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Ocular wavefront aberrations in patients with macular diseases

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Abstract

Background—There have been reports that by compensating for the ocular aberrations using adaptive optical systems it may be possible to improve the resolution of clinical retinal imaging systems beyond what is now possible. In order to develop such system to observe eyes with retinal disease, understanding of the ocular wavefront aberrations in individuals with retinal disease is required.

Methods—82 eyes of 66 patients with macular disease (epiretinal membrane, macular edema, macular hole etc.) and 85 eyes of 51 patients without retinal disease were studied. Using a ray-tracing wavefront device, each eye was scanned at both small and large pupil apertures and Zernike coefficients up to 6th order were acquired.

Results—In phakic eyes, 3rd order root mean square errors (RMS) in macular disease group were statistically greater than control, an average of 12% for 5mm and 31% for 3mm scan diameters ($p < 0.021$). In pseudophakic eyes, there also was an elevation of 3rd order RMS, on average 57% for 5mm and 51% for 3mm scan diameters ($p < 0.031$).

Conclusion—Higher order wavefront aberrations in eyes with macular disease were greater than in control eyes without disease. Our study suggests that such aberrations may result from irregular or multiple reflecting retinal surfaces. Modifications in wavefront sensor technology will be needed to accurately determine wavefront aberration and allow correction using adaptive optics in eyes with macular irregularities.

Keywords

Macular disease; Ray tracing; Retinal imaging; Wavefront aberration

Introduction

Retinal imaging is an important objective method to assess retinal structure and integrity, study retinal disease, visualize the ocular circulation and monitor the effect of treatment on

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Brief Summary The ocular wavefront contains more aberrations in eyes with macular disease. Such wavefront aberrations will limit the use of adaptive optical compensation unless they can be corrected for in imaging systems designed to use adaptive optics to improve the imaging of the macula.

retinal disease. The resolution of retinal photographic equipment is limited by the optical power of the last imaging lens - the human eye. The many imperfections in the human eye include chromatic aberrations, coma, spherical aberrations, astigmatism, and higher order aberrations. Thus, the transverse resolution in retinal photography is in the order of 15 to 20 microns while the axial or longitudinal resolution in confocal SLO of the eye is in the order of 300 to 450 microns.¹

There are several areas of ophthalmology where high-resolution imaging will offer significant benefits. These areas include ocular melanoma, tumor vessel characterization,² age-related macular degeneration, choroidal neovascularization, diabetic retinopathy, AIDS, glaucoma, study of macular vitreoretinal interface disorders and retinal thickness measurement. Development of high-resolution fundus imaging will improve our understanding and possibly treatment of many retinal disorders.

Several groups have suggested that by compensating for ocular aberrations using adaptive optical systems^{3–8} it may be possible to improve the resolution of clinical retinal imaging systems. One potential advantage of compensating for ocular aberrations is the ability to directly observe the photoreceptors and microscopic pathologic structures. In healthy human eyes, there have been reports that this may be possible in optimal conditions.^{3,5–7} The ability to image the photoreceptors, RPE cells and other structures would have important research and clinical implications relating to disease detection and treatment and understanding pathophysiology. For these reasons, it is important to understand the ocular aberrations present in human eyes with retinal disease. One group of diseases for which improved imaging might be very important is macular diseases. We therefore undertook a study of patients with a variety of macular pathologies. Understanding the range of and types of wavefront aberrations present is an important step in developing devices to compensate for these aberrations and allow improved imaging of normal and pathological eyes.

Subjects and Methods

Patient Characteristics

The study population consisted of 80 eyes of 66 patients with retinal disease (36 male, 30 female), of these 37 eyes were phakic and 43 were pseudophakic. For controls, 78 eyes of 49 patients without retinal disease (18 male, 31 female) were imaged, of these 44 eyes were phakic and 34 were pseudophakic. There was no statistical difference between disease and control group in age and conventional refraction except for cylinder in pseudophakic study [Table 1].

Table 2 lists the retinal diseases that were present. In all cases, patients had clinically diagnosed macular disease that caused irregularity of the retinal surface. Choroidal neovascularization (CNV) included subretinal hemorrhage and pigment epithelium detachment, with or without exudative retinal detachment, and macular edema (ME) induced by pseudophakia, retinal vein occlusion, diabetic retinopathy or uveitis. Diseases with associated vitreous opacity were excluded, as well as optically significant cataract, apparent dislocation of the intraocular lens or any eye surgery within six months prior to measurement.

Methods

In all cases, ocular wavefront aberrations were measured using the Tracey Visual Function Analyzer (VFA software version 1.0, Tracey Technologies, Houston, TX), which is based on ray-tracing principle.^{9–14}

The device projects 64 light rays located in 4 concentric circles across the pupil in succession and detects the retinal location of reflection within 0.06 seconds with the help of two linear charged coupled device (CCD) arrays. Based on these measurements the device calculates the retinal point spread function (PSF) and subsequently the wavefront aberrations. Conventional refractive indexes are also generated by reverse calculation of Zernike coefficients and therefore depend on the analysis area size. A single measurement constitutes a complete examination for each eye. In a recent unpublished study we measured the reproducibility of the VFA and found that the Root Mean Square (RMS) of Zernike terms had a ratio of standard deviation to mean measurement value of 57%. The results were similar to the findings by other researchers when comparing the reading of conventional refraction.^{9,13–15}

The VFA has an automatic acquisition mode that measures wavefront at maximum available pupil size as a default setting, as well as a manual mode in which area size is adjustable. Each eye was scanned at maximum pupil size in early part of the study, and subsequently pupil size was fixed to 3mm and 6mm diameters for phakic and 5mm diameters for pseudophakic eyes. Each patient eye was dilated using 2–3 sets of 1% tropicamide and 2.5% phenylephrine eye drops before measurement, and for both scan sizes wavefront was measured two to four times by one examiner [KB]. From the data one best scan was selected for each scan size respectively by one reviewer [KB]. In cases where the clear optical zone of the intraocular lens implant was small, or the pupil was small, the scanning area was restricted and therefore less number of the eye was available for the large scan area study.

Data of 25 Zernike coefficients (2nd to 6th order) were downloaded onto computer software (Microsoft Excel v.X, Microsoft, Redmond, WA) for both small and large scans. From 3mm scan data conventional refraction data (Sph, Cyl, Ax) were also downloaded.

Several reports have described that wavefront values depend on the size of analysis area.^{16–19} To compare the data scanned at different pupil size, it has been suggested to mathematically transforming the data into a unified pupil size.^{16,17} The equation described by Schwiegerling¹⁷ is as follows (modified by author [KB] for use of coefficients up to 6th order);

$$b_{2m} = \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} \left[a_{2m} - a_{4m} \sqrt{15} \left(1 - \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} \right) + a_{6m} \sqrt{21} \left(2 - 5 \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} + 3 \frac{r_2^4}{r_1^4} \right) \right]$$

$$b_{3m} = \frac{r_2^3}{r_1^3} \left[a_{3m} - a_{5m} 2 \sqrt{6} \left(1 - \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} \right) + a_{7m} \sqrt{8} \left(5 - 12 \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} + 7 \frac{r_2^4}{r_1^4} \right) \right]$$

$$b_{4m} = \frac{r_2^4}{r_1^4} \left[a_{4m} - a_{6m} \sqrt{35} \left(1 - \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} \right) \right]$$

$$b_{5m} = \frac{r_2^5}{r_1^5} a_{5m}$$

$$b_{6m} = \frac{r_2^6}{r_1^6} a_{6m}$$

where a_{nm} is an original Zernike coefficient, b_{nm} is a new coefficient, r_1 is an original radius of analysis area, r_2 is a new radius to be transformed. Coefficients are described in double index scheme; n and m indicate radial order and spatial frequency, respectively. This equation cannot predict the wavefront of larger analysis area, thus the new, unified analysis area is limited to be smaller than the original area.

Using this equation all large scan size measurement data were transformed to that of 5mm diameter. For small scan size measurement, since it was designed to perform at constant 3mm scan size, non-transformed data were used.

The root mean square (RMS) errors for each Zernike term were calculated, as well as several combined indexes shown in Tables 3 and 4.

S2 to S6 indicate the root mean square value (RMS) of the 2nd (C3 to C5), through 6th (C21 to C27) order Zernike coefficients individually. The total HO is the RMS of higher order terms (C6 to C27); the total RMS is the RMS of all 25 Zernike terms.

Statistical analysis was performed using another computer software (JMP IN ver. 4.0.2, SAS institute inc. Cary, NC).

Effect of eccentric fixation on wavefront error

In order to test the hypothesis that eccentric fixation at the juxtamacular area that might occur in patients with macular disease would cause an increase in wavefront abnormalities, we tested four normal healthy individuals without macular pathology. In each case, the subject was asked to fixate on the internal fixation target of the instrument, simultaneously co-locating another target (A) at a 1m distance using the fellow eye. The distant target (A) was placed so that subjectively it was overlapped on the internal target image. Wavefront measurements were done using fellow eye fixation. Eccentric fixation testing was done using fellow eye fixation and a target (B), 8.7cm apart from the initial target (A) for 5-degrees of eccentricity, another target (C) that was 17.6cm apart was used for 10-degrees of eccentricity. Data was acquired using the same protocol as above. A comparison of the Zernike polynomials was made in the three positions.

Results

Phakic Eye Study

In eyes with macular disease, total RMS (RMS of 25 Zernike coefficients) ranged from 0.144 to 7.377 μ m (2.545 \pm 1.625 (5mm scan), 1.044 \pm 0.729 (3mm scan), Mean \pm SD), total higher order RMS (Total HO: RMS of C6 to C27) ranged from 0.054 to 1.858 μ m (0.422 \pm 0.281 (5mm scan), 0.140 \pm 0.081 (3mm scan)). Table 3 shows the difference of RMS error between phakic patients with normal maculae and those with macular disease. Eyes with macular disease had greater wavefront aberrations than normal in most wavefront indexes. The wavefront differences ranged from -0.4% to 62% of the values in the normals, and differences were statistically significant for 3rd order and total higher order RMS for both scan sizes. For the other RMS values the trend almost consistently indicated that macular irregularities were associated with higher wavefront abnormalities.

Pseudophakic eye study

Table 4 shows the difference in RMS error between patients who had an IOL implant with a normal macula and those with macular disease. Total RMS ranged from 0.167 to 3.910 μ m (2.158 \pm 0.785 (5mm scan), 0.745 \pm 0.401 (3mm scan), Mean \pm SD), and total higher order RMS (Total HO) ranged from 0.037 to 1.942 μ m (0.656 \pm 0.368 (5mm scan), 0.223 \pm 0.182 (3mm scan)). Eyes with macular disease had greater wavefront aberrations than eyes with normal maculae in most wavefront indexes. The wavefront differences ranged from 12% to 93% of the values in the normals, and these differences were statistically significant for 2nd and 3rd, total higher order RMS and total RMS for both scan diameters. For the other RMS values the trend consistently indicated that macular irregularities were associated with higher wavefront abnormalities.

For both phakic and pseudophakic studies with both scan sizes the 3rd order RMS value was always statistically higher in the eyes with macular disease (S3, $P < 0.021$). Table 5 shows the detailed profile of the 3rd order indexes that comprise S3. All indexes were greater in the macular disease group than controls, however, difference was not significant.

Effect of eccentric fixation on wavefront error

The total RMS value of the centric, 5- and 10-degree eccentric fixation control subjects was 0.492 ± 0.315 , 0.516 ± 0.248 and 0.604 ± 0.247 ($p = 0.625$ for 0 deg vs. 5deg, 0.375 for 0 deg vs. 10 deg. Paired Wilcoxon rank-sum test). Similarly there was no difference between the groups in individual RMS Zernike terms (Table 6).

In addition, in analyzing the main study data, we reviewed the stored photographs of the pupil and the corneal reflex of four reference markers to determine whether patients with and without macular disease did fixate centrally at the moment of data acquisition. In all cases, we were not able to document fixation failure.

Discussion

In order to use adaptive optics to improve the ability to image the retina, it is necessary to obtain data on the wavefront aberrations of each subject's eye and to compensate for these aberrations.^{3,4,6–8} All currently available wavefront sensing systems are double-pass systems that assume an essentially flat, regular posterior pole of the eye. In order to determine the wavefront of an individual eye, these systems rely on one of several techniques to measure the wavefront.

The Tscherning aberroscope projects a grid of points onto the retina, the distortion of the grid of points is photographed and from this, wavefront aberrations are calculated.²⁰ The Hartmann-Shack wavefront sensor technique relies on the projection of a point source light on the retina. The light reflected from this point on the retina is imaged onto a lenslet array and sampled with a CCD chip. Wavefront aberrations are calculated assuming that a point of light on the retina was the origin of the image.¹¹ The Skiascopy technique effectively performs retinoscopy at multiple points over the pupil and from these data, multiple refractive errors the wavefront over the entire exit pupil is calculated.¹² The laser ray-tracing technique, which we employed in this study uses projection of a thin infrared laser beam onto the retina and detects the location of reflection one by one in succession. This is sequentially completed over 64 sampling points within 0.06 seconds so that the eye movement does not effect the measurement. The merit of this technique is that it can detect larger magnitude errors of reflection than Hartmann-Shack methods, and that it is more rapid and sensitive than the Tscherning methods that essentially require averaging of data from each sampling point.

We studied pseudophakic and phakic patients separately because pseudophakic eyes have different internal optics and there have been reports suggesting that pseudophakic eyes have different wavefront values.^{21–23} Indeed there was a difference in wavefront results between pseudophakic and phakic patients for both small and large pupil diameters. In general, pseudophakic eyes had higher wavefront errors (S3–S6) with the exception of astigmatism (Z3+Z5 or S2-defocus) and defocus (Z4) that are probably minimized in pseudophakic eyes by cataract surgery and the associated intraocular lens implant (Table 7). This was consistent with clinical studies suggesting more higher-order aberrations in pseudophakic eyes, although it should be considered that the pseudophakic group in our study was made up of a significantly older population than the phakic group (See Table 1).

In our study we noted that for both small and large pupils, in both pseudophakic and phakic eyes, the wavefront error in eyes with macular disease was larger for all parameters than that in eyes without macular disease. In approximately one third of the studied values this was statistically significant, and in the remainder there was a trend in this direction. One possible explanation might be that eyes with macular disease fixated eccentrically.²⁴ We ruled this out by studying eccentric fixation in a group of normal subjects and found that paramacular fixation did not affect the wavefront values. In addition, all measurements were performed by one examiner checking patient's fixation, and moreover, in review of the pupil images taken at the time of measurements, we found no obvious eccentric fixation in our cohort.

Another explanation is that the micro-displacement of the intraocular optics especially in pseudophakic eyes. It may be possible that focal intraocular proliferation in eyes with retinal disease results in tilt or decentration of the lens implant. However, the elevation of the 3rd order RMS was observed throughout pseudophakic and phakic study.

We conclude that irregular focal elevation or depression of the retina in or near the posterior pole of the eye will cause wavefront abnormalities because many wavefront sensing devices designed for use in the human eye assume a smooth reflecting surface that is not present in eyes with macular disease and retinal surface irregularities. Histopathology of eyes with CNV for example shows the irregularities of the retinal surface yielding peak elevations spaced at intervals between 30 and 360 microns.^{25,26} Figure 1 shows how an irregular retinal surface would adversely effect on wavefront aberrations in either device with a small retinal sampling area (around 100 microns diameter in devices such as a Hartmann-Shack wavefront sensor) or wavefront sensors that require a large retinal sampling area (Tscherning aberrosopy, laser ray tracing or skiascopy). In both cases eyes with irregular retinal surface profiles with or without multiple retinal and subretinal optical interfaces blur the wavefront image and have a degrading effect on light reflection for all wavefront sensors. In this study we only evaluated one of the four types of wavefront sensors currently available. Future studies in patients with macular diseases will allow us to determine which technique is less affected by macular irregularities.

For these reasons, new techniques will have to be developed to allow accurate wavefront measurements without this assumption. This is important because the ability to apply adaptive optics to retinal imaging will be particularly important in eyes with macular disease. It is possible that certain existing techniques will be less effected by macular irregularities. Of the four techniques in clinical use, Tscherning aberrosopy, skiascopy and ray tracing devices utilize a larger retinal image area to generate wavefront measurements. In contrast, the Hartmann-Shack techniques may use a smaller area on the order of 50–100 microns that may be particularly susceptible to distortions of macular topography at a given measurement. However, our study only analyzed the effect of macular irregularities on one of these instruments. The effect of macular irregularities on the three other instruments (skiascopy, Tscherning aberrosopy and Hartmann-Shack wavefront sensing) needs to be investigated. At the current time, retinal cameras are not incorporated into these instruments but such a camera could aid the operator to find a flat imaging area.

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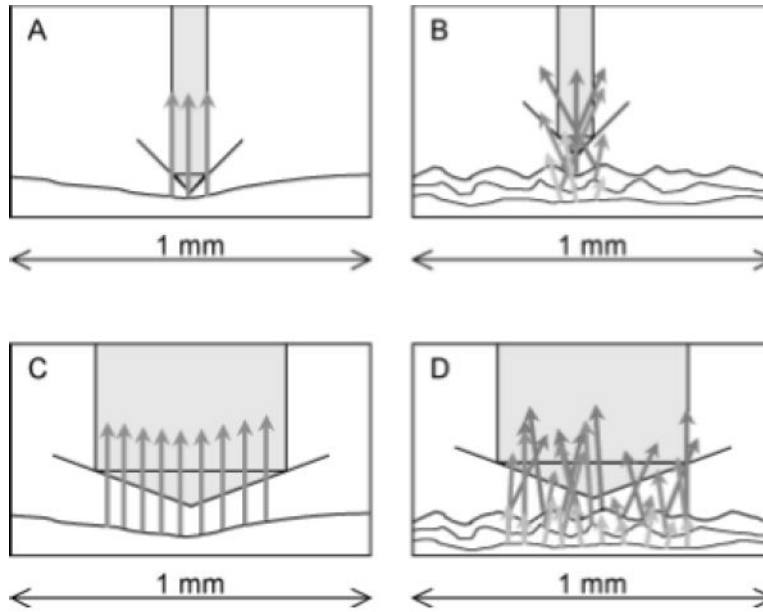


Figure 1. Diagram of the light reflection at normal and irregular retinal surfaces for small and large retinal measurement area. Figure 1A shows the possible light reflection in a normal eye with a wavefront sensor that uses a small retinal area for light reflection. Figure 1B shows the possible explanation of light reflection in a diseased eye with the same type of wavefront sensors. Figure 1C shows the possible light reflection in a normal eye with a wavefront sensor that uses a large retinal area for light reflection, while Figure 1D shows the possible explanation of light reflection in a diseased eye.

Table 1

Number, age and conventional refraction of eyes studied

| Phakic | Macular Disease | Control | p* |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Eyes/Patients | 36/32 | 44/28 | |
| Age | 65.7±11.1yo | 63.8±14.0yo | 0.493 |
| Sph | 0.2±3.0D | 0.1±2.7D | 0.801 |
| Cyl | -1.4±0.8D | -1.3±0.8D | 0.559 |
| Spherical Equivalent | -0.4±3.2D | -0.6±2.7D | 0.877 |

| Pseudophakic | Macular Disease | Control | p* |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Eyes/Patients | 44/34 | 33/21 | |
| Age | 74.5±12.3yo | 75.7±8.3yo | 0.644 |
| Sph | 0.2±1.8D | 0.6±0.8D | 0.233 |
| Cyl | -1.8±1.1D | -1.0±0.7D | 0.001 |
| Spherical Equivalent | -0.7±1.8D | 0.1±0.9D | 0.019 |

Mean±SD

* ANOVA

Table 2

Number and type of macular lesions studied (3mm)

| Disease | Lens Status | N |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Macular Edema | Phakic | 13 |
| | Pseudophakic | 11 |
| Choroidal Neovascularization | Phakic | 4 |
| | Pseudophakic | 8 |
| Epiretinal Membrane | Phakic | 10 |
| | Pseudophakic | 6 |
| Geographic Atrophy | Phakic | 1 |
| | Pseudophakic | 8 |
| Macular Hole | Phakic | 2 |
| | Pseudophakic | 5 |
| Macular Scar | Phakic | 6 |
| | Pseudophakic | 6 |
| Total | | 80 |

Table 3

Comparison of wavefront in phakic eyes

| Scan: 5mm | Disease Total | Control 1 | %Difference* | P† |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| S2 | 2.466±1.668 | 2.476±2.109 | -0.4% | 0.492 |
| S2 -defocus | 0.823±0.572 | 0.770±0.484 | 6.8% | 0.882 |
| S3 | 0.175±0.074 | 0.156±0.097 | 12.3% | 0.021 |
| S4 | 0.059±0.067 | 0.037±0.029 | 61.9% | 0.071 |
| S5 | 0.034±0.049 | 0.026±0.024 | 29.1% | 0.015 |
| S6 | 0.373±0.280 | 0.279±0.161 | 33.9% | 0.607 |
| Total HO | 0.422±0.281 | 0.328±0.176 | 28.8% | 0.019 |
| Total RMS | 2.545±1.625 | 2.506±2.106 | 1.6% | 0.350 |

| Scan: 3mm | Disease Total | Control 1 | %Difference* | P† |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| S2 | 1.03±0.73 | 0.854±0.503 | 20.7% | 0.332 |
| S2 -defocus | 0.337±0.17 | 0.291±0.172 | 15.9% | 0.201 |
| S3 | 0.123±0.073 | 0.094±0.053 | 31.1% | 0.009 |
| S4 | 0.052±0.042 | 0.047±0.033 | 11.0% | 0.364 |
| S5 | 0.019±0.017 | 0.016±0.012 | 19.9% | 0.616 |
| S6 | 0.013±0.012 | 0.013±0.012 | 6.0% | 0.654 |
| Total HO | 0.14±0.081 | 0.11±0.059 | 27.0% | 0.017 |
| Total RMS | 1.044±0.729 | 0.863±0.502 | 20.9% | 0.289 |

Mean±SD

S2: RMS of C3 to C5 (2nd order indexes), S2-Defocus: RMS of C3 and C5, S3: RMS of C6 to C9 (3rd order indexes), S4: RMS of C10 to C14 (4th order indexes), S5: RMS of C15 to C20 (5th order indexes), S6: RMS of C21 to C27 (6th order indexes), Total HO: RMS of S3 to S6, Total RMS: RMS of S2 to S6

* $\frac{\text{Disease}-\text{Control1}}{\text{control1}}$

†ANOVA on logarithm of each value

Table 4

Comparison of wavefront in pseudophakic eyes

| Scan: 5mm | Disease Total | Control 2 | %Difference* | P† |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| S2 | 2.021±0.792 | 1.046±0.355 | 93.2% | 0.001 |
| S2 -defocus | 1.216±0.685 | 0.749±0.312 | 62.3% | 0.016 |
| S3 | 0.517±0.321 | 0.329±0.155 | 57.4% | 0.009 |
| S4 | 0.289±0.193 | 0.257±0.073 | 12.4% | 0.923 |
| S5 | 0.162±0.180 | 0.105±0.091 | 53.9% | 0.210 |
| S6 | 0.096±0.097 | 0.070±0.048 | 36.1% | 0.477 |
| Total HO | 0.656±0.368 | 0.460±0.132 | 42.8% | 0.024 |
| Total RMS | 2.158±0.785 | 1.156±0.335 | 86.7% | 0.001 |

| Scan: 3mm | Disease Total | Control 2 | %Difference* | P† |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| S2 | 0.677±0.419 | 0.368±0.185 | 84.1% | 0.001 |
| S2 -defocus | 0.423±0.282 | 0.244±0.172 | 73.8% | 0.006 |
| S3 | 0.176±0.155 | 0.117±0.067 | 51.0% | 0.031 |
| S4 | 0.108±0.102 | 0.068±0.047 | 58.7% | 0.051 |
| S5 | 0.042±0.042 | 0.025±0.016 | 66.5% | 0.213 |
| S6 | 0.032±0.033 | 0.02±0.013 | 60.0% | 0.564 |
| Total HO | 0.223±0.182 | 0.144±0.075 | 54.5% | 0.026 |
| Total RMS | 0.745±0.401 | 0.401±0.186 | 85.7% | 0.000 |

* $(\text{Disease}-\text{Control2})/\text{control2}$

†ANOVA on logarithm of each value

Table 5

Profiles of 3rd order RMS

| Phakic | Scan: 3mm | | Scan: 5mm | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Disease | Control | Disease | Control |
| Z6 | 0.057±0.040 | 0.04±0.036 | 0.263±0.372 | 0.135±0.138 |
| Z7 | 0.055±0.046 | 0.053±0.043 | 0.288±0.430 | 0.224±0.251 |
| Z8 | 0.043±0.048 | 0.03±0.025 | 0.195±0.197 | 0.133±0.125 |
| Z9 | 0.055±0.063 | 0.041±0.03 | 0.181±0.176 | 0.136±0.143 |

| Pseudo-phakic | Scan: 3mm | | Scan: 5mm | | P* |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| | Disease | Control | Disease | Control | |
| Z6 | 0.066±0.074 | 0.051±0.039 | 0.246±0.319 | 0.160±0.127 | 0.629 |
| Z7 | 0.080±0.120 | 0.066±0.053 | 0.301±0.248 | 0.194±0.173 | 0.338 |
| Z8 | 0.081±0.101 | 0.045±0.045 | 0.028 | 0.112±0.075 | 0.257 |
| Z9 | 0.066±0.057 | 0.040±0.037 | 0.067 | 0.097±0.074 | 0.487 |

* ANOVA on logarithm of each value

Table 6

The effect of eccentric fixation on wavefront measurement

| | Centered | 5 deg | 10 deg | P* vs. 5deg | P* vs. 10deg |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| S2 | 0.457±0.337 | 0.486±0.266 | 0.582±0.254 | 0.625 | 0.375 |
| S2-Defocus | 0.337±0.351 | 0.295±0.324 | 0.313±0.307 | 0.125 | 0.875 |
| S3 | 0.116±0.060 | 0.125±0.043 | 0.132±0.027 | 0.875 | 0.625 |
| S4 | 0.066±0.021 | 0.055±0.026 | 0.057±0.027 | 0.125 | 0.125 |
| S5 | 0.022±0.008 | 0.022±0.004 | 0.026±0.003 | 0.875 | 0.625 |
| S6 | 0.014±0.003 | 0.016±0.006 | 0.014±0.006 | 0.375 | 0.625 |
| Total HO | 0.139±0.058 | 0.141±0.049 | 0.148±0.037 | 0.875 | 0.625 |
| Total RMS | 0.492±0.315 | 0.516±0.248 | 0.604±0.247 | 0.625 | 0.375 |
| Sph | -0.9±0.6D | -1.0±0.5D | -1.2±0.5D | 0.625 | 0.250 |
| cyl | 0.8±0.8D | 0.7±0.8D | 0.8±0.7D | 0.125 | 0.875 |
| SphEq | -0.5±0.2D | -0.6±0.2D | -0.8±0.2D | 0.250 | 0.125 |

No significant difference in all indexes

* Paired Wilcoxon Signed-Rank test on logarithm of each value

Table 7

Comparison of two controls of phakic (Control 1) and pseudophakic (Control 2) at 3mm scan

| | Phakic | Pseudophakic | %Difference of mean * | P [†] |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Sph | 0.1±2.7 | 0.6±0.8 | -83.6% | 0.350 |
| Cyl | -1.3±0.8 | -1±0.7 | 30.9% | 0.149 |
| Spherical Equivalent | -0.6±2.7 | 0.1±0.9 | -896.3% | 0.229 |
| S2 | 0.854±0.503 | 0.384±0.204 | 122.5% | <0.001 |
| S2-Defocus | 0.291±0.172 | 0.251±0.175 | 15.9% | 0.205 |
| S3 | 0.094±0.053 | 0.118±0.066 | -20.1% | 0.068 |
| S4 | 0.047±0.033 | 0.071±0.050 | -33.9% | 0.023 |
| S5 | 0.016±0.012 | 0.026±0.016 | -38.8% | 0.003 |
| S6 | 0.013±0.012 | 0.020±0.013 | -38.0% | 0.001 |

*%(Phakic-Pseudophakic)/Pseudophakic

†ANOVA