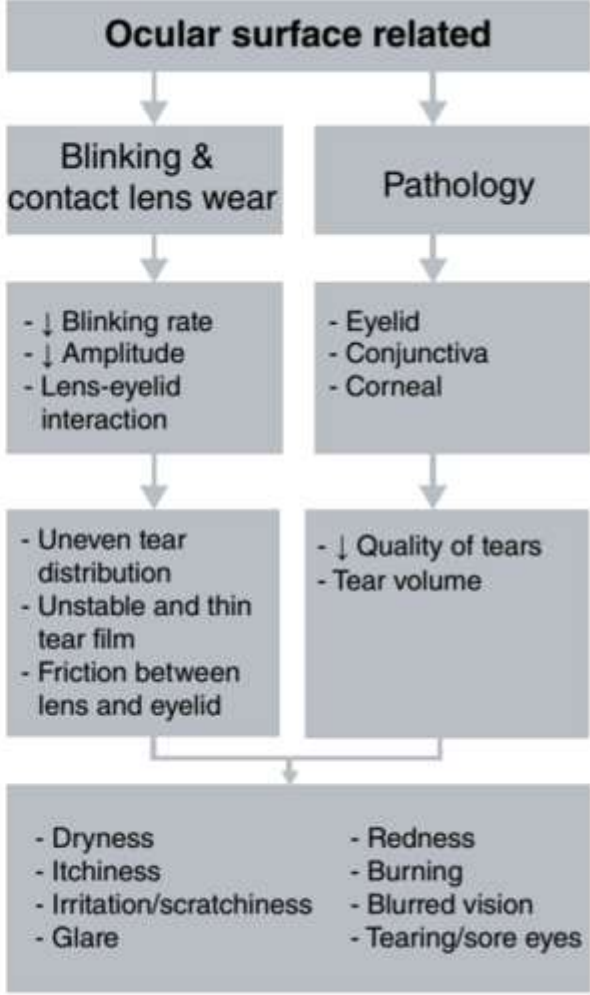
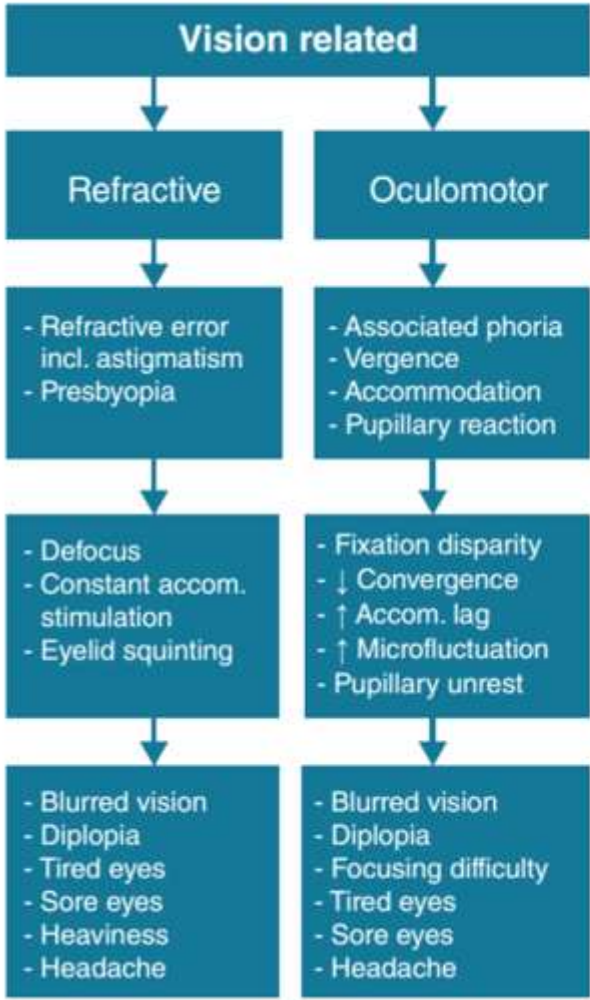
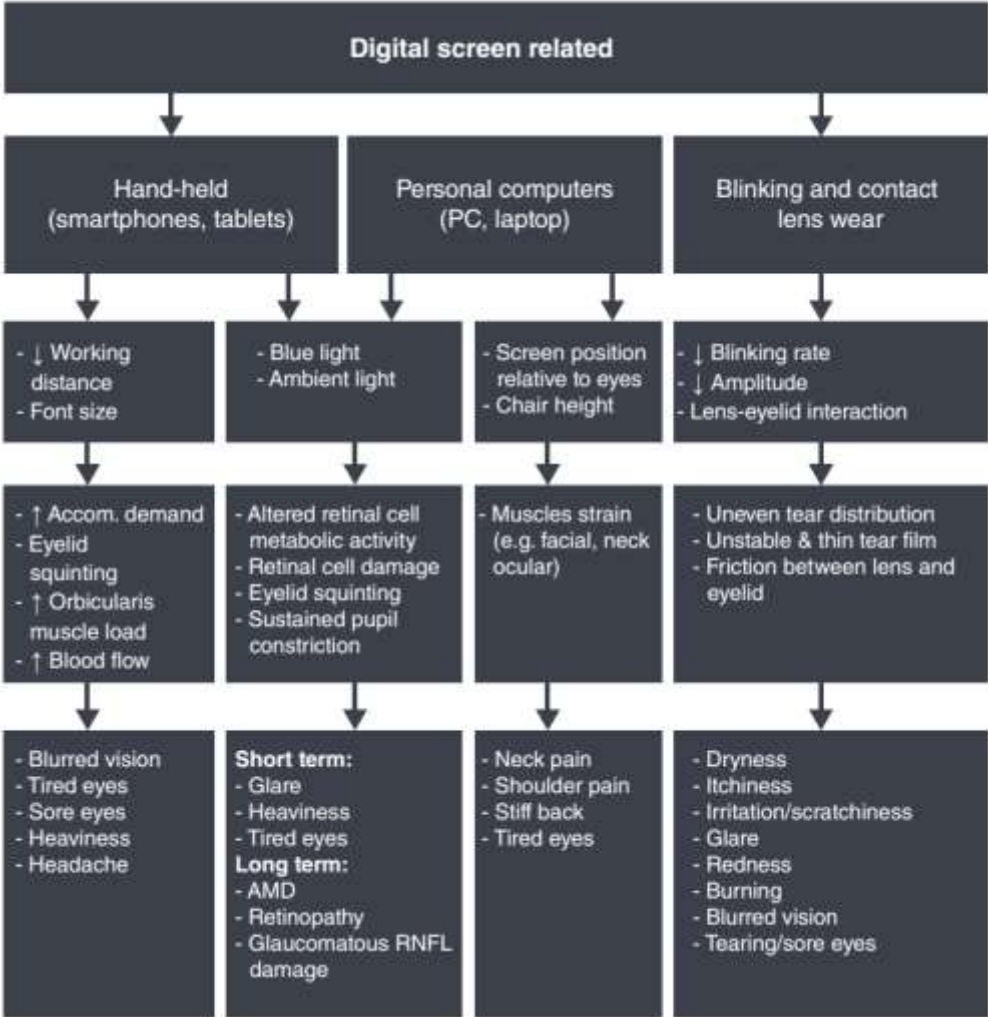


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Causes of computer vision syndrome and digital eyestrain



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Screen resolution and accommodative response

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The effect of image resolution of display types on accommodative microfluctuations

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Abstract

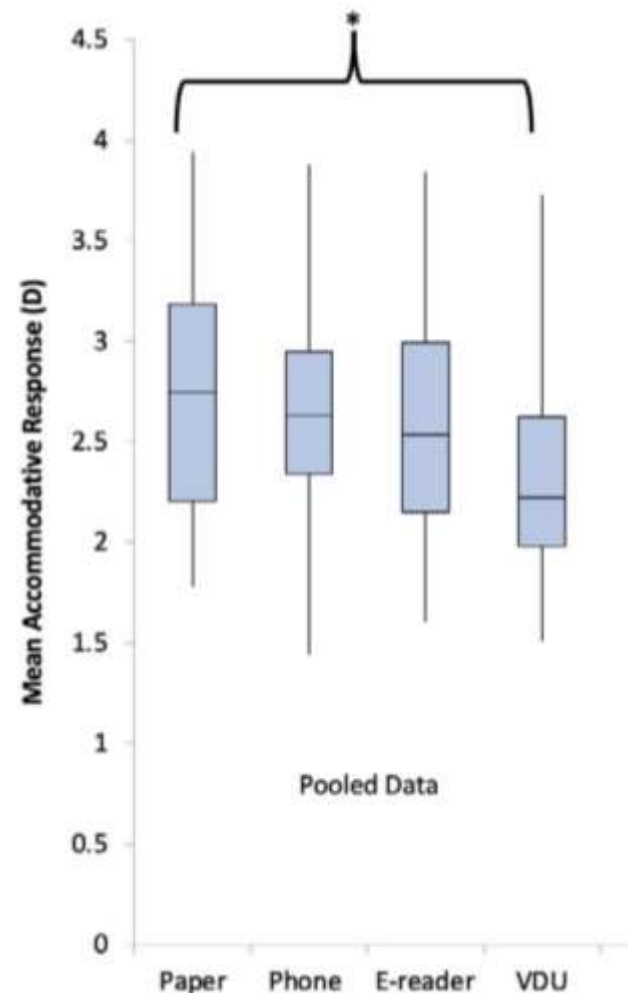
Purpose: To determine whether accommodative microfluctuations (AMF) are affected by the image resolution of the display type being observed. The effect of refractive error is also examined.

Methods: Twenty participants, (10 myopes and 10 emmetropes) observed a target on four different displays: paper, smartphone, e-reader and visual display unit screen (VDU), whilst their accommodative responses were measured using a continuous recording infrared autorefractor. The accommodative response and AMF measures comprising low frequency components (LFC), high frequency components (HFC) and the root mean square (RMS) of the AMFs were analysed.

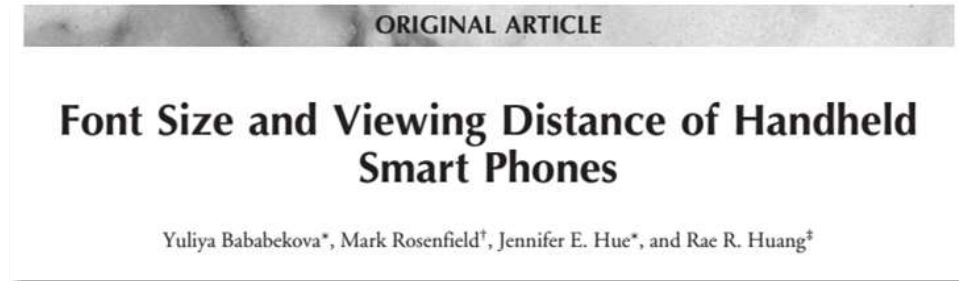
Results: A significant increase in LFC power was observed for the paper stimulus when compared to the VDU and smartphone conditions. Myopes demonstrated a significantly higher LFC and mean accommodative response compared to emmetropes across the four displays. A significant difference in the mean AR between the displays with the lowest and highest resolution was found. A higher mean AR was found with higher resolution of the image. The HFC and RMS accommodation were not affected by display type.

Conclusion: The mean accommodative response and the mean LFC power appear to respond differently depending on the type of display in use. Higher resolution devices showed a reduced lag of accommodation to the accommodative demand; however, this may cause a lead of accommodation in myopes for higher resolution display types.

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Viewing distance and smartphone use



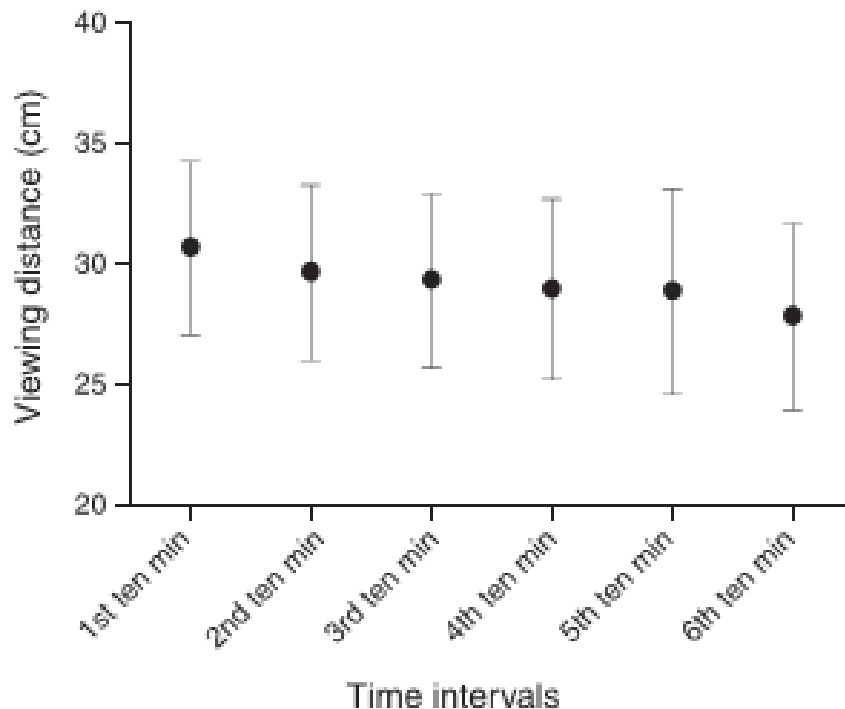
The mean working distances is closer than the typical near working distance of 40 cm. The mean working distance for text messages and internet viewing was 36.2 cm (range, 17.5 to 58.0 cm) and 32.2 cm (range, 19 to 60 cm) with an increased accommodative and convergence demand.

	Text message, mean (± 1 SD)	Text message (range)	Web page, mean (± 1 SD)	Web page (range)
Font size (mm)	1.6 (0.35)	1.0 to 3.0	1.1 (0.34)	0.5 to 32.0
Snellen fraction	6/19.2 (5.25)	6/8.3 to 6/35.3	6/15.1 (4.78)	6/5.9 to 6/28.5
M acuity	1.1 (0.24)	0.7 to 2.1	0.8 (0.23)	0.3 to 1.4
Working distance (cm)	36.2 (7.12)	17.5 to 58.0	32.2 (7.41)	19.0 to 60.0

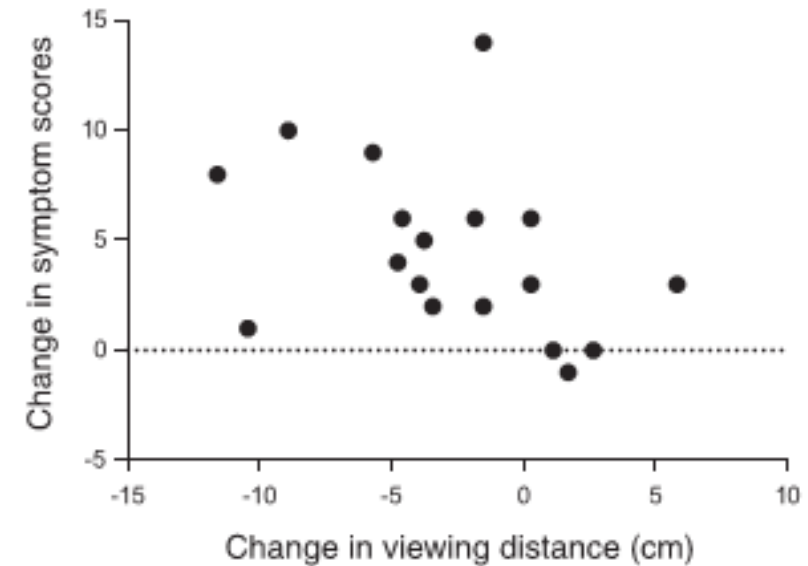
Note that the standard deviation for the Snellen fraction refers only to the denominator of the fraction.

Viewing distance and Symptoms

Mean working distance is reduced with the time of use



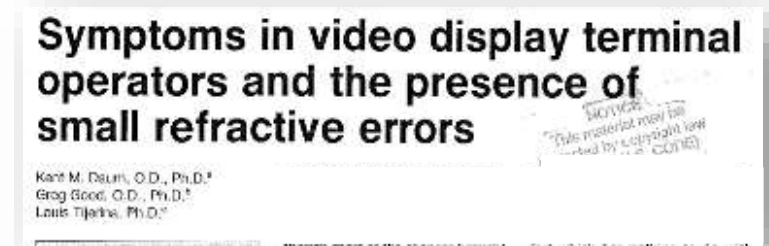
A positive change in symptom score indicates a greater severity of symptoms at the end of the hour. A positive change in working distance indicates that the smartphone was held further away at the end of the hour.



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Refractive errors and digital eye strain

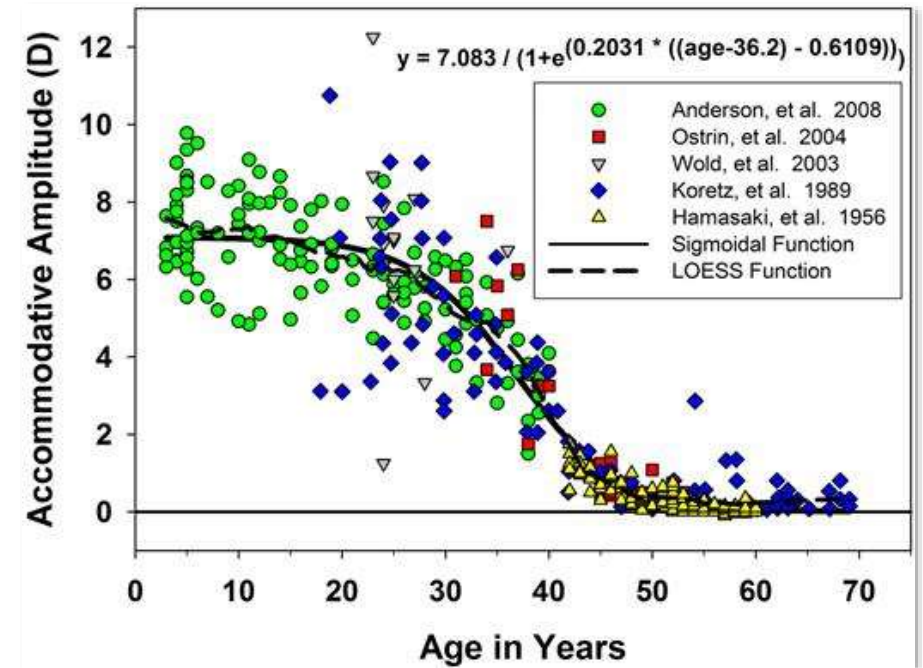
Low uncorrected hyperopia, astigmatism and anisometropia (0,50D) could be a cause of digital eyestrain.



Accommodation and digital eye strain

Symptoms related to an accommodative problem are:

- *near blur*
- *post-work distance blur*
- *slowness of focus changes*
- *eyestrain*
- *general ocular discomfort*



Accommodative accuracy

After digital device use the accommodative response is reduced (accommodative LAG increase).

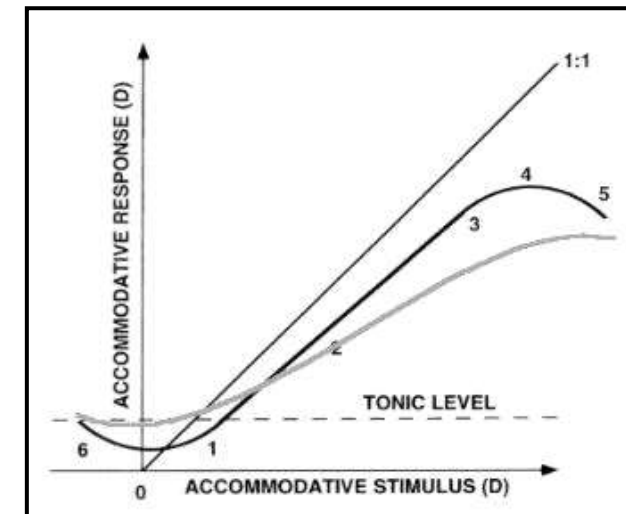
The LAG increase is higher reducing the distance.

Poster #28
ACCOMMODATIVE ACCURACY TO VIDEO DISPLAY MONITORS. Bruce Wick, OD, PhD, FAAO, Stephen Morse, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO.

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Accommodation response and visual discomfort

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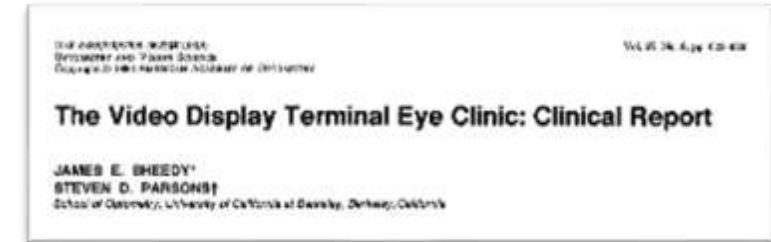


Accommodative facility

With digital devices accommodative facility can change and to be associated with symptoms of eyestrain.

Sheedy have found that in symptomatic subjects in 90 seconds the number of cycles with a $\pm 1,50D$ were <20 .

Binocular accommodative facility (BAF) is reduced after 60 min of reading on a smartphone.



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Smartphone Use and Effects on Tear Film, Blinking and Binocular Vision

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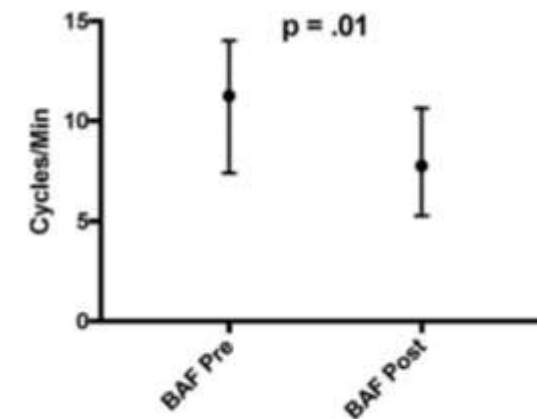


Figure 4. Binocular accommodative facility (BAF) (median, IQR) pre- and post-60 min of reading on a smartphone.

Accommodative micro-fluctuations (AMF)

Accommodative micro-fluctuations (AMF) are small dioptric changes during accommodation and may be a sensitive, objective indicator of fatigue under sustained near work.

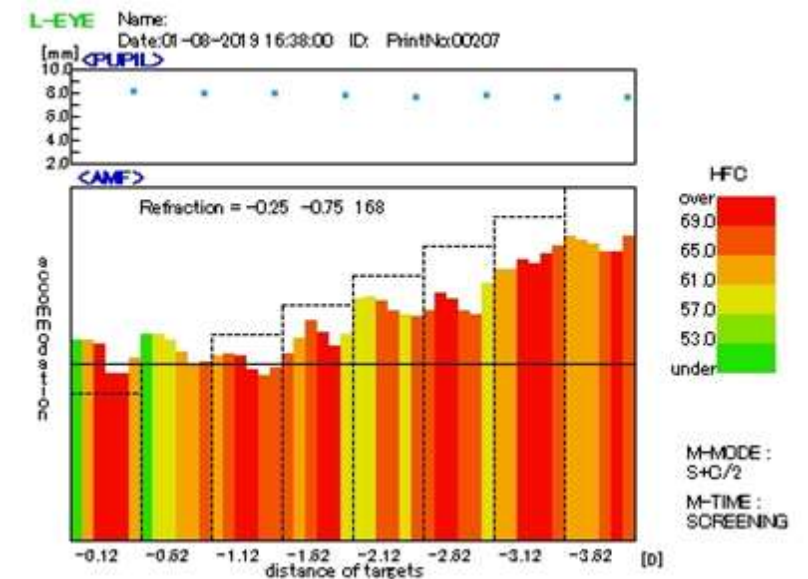
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Variability of Accommodative Microfluctuations in Myopic and Emmetropic Juveniles during Sustained near Work

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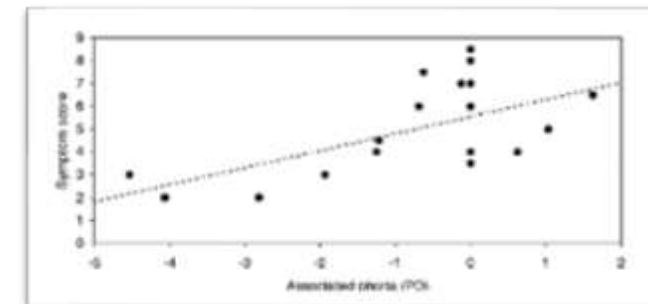
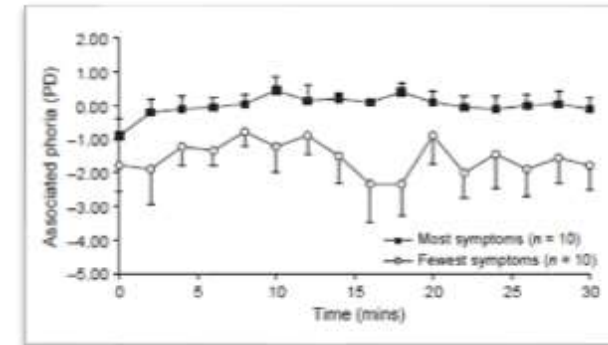
Associated phoria

After 30 min of computer work didn't find significant variation of associated phoria. They found that visual symptoms were higher with ortho and eso condition and lower with exo ($1,55\Delta$).

Accommodation and convergence during sustained computer work

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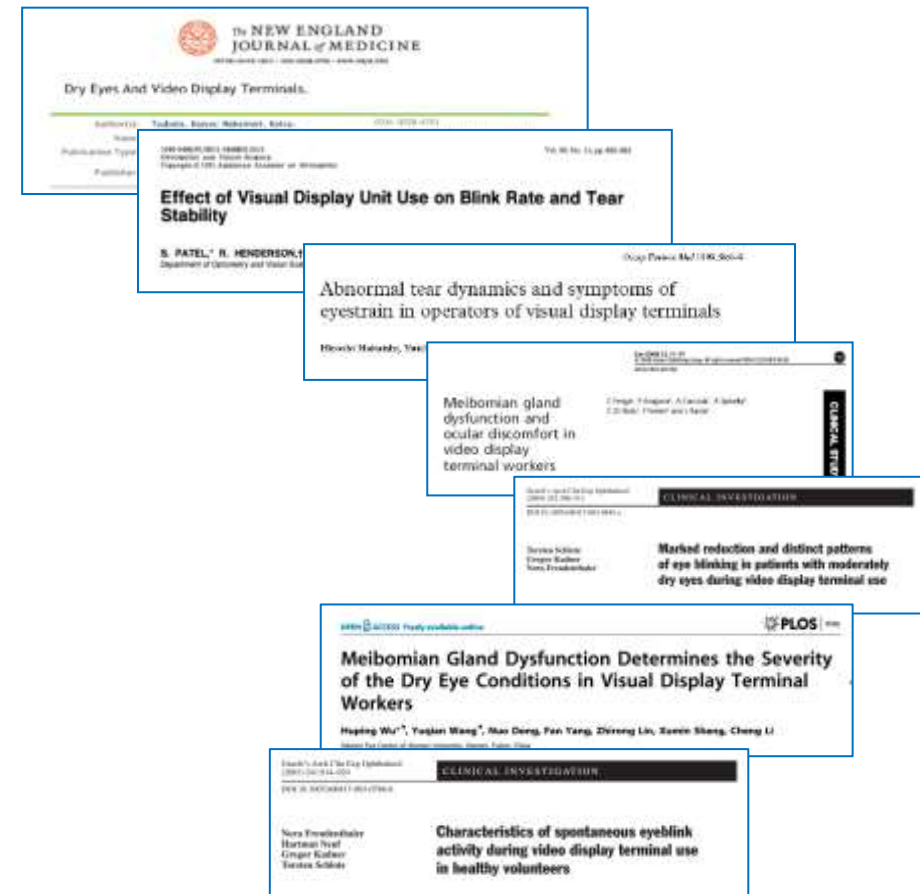
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Digital device use and dry eye

With digital devices use:

- *Blink rates* ↓
- *Incomplete blinks* ↑
- *Lipid layer* ↓
- *Tear evaporation* ↑
- *Tear instability* ↑
- *MGD* ↑



Digital device use and dry eye

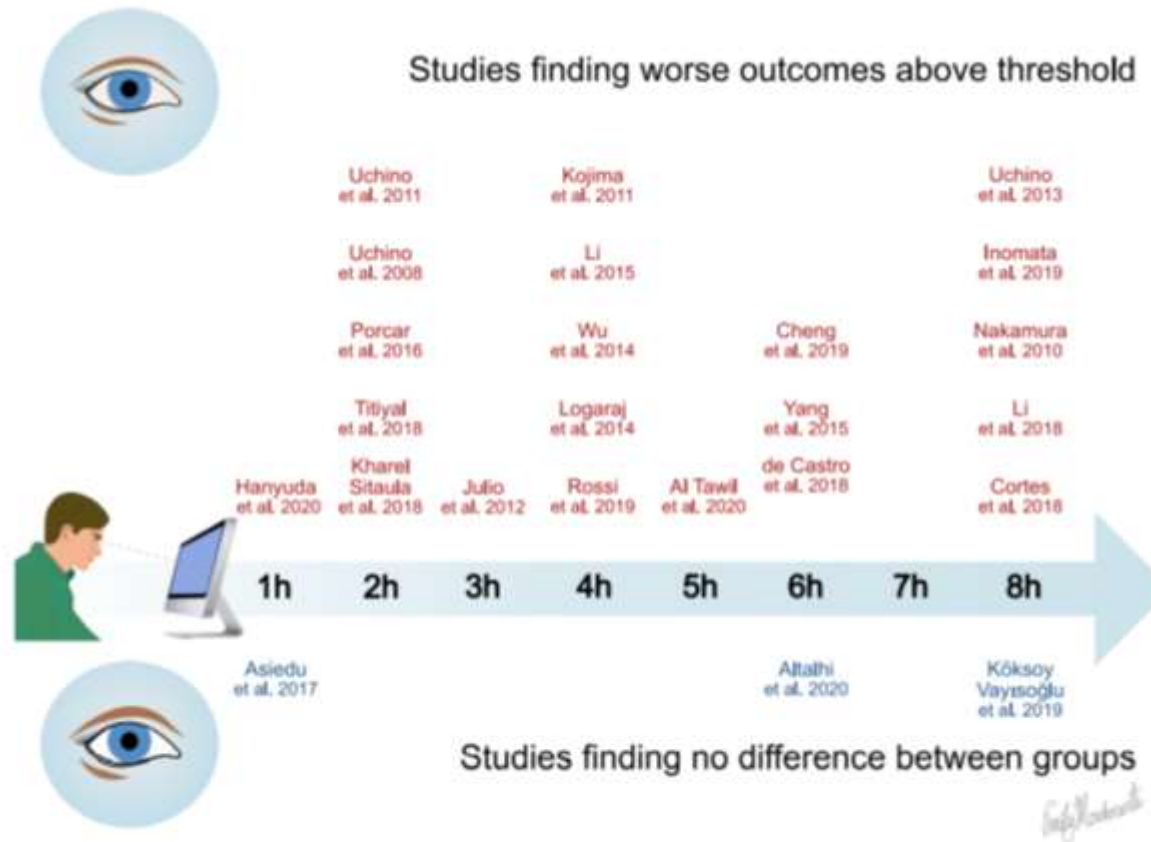


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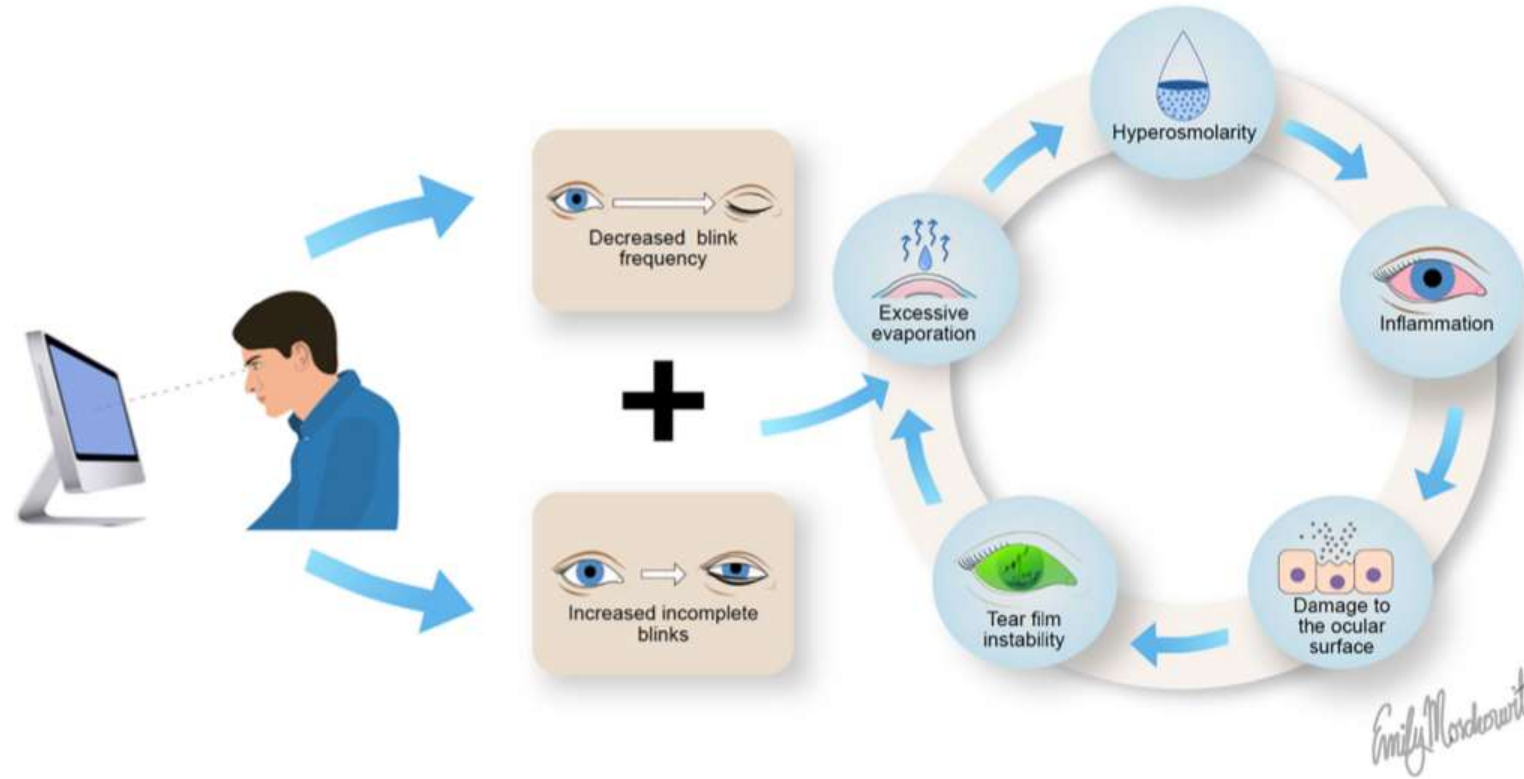


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Blink rate and VDT use

It has been shown that VDT use may reduce the spontaneous eyeblink rate approximately by the 70%

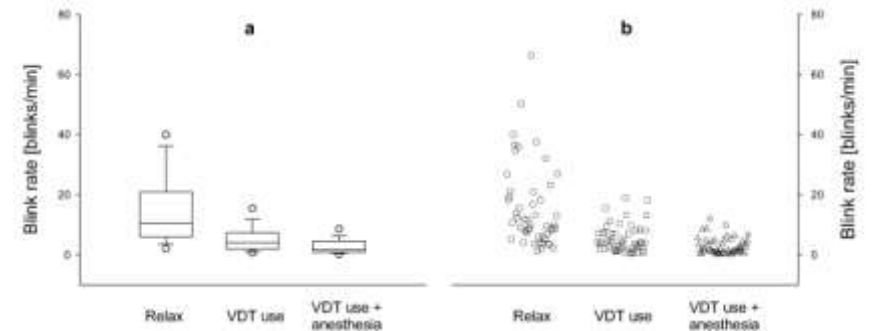
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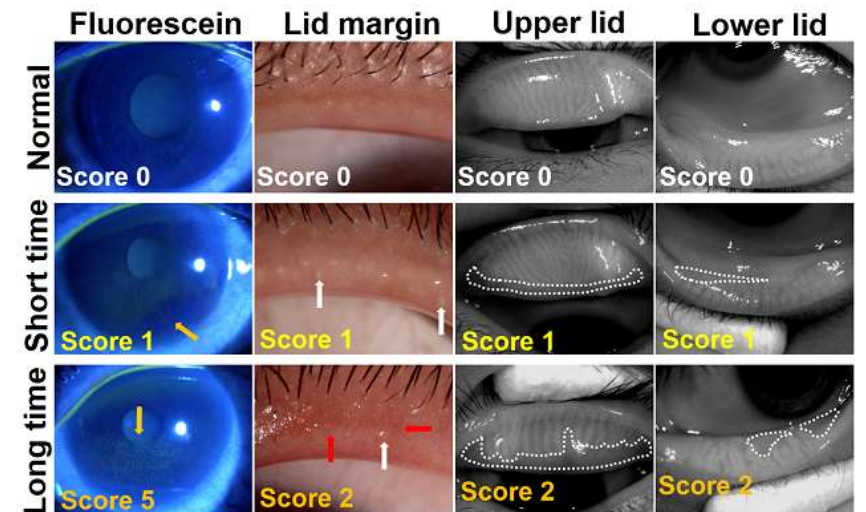
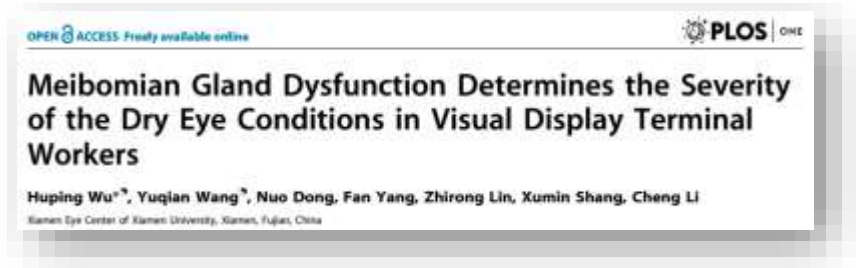
Characteristics of spontaneous eyeblink activity during video display terminal use in healthy volunteers

Examination conditions	SBER (blinks/min) Mean \pm SD	Wilcoxon test (<i>P</i>)
a) Relaxation	15.54 \pm 13.74	<0.001 a vs. b
b) VDT use (without corneal anaesthesia)	5.34 \pm 4.53	<0.001 b vs. c
c) VDT use (with corneal anaesthesia)	2.78 \pm 2.77	<0.001 a vs. c



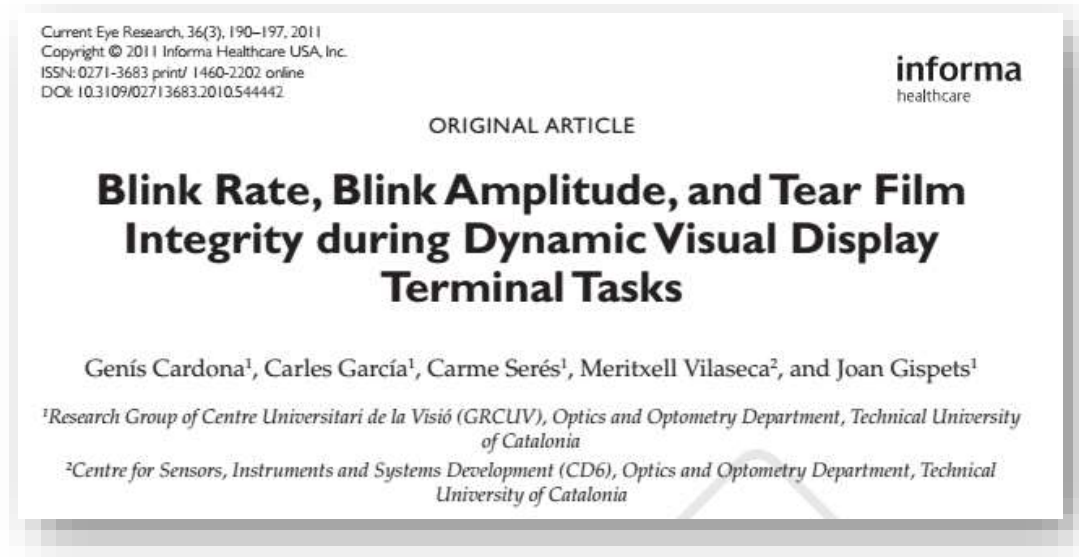
External causes

Incomplete blinks are considered a greater contributing factor to tear instability than reduced frequency of blinks.



Incomplete blink and VDT use

In addition, the completeness of blinks also has an impact on the likelihood of developing corneal desiccation and contact lens surface dryness.



Tear film instability and AMF

Tear film instability is associated with deterioration of functional VA, accommodative microfluctuations, and DE symptoms.

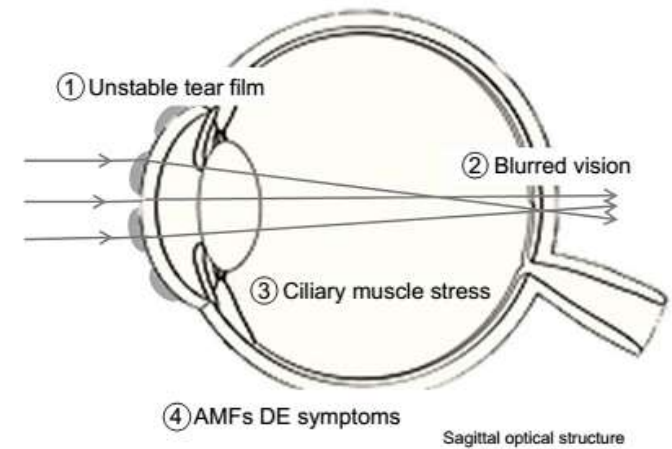
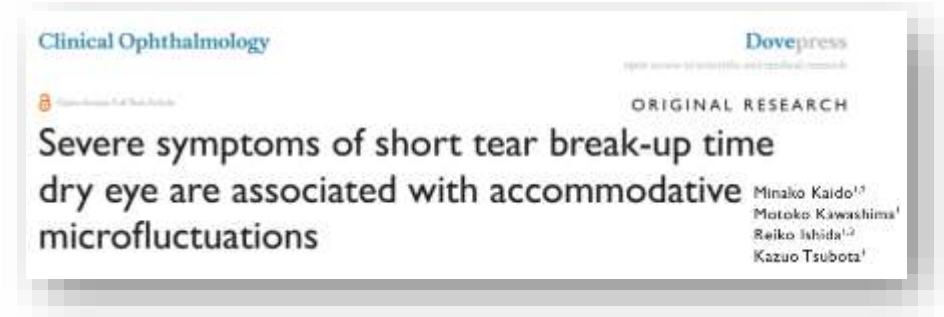
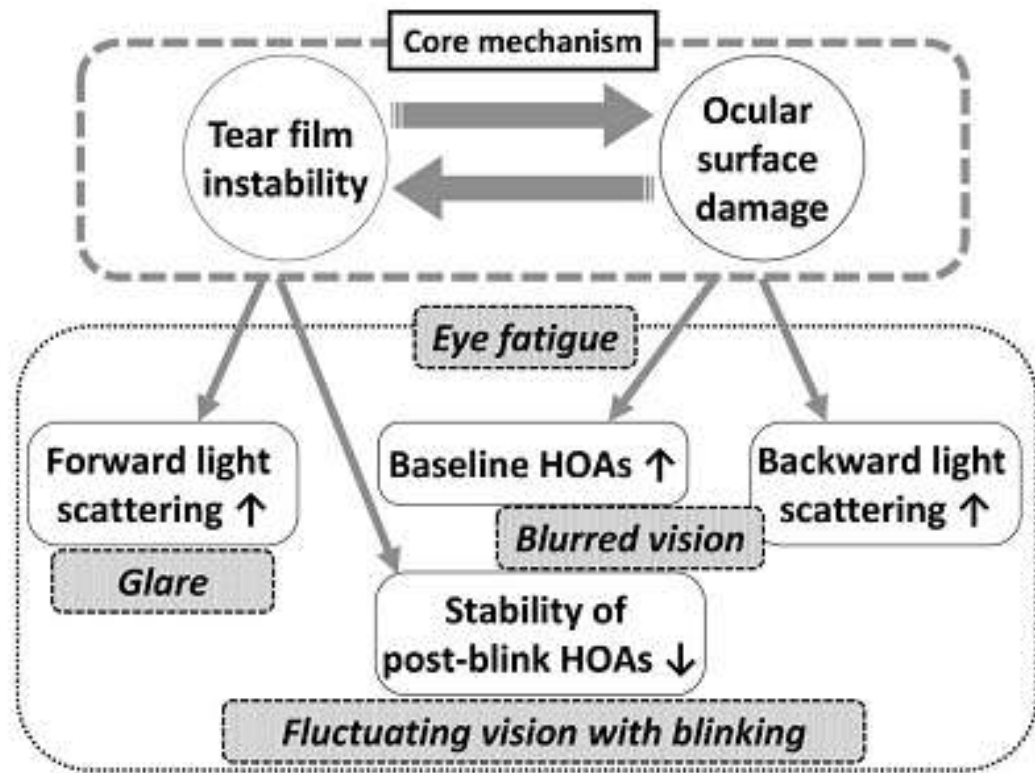


Figure 4 The mechanism of occurrence of dry eye symptoms. Image defocus due to tear instability represents visual impairment.

Note: Blurring may possibly cause ciliary muscle spasms, which eventually induce AMF and cause DE symptoms including ocular fatigue.

Abbreviations: AMF, accommodative microfluctuation; DE, dry eye.

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SIGNIFICANCE: Digital display use has been accepted as a contributing factor to dry eye disease. However, plenty of new models of digital displays have been developed, and the differences in their nature and the ways in which they are set and used may contribute to differences in the eye-related problems they cause.

PURPOSE: This study aimed to analyze the differences in ocular surface, tear film, and visual fatigue parameters after reading on different digital displays, with and without initial instillation of artificial tears.


METHODS: Thirty-one healthy individuals ranging in age from 20 to 35 years (mean ± standard deviation, 23.26 ± 3.73 years) were included in this prospective clinical study. Subjective ocular surface, tear film, and visual fatigue parameters were assessed after reading for 15 minutes on a laptop computer, tablet, e-reader, and smartphone with matching characteristics and a baseline measurement. Measurements were taken with and without the instillation of artificial tears before the reading tasks and included the Ocular Surface Disease Index questionnaire, the Computer Vision Syndrome Questionnaire, tear meniscus height, the Schirmer I test, noninvasive keratograph break-up time, corneal wettability, tearfulness, and pupil size.

RESULTS: Statistically significant differences in the Ocular Surface Disease Index, Computer Vision Syndrome Questionnaire, tear meniscus height, the Schirmer I test, noninvasive keratograph break-up time, corneal wettability, and tearfulness were obtained when comparing the displays ($P < .05$). Best results were obtained with the smartphone and the e-reader. Conversely, the computer produced the highest disturbance on the ocular surface and tear film. Finally, the instillation of artificial tears revealed no statistical improvement of ocular surface or tear film parameters for the same device ($P > .05$).

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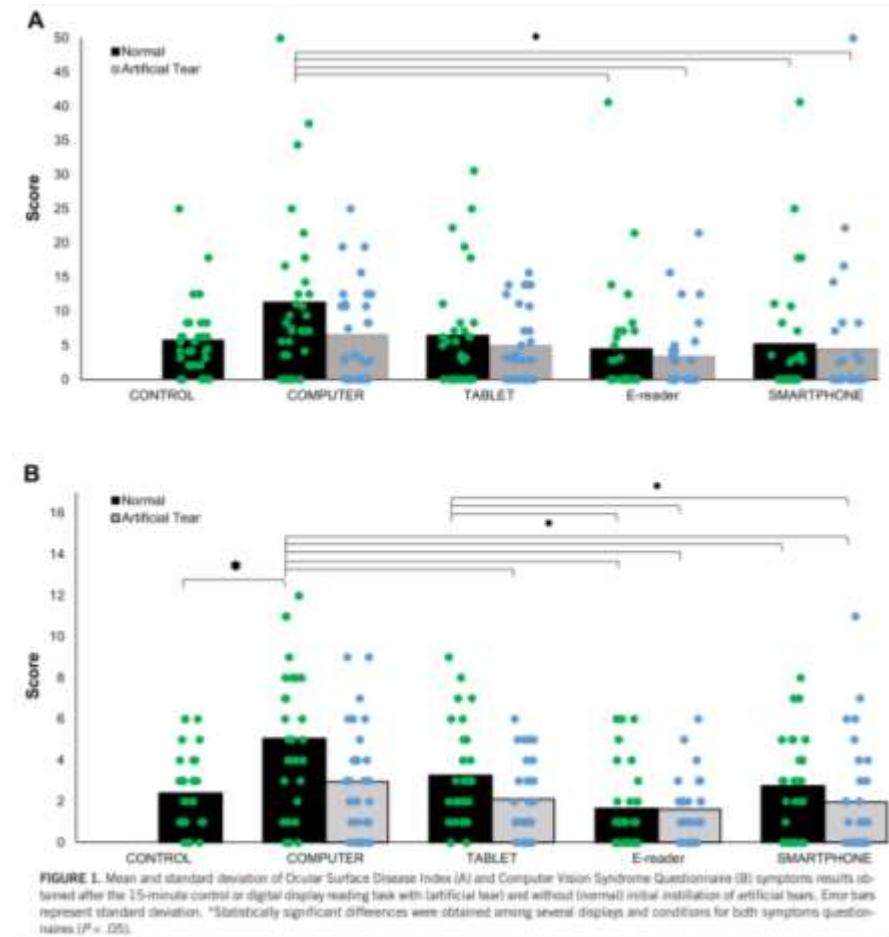
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Abstract

Purpose: To assess the potential additive effects of short-term display use and contact lens (CL) wear on the ocular surface and tear film.

Methods: Thirty-four healthy volunteers (20.87 ± 2.33 years old) participated in this study. Participants' dry eye symptoms, ocular surface, tear film and pupil size were assessed before and after executing a 20-min reading task on a computer and a smartphone with and without CL wear, or with CL wear and artificial tear instillation. Measurements included the Ocular Surface Disease Index (OSDI) questionnaire; 5-item Dry Eye Questionnaire (DEQ-5); tear meniscus height (TMH); non-invasive keratograph break-up time (NIKIBUT); bulbar conjunctival redness (BR) and pupil size.

Results: Higher symptoms were reported after reading on both displays with and without CLs ($p \leq 0.001$) for short periods. BR was higher and NIKIBUT shorter after reading on the computer regardless of wearing CLs ($p \leq 0.02$ and $p \leq 0.02$, respectively), while TMH increased for all conditions ($p \leq 0.02$) except for CL computer reading ($p = 0.23$). Reading with CLs did not lead to greater signs of dry eye (BR, NIKIBUT) and symptoms compared with reading unaided ($p > 0.05$), although a smaller increase in TMH was observed when reading on the computer with CLs ($p = 0.005$). Artificial tear instillation during CL wear led to a smaller increase in symptoms ($p \leq 0.02$), a smaller increase in BR ($p \leq 0.04$) and a decrease in NIKIBUT ($p = 0.02$) compared to reading without correction.

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KEYWORDS

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- Screen position may be especially relevant in contact lens wearers, with hand-held devices being held closer and at lower gaze angles, thereby causing less disruption to the tear film.

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Appendix B. COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME QUESTIONNAIRE (CVS-Q)

To be completed by worker

Indicate whether you experience any of the following symptoms during the time you use the computer at work. For each symptom, mark with an X:

a. First, the frequency, that is, how often the symptom occurs, considering that:

NEVER = the symptom does not occur at all

OCCASIONALLY = sporadic episodes or once a week

OFTEN OR ALWAYS = 2 or 3 times a week or almost every day

b. Second, the intensity of the symptom:

Remember: if you indicated NEVER for frequency, you should not mark anything for intensity.

	a. Frequency			b. Intensity	
	NEVER	OCCASIONALLY	OFTEN OR ALWAYS	MODERATE	INTENSE
1 Burning					
2 Itching					
3 Feeling of a foreign body					
4 Tearing					
5 Excessive blinking					
6 Eye redness					
7 Eye pain					
8 Heavy eyelids					
9 Dryness					
10 Blurred vision					



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11 Double vision					
12 Difficulty focusing for near vision					
13 Increased sensitivity to light					
14 Coloured halos around objects					
15 Feeling that sight is worsening					
16 Headache					

To be completed by investigator

Calculation of **TOTAL SCORE** Apply the following expression:

$$\text{Score} = \sum_{i=1}^{16} (\text{frequency of symptom occurrence})_i \times (\text{intensity of symptom})_i$$

Considering that:

- Frequency:
 - Never=0
 - Occasionally=1
 - Often or always=2
- Intensity
 - Moderate=1
 - Intense=2



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Name, Surname: _____

Age: _____ Date: _____

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT HOW YOU FELT DURING YOUR LAST FOUR WORKING WEEKS:

If you normally wear glasses or contact lenses during most of your working hours, answer as if you were wearing them.
Please, circle your preferred choice in each question.

A2. Have you noticed that the letters on the screen become blurry while you're working with your computer?

- | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. None at all | 2. Very little | 3. Little |
| 4. A moderate amount | 5. Much | 6. Very much |

A4. Have you felt your eyes tired during or after working with your computer?

- | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. Never | 2. Almost never | 3. Seldom | 4. Occasionally |
| 5. Frequently | 6. Almost always | 7. Always | |

A9. Did your eyes hurt when working with you computer?

- | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| 4. Always | 3. Frequently | 2. Rarely | 1. Never |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|

A17. Have you noticed your eyes heavy after some time working with your computer?

- | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| 4. Always | 3. Frequently | 2. Rarely | 1. Never |
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A20. Did you have to blink a lot while using the computer at work?

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Now, regarding your experience during the last four working weeks, please indicate to what extent you've felt the following troubles:

If you normally wear glasses or contact lenses during most of your working hours, answer as if you were wearing them.

	None (1)	Very little(2)	Little (3)	A moderate amount (4)	Much (5)	Very much (6)
B7. Watery eyes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B8. Eye redness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To finish, please indicate to what extent you consider true or false each one of the following statements. If you normally wear glasses or contact lenses during most of your working hours, answer as if you were wearing them.

C16. At the end of my working day, I feel heavy eyes

1. Quite false
2. Completely false
3. Quite true
4. Completely true

C21. After some time at the computer, I have to strain to see well

4. Completely true
3. Quite true
1. Quite false
2. Completely false

C23. While I'm working, I have to close my eyes to relieve eye dryness

4. Completely true
3. Quite true
1. Quite false
2. Completely false

C24. After some time at the computer, the lights bother me

1. Quite false
2. Completely false
3. Quite true
4. Completely true

Accomodative response measurement

MEM retinoscopy



Nott retinoscopy



Accomodative facility measurements

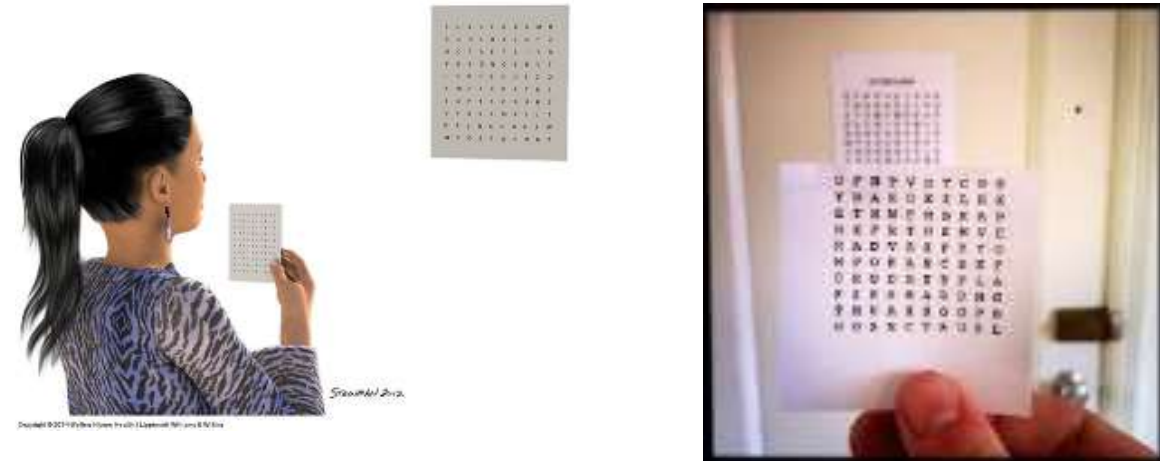
a) *Flipper $\pm 1,50 D$ (<20 cycles in 90 seconds in symptomatic subjects)*

b) *Accomodative rock*

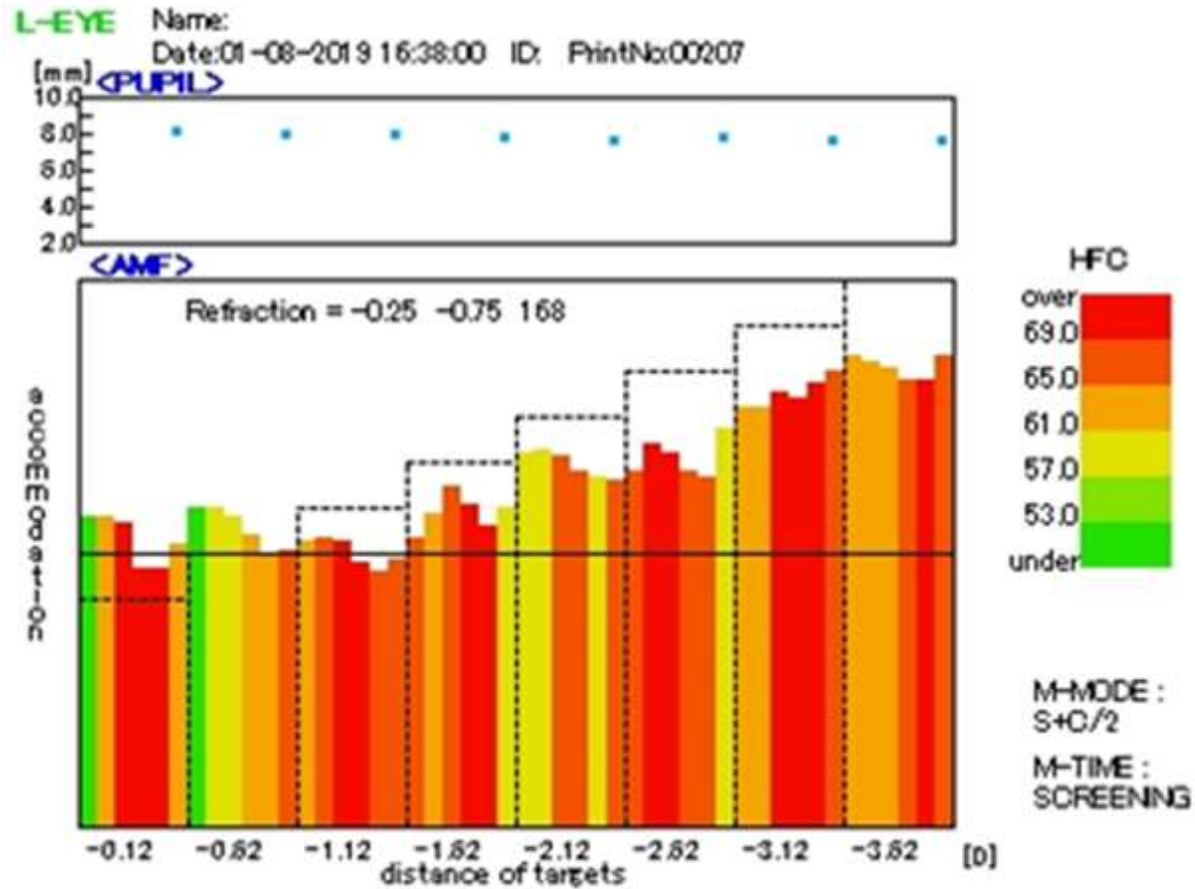
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AMF measurements

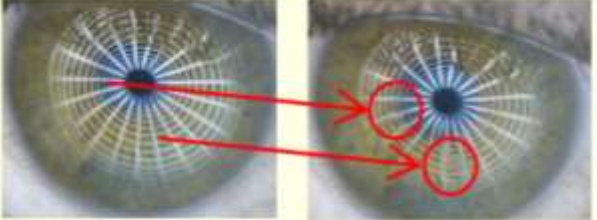


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The Ocular Protection Index
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Non Invasive Break Up Time



Ocular Protective Index = $\frac{\text{Non Invasive Break Up Time}}{\text{Inter Blink Interval}}$



Inter Blink Interval

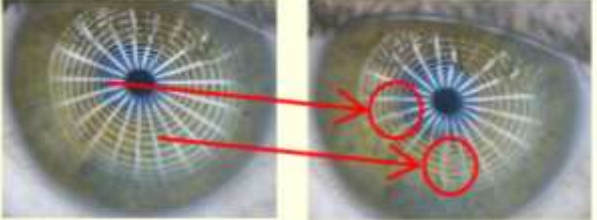
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Inter Blink Interval

$VDTIBI = IBI * 3,5$
considering a 70% reduction of a number of blinks in a minute

Expected value > 1

Bulbar redness and corneal staining grading

GRAD 0 GRAD 1 GRAD 2 GRAD 3 GRAD 4

Bulbäre Injektionen

Ursache: Erweiterung der bulbären Blutgefäße, z.B. durch Reizung
 Komplikationsgrad: Grad 1 bis 3, bei Kindern auch Grad 0 möglich
 Hinweis: Immer bei Berührung sorgfältig beobachten

Limbale Injektionen

Ursache: Erweiterung der limbalen Blutgefäße, z.B. durch „Jalousie Effekt“
 Komplikationsgrad: Bis Grad 2
 Hinweis: Ist häufig mit bulbärer Injektion gemeinsam auf

Tarsale Injektionen

Ursache: Erweiterung der tarsalen Blutgefäße, z.B. durch Reizung
 Komplikationsgrad: Bis Grad 2
 Hinweis: Tarsale Injektionen treten zusammen mit tarsaler Ödemhaut auf

Corneale Neovascularisation

Ursache: Meist Sauerstoffmangelvorgang der Hornhaut
 Komplikationsgrad: Grad 0
 Hinweis: Einzelformen auch länger bei gewöhnlichen Blutgefäßen in der Hornhaut

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Redness Visuals
15 23%

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Area 1 staining: 2
 Area 2 staining: 12
 Area 3 staining: 48
 Area 4 staining: 8
 Area 5 staining: 85

Prescriptive considerations: refractive errors

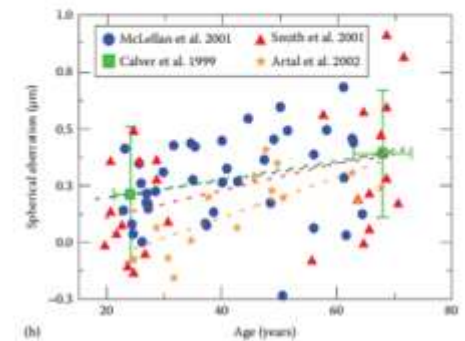
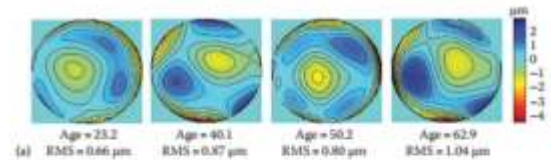
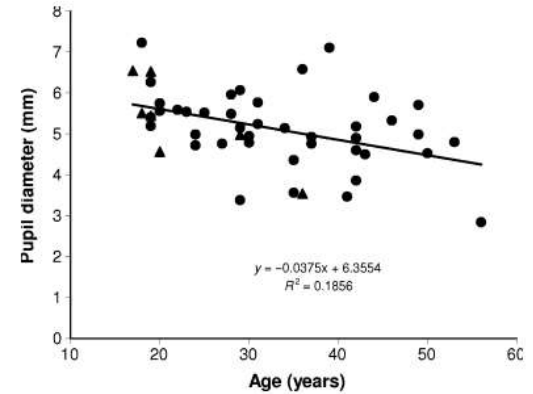
Refractive error	Power	Comments
Hyperopia	$> +0,50$ dt	Correction with symptoms
Myopia	$> -2,00$ dt	Partially corrected for vdt use if subject removes glasses for near
Myopia	Full correction	Without symptoms
Astigmatism	$> 0,50$ dt	Full correction

Prescriptive considerations: positive addition

Test	Consider Added Plus	Added Plus NOT Indicated
Refractive Error	Hyperopia	Myopia
Near phoria	Esophoria	Exophoria
AC/A	High	Low
Base Out at near	Normal to high	Low
NRA/PRA	Low PRA	Low NRA
MEM	High	Low
Accommodative Amplitudes	Low	Normal
Accommodative Facility	Difficulty with minus	Difficulty with plus

Management of digital eye strain with soft CIs

Not all multifocal CIs can be effective to support the accommodative and binocular vision functions. These kind of CIs are designed to guarantee the best effect on presbyopic eyes and their performance can be different in young eyes.



Effects of multifocal lenses in non - presbyopic

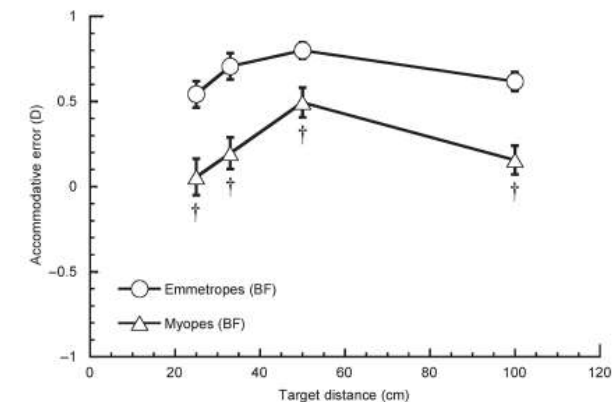
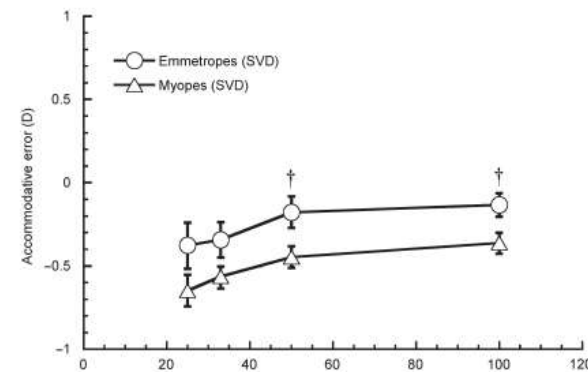
10 emmetropes and 25 myopes; mean age, 22.8 ± 2.5 years

The CIs used were a single vision lenses with the distance power (SVD) and a center distance multiconcentric bifocal (BF) with +1.50 dt near addition.

Ophthalm. Physiol. Opt. 2008 28: 62-72

Accommodation in emmetropic and myopic young adults wearing bifocal soft contact lenses

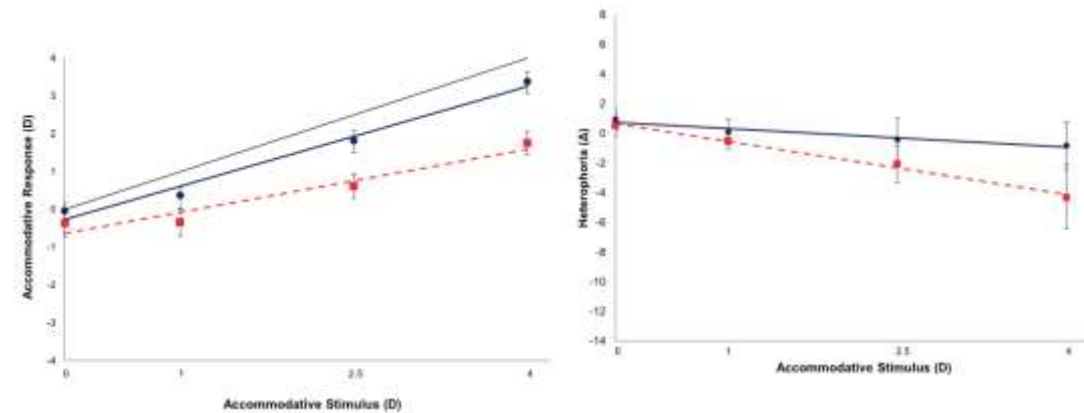
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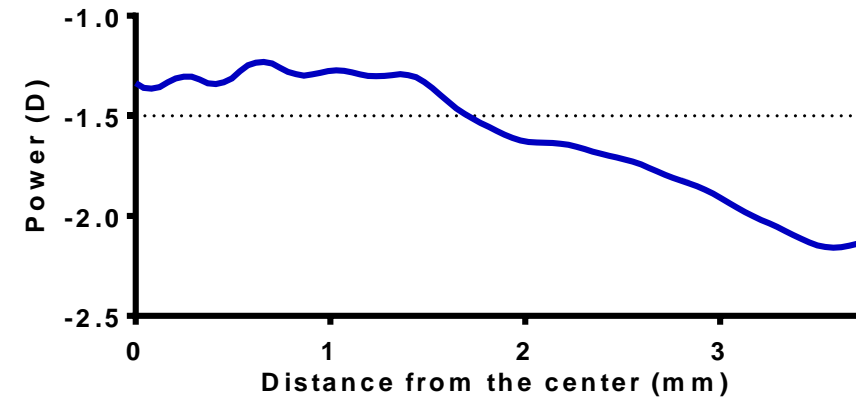
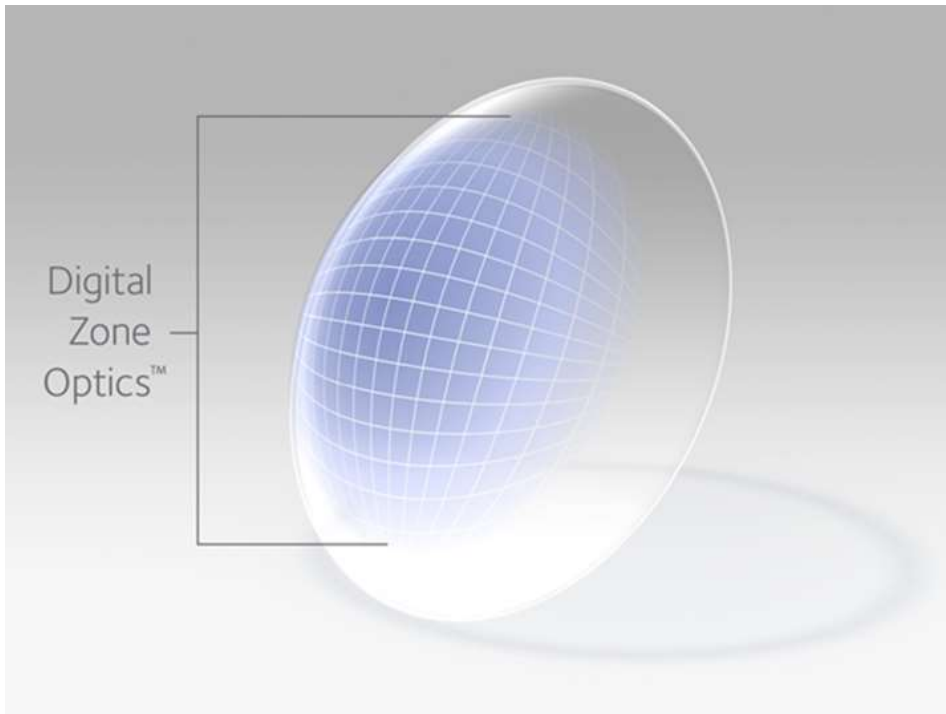
Effects of multifocal lenses in non - presbyopic

15 myopic patients with age between 7 and 15 yrs CD design multifocal CIs with an add of +2.50dt

Patients exhibited reduced accommodative responses and more exophoria at increasingly higher accommodative demands than with single vision CIs



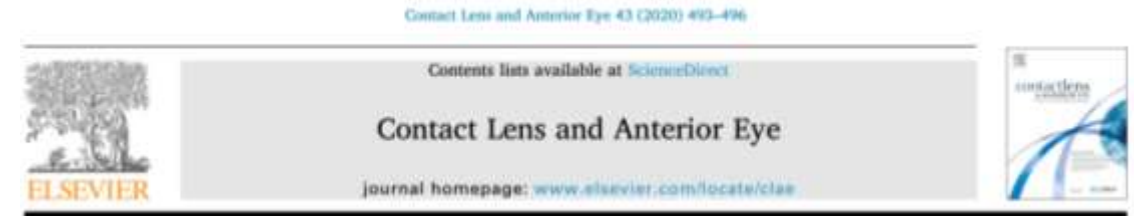
Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design



Front multi-aspheric anterior surface

Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on AMF

This lens design can reduce the AMF during smartphone use compared with the equivalent spherical design with possible positive effect on symptoms.



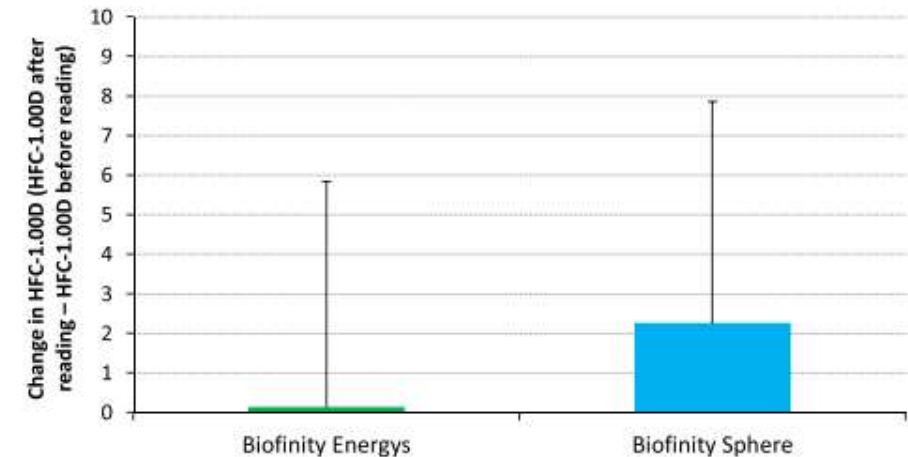
Changes in accommodative micro-fluctuations after wearing contact lenses of different optical designs

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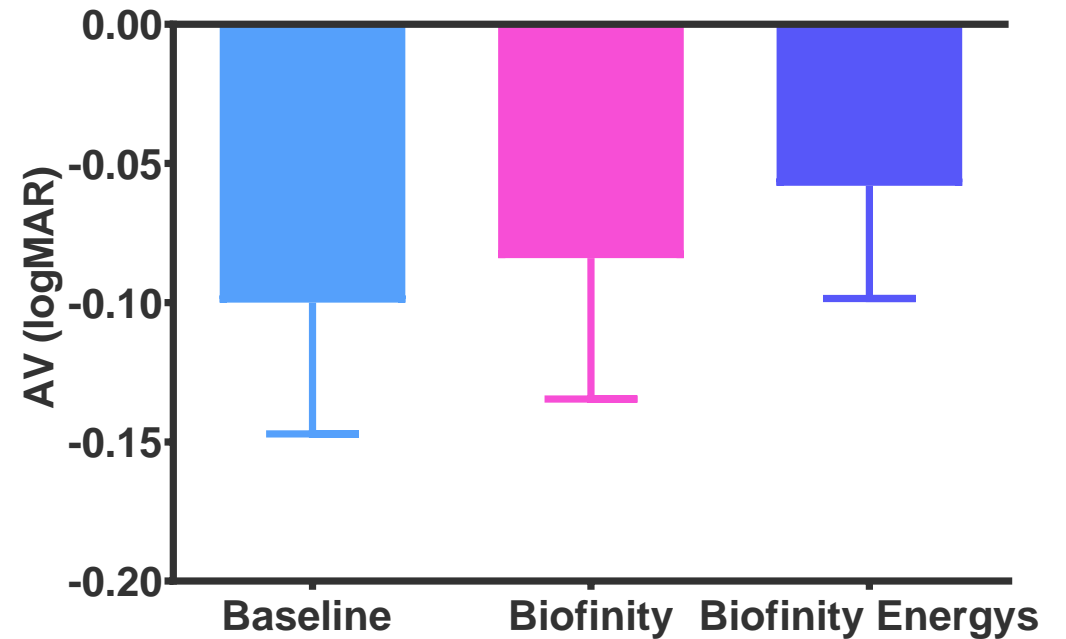
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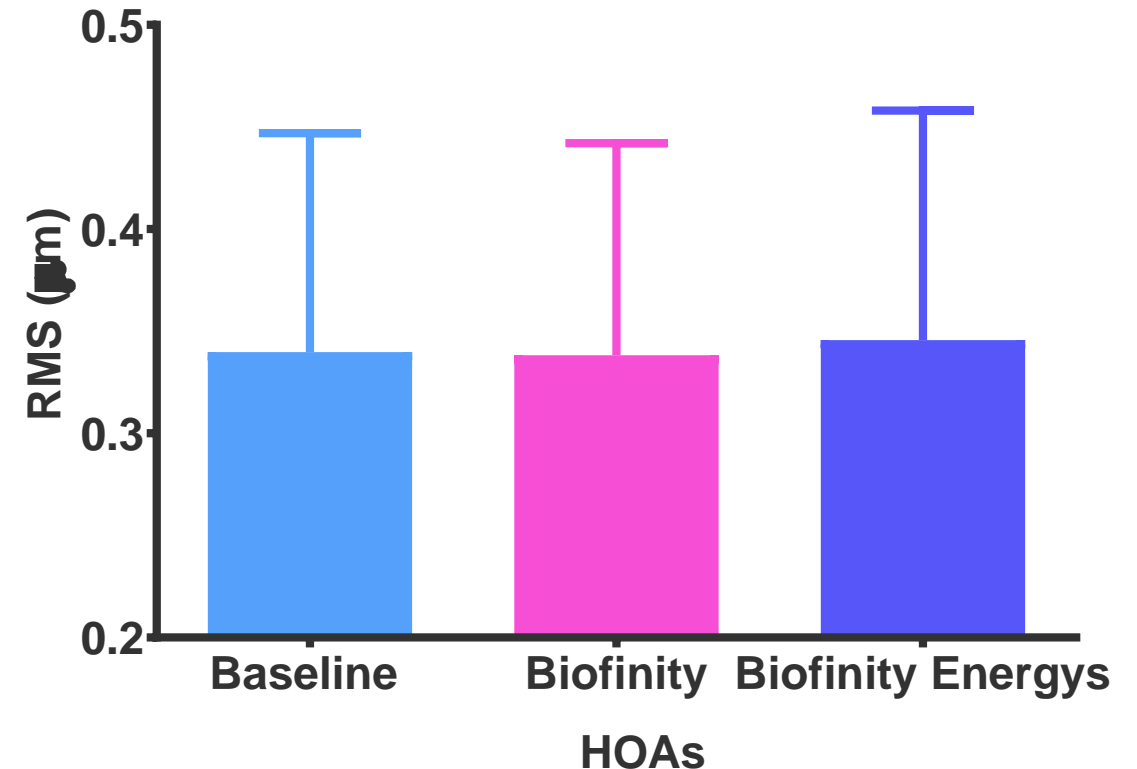
Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on VA

- The subjects enrolled had a refractive error of $-2.37 \pm 2.88\text{D}$ (mean \pm SD) and an age of $22.8 \pm 2.9\text{yrs}$.
- The binocular visual acuity value obtained at baseline was $-0.10 \pm 0.05\text{logMar}$ and did not change statistically significantly ($p = 0.142$) using Biofinity ($-0.08 \pm 0.05\text{logMar}$) and Biofinity Energys ($-0.06 \pm 0.04\text{logMar}$).



Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on HOAs

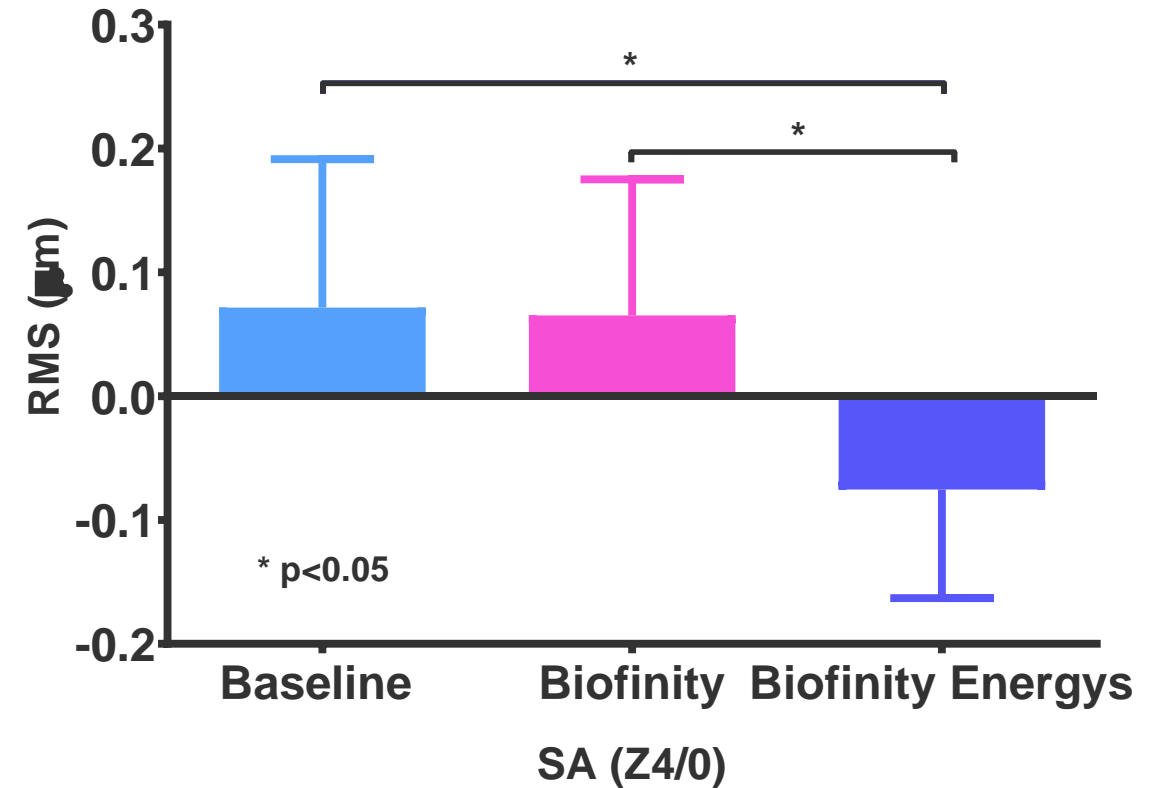
HOAs did not show statistically significant variations induced by the two contact lens designs ($p = 0.931$) with a value of $0.339 \pm 0.124\mu\text{m}$ at baseline, $0.338 \pm 0.118\mu\text{m}$ with Biofinity and $0.345 \pm 0.121\mu\text{m}$ with Biofinity Energys.



Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on SA

Statistically significant differences were found for spherical aberration (Z^0_4) ($F = 6.06$ and $p = 0.006$) with a value of $0.071 \pm 0.119\mu\text{m}$ at baseline, $0.065 \pm 0.108\mu\text{m}$ with Biofinity lenses and a significant negative shift with Biofinity Energys lenses ($-0.075 \pm 0.091\mu\text{m}$).

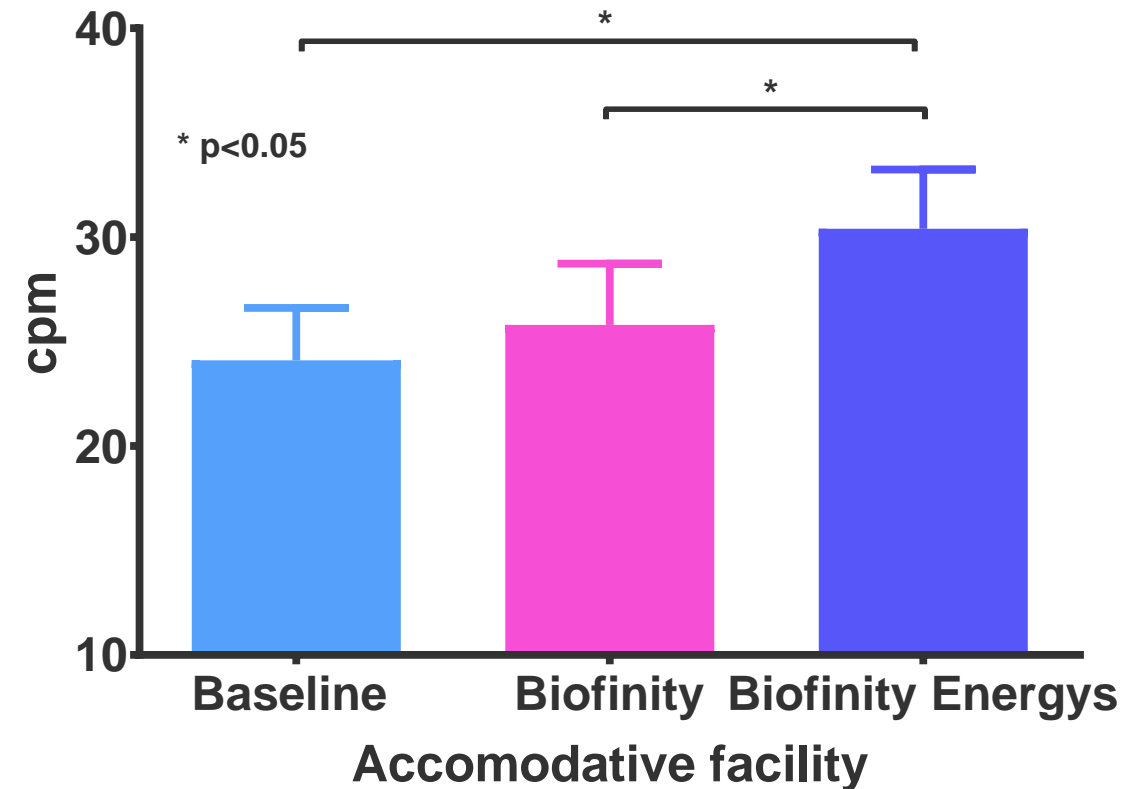
No statistically significant differences were found for coma ($Z^{\pm 1}_3$) and trefoil ($Z^{\pm 3}_3$)



Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on Accomodative facility

Statistically significant differences was found for:

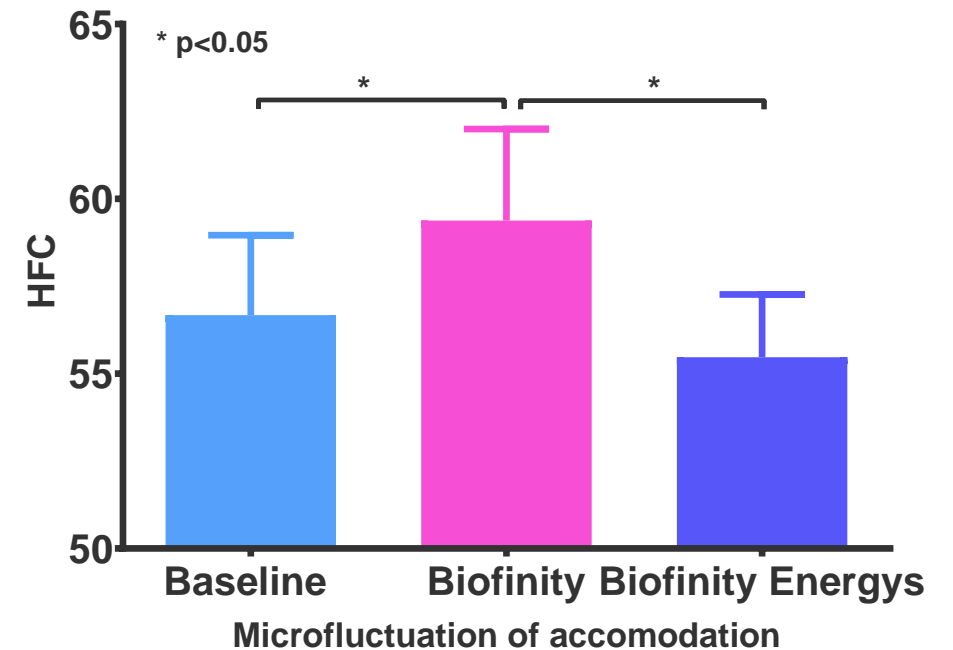
- accommodative facility (F = 13.86 and p <0.0001) showing 24.1 ± 2.5 cpm at baseline, 25.8 ± 2.9 cpm with Biofinity and 30.4 ± 2.8 cpm with Biofinity Energys



Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on AMF

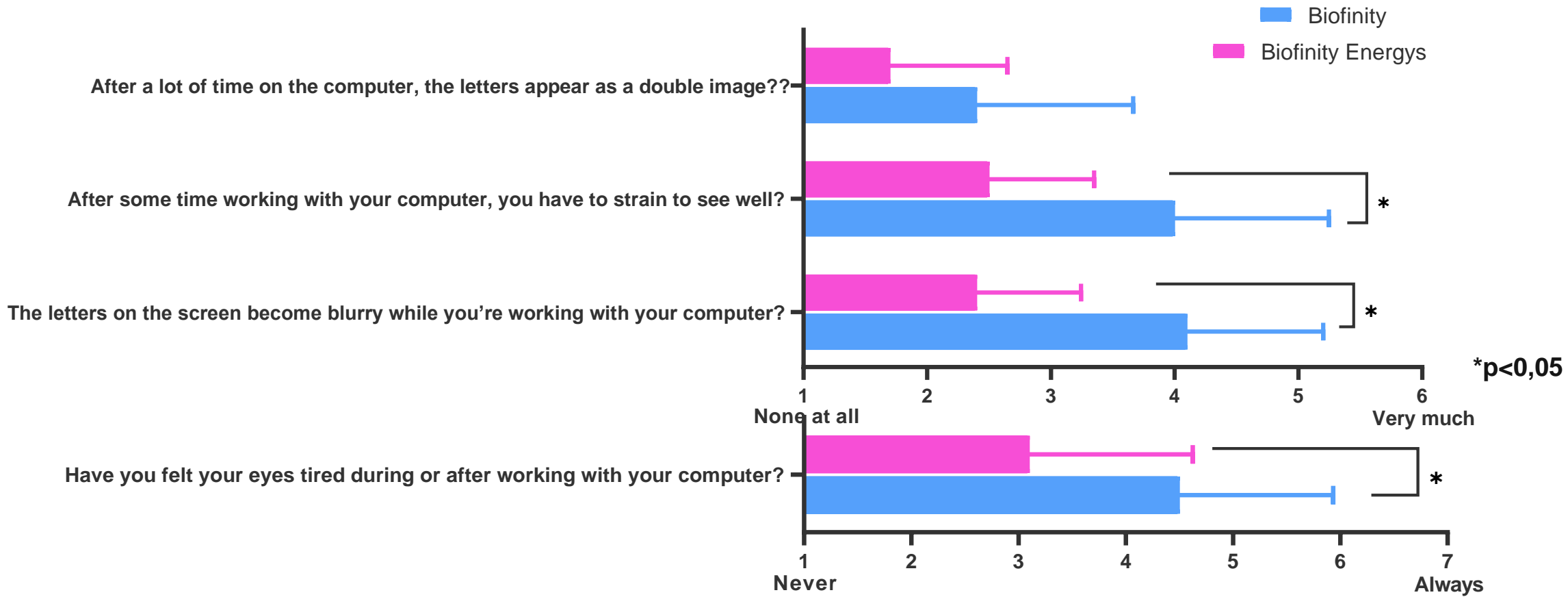
Statistically significant differences was found for:

- HFC of microfluctuations of accommodation ($F = 7.84$ and $p = 0.002$) showing 56.67 ± 2.28 HFC at baseline, 59.38 ± 2.61 HFC with Biofinity and 55.47 ± 1.79 HFC with Biofinity Energys



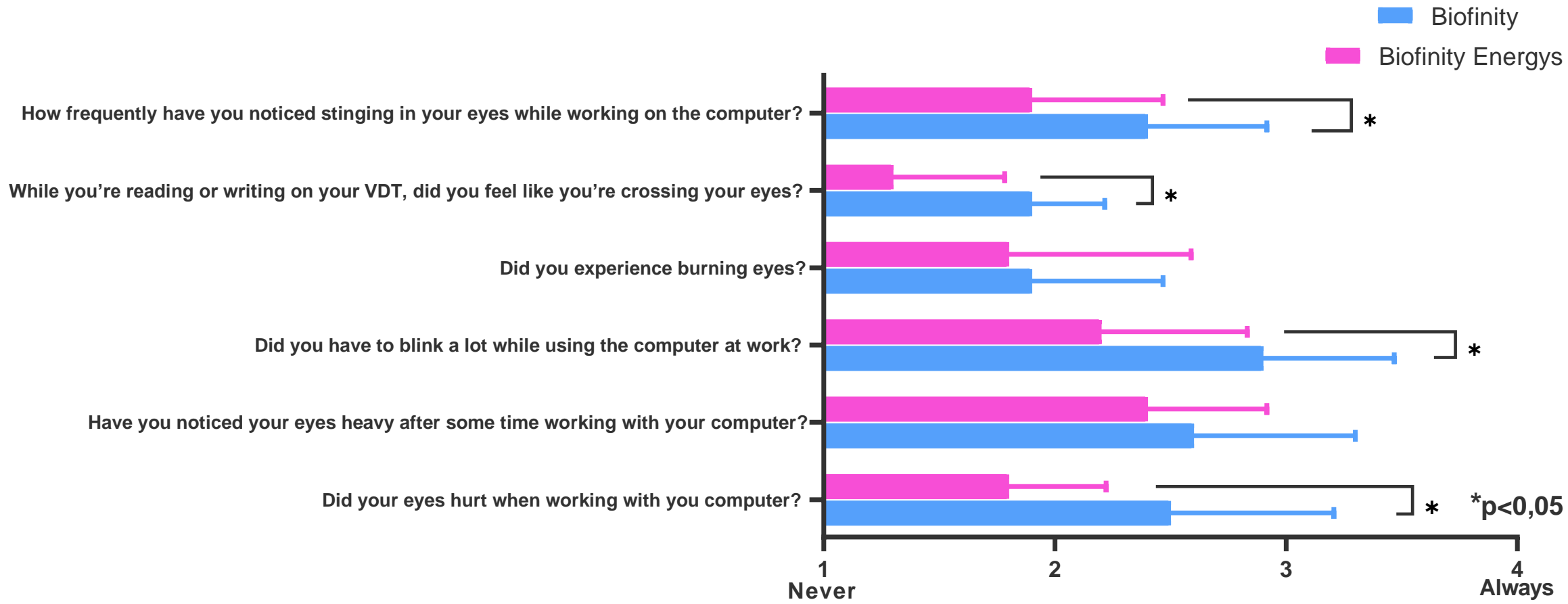
Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on symptoms

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT HOW YOU FELT DURING YOUR LAST TWO WORKING WEEKS



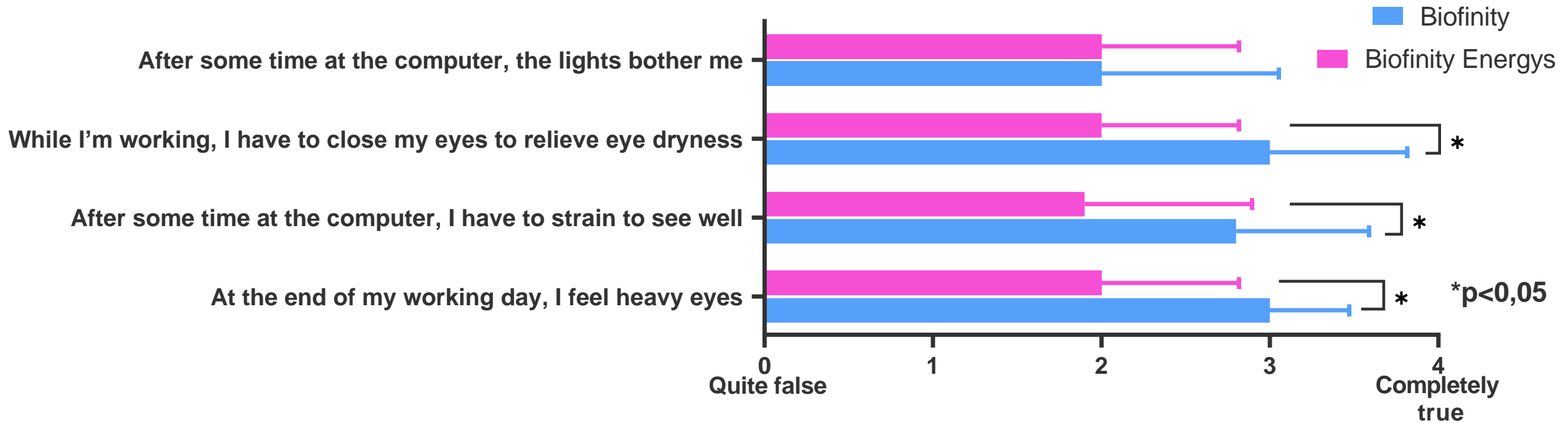
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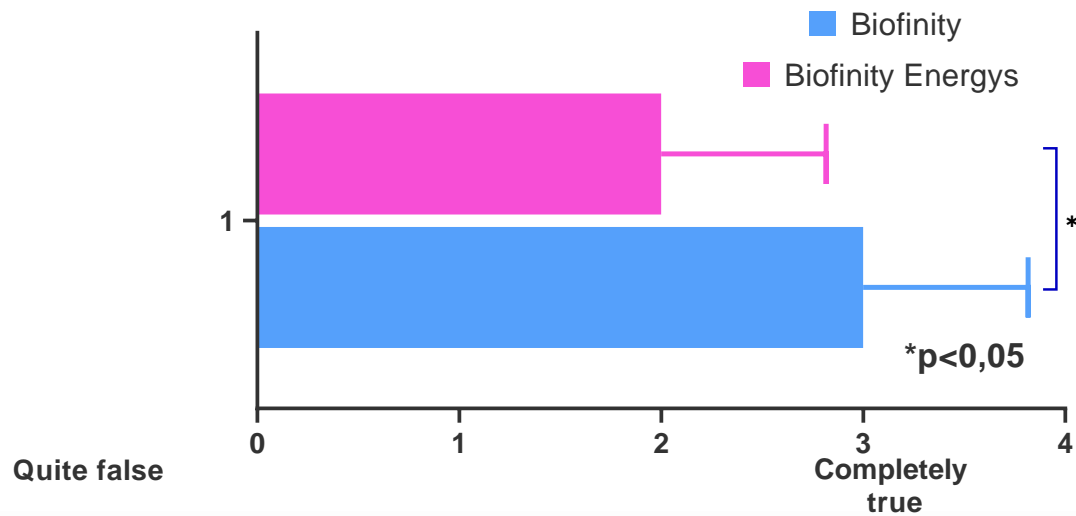
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PLEASE INDICATE TO WHAT EXTENT YOU CONSIDER TRUE OR FALSE EACH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.



Management of DES with CIs with specific contact lens design: effects on symptoms

While I'm working, I have to close my eyes to relieve eye dryness



Conclusions. Symptoms related to dry eye and BV disorders overlap. Subjects with symptoms of discomfort while wearing soft contact lenses may be experiencing a concurrent or stand-alone BV disorder. Accommodative insufficiency and pseudo-convergence insufficiency were common in the sample of myopic soft contact lens wearers. Clinicians should screen symptomatic contact lens-induced dry eye patients for BV disorders. Dry eye studies should assess basic BV function. (Optom Vis Sci 2015;92:e214–e221)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Can Binocular Vision Disorders Contribute to Contact Lens Discomfort?

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ABSTRACT

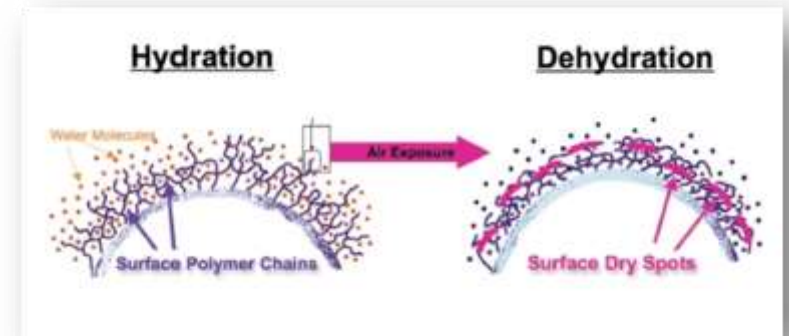
Purpose. To determine the relationship between binocular vision (BV) disorder and dry eye symptoms and the frequency of BV disorders in subjects with contact lens-induced dry eye symptoms.

Methods. Subjects recruited for a larger dry eye study (n = 104) completed the Ocular Surface Disease Index (OSDI) and Convergence Insufficiency Symptom Survey (CISS) to determine if symptoms assessed on these two surveys were related. Also, myopic soft contact lens wearers (n = 29) with self-reported dry eye symptoms were recruited. Subjects completed the OSDI and CISS to assess severity of dry eye and BV disorder symptoms. Basic BV and dry eye testing was performed on each subject.

Results. Severity of symptoms assessed on the OSDI and CISS was found to be significantly correlated in the larger subject group (p = 0.68, p = 0.0001). This significant correlation warranted further investigation of both symptoms and clinical signs. In the group of myopic soft contact lens wearers, 48.3% had a BV disorder. This proportion appeared to be higher than previously reported prevalence estimates of BV disorders. Accommodative lag greater than or equal to 1.00 diopter was the most common BV disorder seen (48.3%), and near-convergence insufficiency was the most common BV

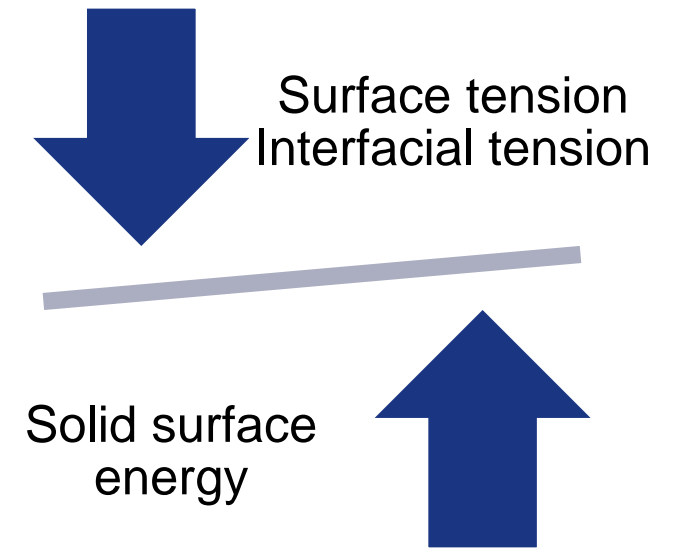
Management of DES with CLs : effects of contact lens wettability

- A stable pre-lens tear film between blinks is important on a “*hydrophilic*” surface of silicone-containing CLs to prevent their “*hydrophobicity*”
- During wear, the front surface of the CL can dry out, creating a hydrophobic environment.
- The *hydrophilic* portions tend to rotate to a position inside the lens while *hydrophobic* portions rotate to the dry environment at the surface.



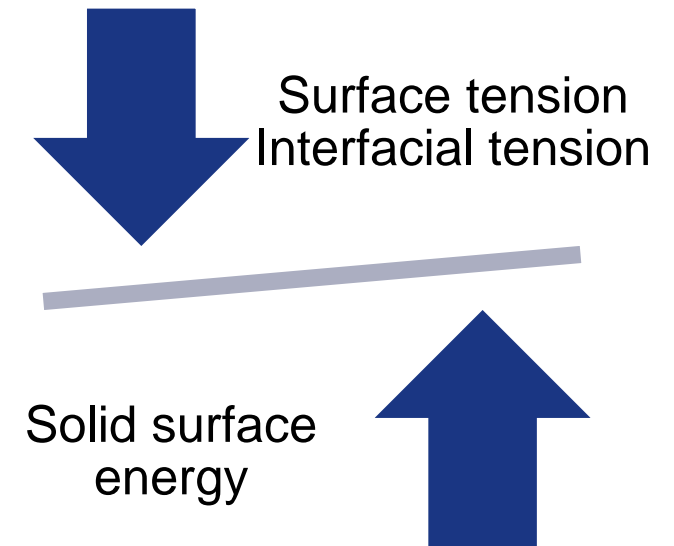
How to improve wettability?

- *Internal wetting agents* - Long chain, high-molecular-weight internal wetting agent based on polyvinylpyrrolidone (MeniSilk technology)
- *Non surface treatment* - Hydrophilic monomers “migrate” to the surface of the lens, (AquaGen technology)
- *Releasing wetting agents* - internal wetting agent based on HA and TSP, (Fusion technology)



How to improve wettability?

- *Water gradient surface* - 33% Water in core, transitioning through a water gradient to a hydrogel surface layer that exceeds 80% water
- *External wetting agents* - Lens care solutions containing surfactants, surfactants added to blister pack solutions
- *Surface treatment* – Plasma treatment or Hydra-PEG technology (Nanogloss technology).



Management with Eyedrops

Eyedrops use is effective to reduce symptoms of dry eye in VDT users.

Cleaning eyedrops to use with contact lens are effective too.

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The Influence of Eye Solutions on Blinking and Ocular Comfort at Rest and During Work at Video Display Terminals

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CLINICAL RESEARCH

Effects of two eye drop products on computer users with subjective ocular discomfort

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Article

Improving Visual Comfort during Computer Gaming with Preservative-Free Hyaluronic Acid Artificial Tears Added to Ergophthalmological Measures

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Digital display use and contact lens wear: Effects on dry eye signs and symptoms

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Management with lens care solutions

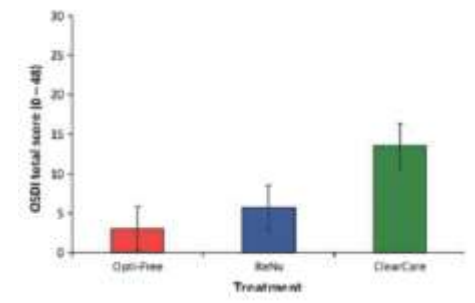
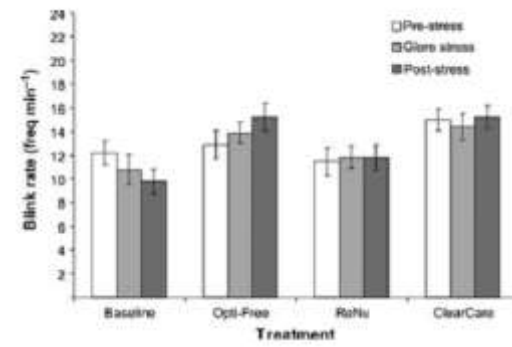
70% of reusable contact lens wearers who experience dryness while using digital devices use rewetting drops for dryness.



Pall B, Wales M, Roussopoulou E. Eye care professional and contact lens wearer perspectives on digital screen devices. *Optom Vis Sci.* 2014;91: e145197

Management with lens care solutions

Solutions incorporated with wetting agents compared with solutions without these agents intruduce significant reduction in symptoms of dryness and lower blink rates



Management with DD contact lenses

Using a DD modality to reduce the likelihood of discomfort from ineffective lens cleaning or poor surface wettability.



Management- Omega3 use

Consumption O3FAs supplement improves symptoms, tear stability, and conjunctival cytology but not tear production in symptomatic VDT users

ARTICLE

Short-Term Omega 3 Fatty Acids Treatment for Dry Eye in Young and Middle-Aged Visual Display Terminal Users

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Regression of Symptoms with VDT work time

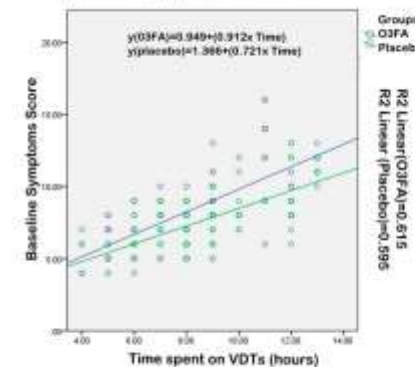


FIG. 3. Scatter plot showing linear regression of symptoms with visual display terminal (VDT) work time.

Regression of TBUT with VDT work time

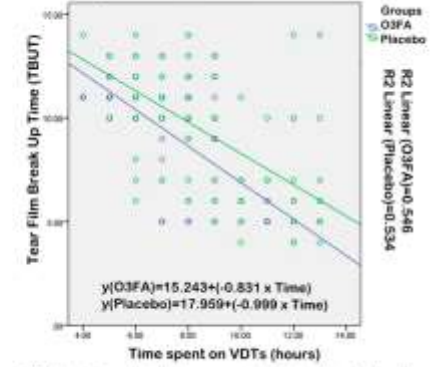


FIG. 5. Scatter plot showing regression of tear film breakup time (TBUT) with visual display terminal (VDT) work time.

20-20-20 rule

Although widely cited as a treatment option, these results do not support the proposal of using 20-second scheduled breaks as a therapeutic intervention for digital eye strain. However, these findings should not be interpreted as evidence that taking breaks is not helpful. Rather, it seems likely that longer break durations or a different frequency of breaks may be required to produce significant effects

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

20-20-20 Rule: Are These Numbers Justified?

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SIGNIFICANCE: The use of digital devices has increased substantially in recent years across all age groups for both vocational and avocational purposes. There are a wide range of proposed therapeutic and management options for this condition, including optical, medical, and ergonomic interventions.

PURPOSE: Regular breaks are frequently recommended by clinicians to minimize digital eye strain. The so-called 20-20-20 rule, whereby individuals are advised to fixate on an object at least 20 feet (6 m) away for at least 20 seconds every 20 minutes is widely cited. Unfortunately, there is relatively little peer-reviewed evidence to support this rule. The aim of this investigation was to determine whether scheduled breaks are effective in reducing the adverse effects of digital device usage.

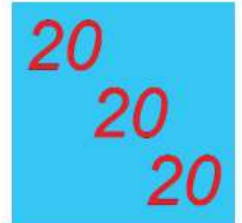
METHODS: The study was carried out on 30 young subjects who performed a 40-minute, cognitively demanding reading task from a tablet computer. The task required them to read random words and to identify which ones began with a specific letter chosen by the experimenter. The task was undertaken on four separate occasions, with 20-second breaks being allowed every 5, 10, 20, or 40 minutes (i.e., no break), respectively. Both before and after each trial, subjects completed a questionnaire regarding ocular and visual symptoms experienced during the session. In addition, both reading speed and task accuracy were quantified during each trial.

RESULTS: A significant increase in post-task symptoms (with respect to the pre-task value) was observed for all four trials ($P < .001$). However, there was no significant effect of scheduled breaks on reported symptoms ($P = .70$), reading speed ($P = .93$), or task accuracy ($P = .55$).

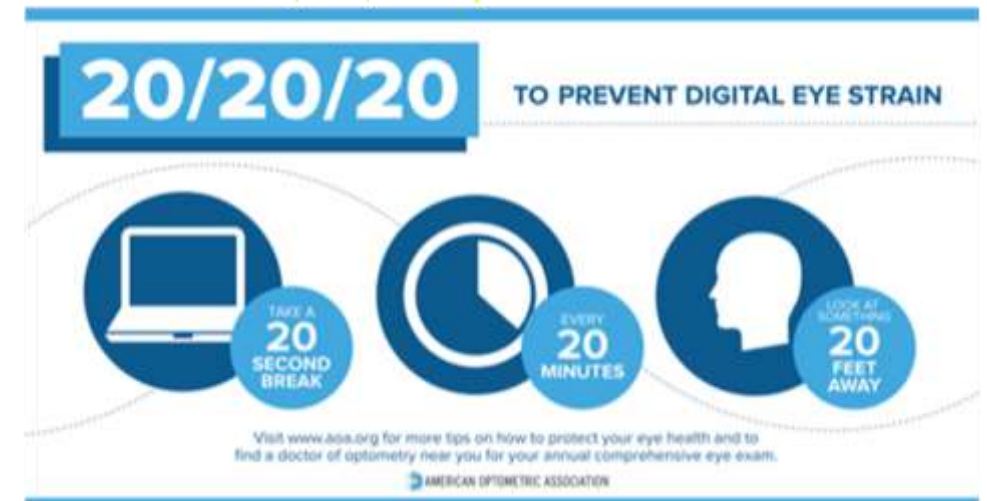
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In conclusion

Digital eye strain is a very common problem in young adults.

Its management with CIs starts to compensate the refractive errors to obtain best corrected VA

Multifocal/EDOF CIs can be used also, real benefit on accommodative/binocular function.

Not all designs work in the same way



In conclusion

It is important also to use contact lens materials with high wettability, low dehydration and with the property to maintain a stable pre-lens tear film between blinks.



Grazie

Thank you

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Besten Dank

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