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Dear Editor,

First of all, we would like to thank the Reviewers for their high quality and constructive review of our manuscript, and the Editor for his careful reading.

In this revised version of the manuscript, we did our best to address all comments raised by the Reviewer 1. We thank both reviewers for the time and effort and for the invaluable help in improving our work.

All named authors approve this revised version.

Please, find below our responses in blue to the reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: I am puzzled by the authors' fixation on uncorrected visual acuities. This is a nice study on an important topic. I simply recommend that the authors focus much more of their attention on distance-corrected intermediate acuity, particularly in the discussion section of the manuscript, and that they greatly deemphasize the discussion of uncorrected acuities.

The true test of an extended-range-of-vision IOL is distance-corrected acuity. The authors do report distance-corrected intermediate visual acuity, but it is mentioned with only one sentence in the discussion section of the paper. Instead, they spend a lot of time discussing uncorrected acuities, which, as we have pointed out previously, are subject to variation as a function of uncorrected refractive error.

Response: Thank you for your comment. In response to your request, we have made the following changes:

- **Abstract:** we have added the CDVA and DCIVA in the Results section of the Abstract, and modified the Abstract conclusion to include the corrected visions.
- **Discussion:** on page 12, we reduced the section on Uncorrected Distance Visual Acuity. It now just state that the values in this study were comparable to other published studies for advance monofocal IOLs, such as the lens under study. .

The section on Uncorrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (p12) was removed completely.

A new section on Distance Corrected Intermediate Visual Acuity was added instead, including a comparison to the Isopure and Eyhance IOLs.

- **The Conclusion** has also been modified to include the corrected distance and intermediate visual acuities (p15)

We hope that our response will be satisfactory to the reviewers,

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visual acuity ~~≤ was 20/320.2 logMAR or better~~ over a 2 D range from +1.00 D to -1.25 D.

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Conclusion: Bilateral implantation of an enhanced monofocal IOL with emmetropia as a target provided excellent binocular CDVA and good DCIVA, with unaided distance and intermediate vision and a high level of satisfaction. ~~A small residual myopic refraction was beneficial and allowed a gain of 1 line of visual acuity at intermediate, without reducing distance visual acuity.~~

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INTRODUCTION

The standard of care in cataract surgery is changing with the continuous development of presbyopia-correcting IOLs as well as the increasing patients’ demand for restoration of functional vision at all distances. Increased spectacle independence has resulted in an increase in quality of life after surgery¹ as well as increased patient satisfaction.²⁻⁴

Monofocal IOLs are commonly implanted and provide good distance vision and minimal visual disturbances; however, monofocal IOLs are not designed to offer spectacle independence at near or intermediate. On the other hand, multifocal IOLs have been shown to provide acceptable visual acuity from distance to near, however, their main disadvantages remain a loss in contrast sensitivity and increased visual disturbances such as halos and glare.⁵

Extended depth of focus (EDoF) IOLs have been developed with the aim of providing patients with a continuous range of good vision from distance to intermediate, while limiting dysphotopsia.^{6,7} Instead of splitting the focusing light into separate focal points, these lenses create a single elongated focal point to enhance the depth of focus, improving intermediate vision without compromising distance vision.^{8,9} However, the performance of diffractive EDoF IOLs still has limitations, including reduced quality of vision.

Non-diffractive enhanced monofocal IOLs share a similar objective of primarily optimising distance vision while extending the range of vision toward the intermediate range, but without compromising quality of vision and binocular distance vision. Non-diffractive elongation of the depth-of-focus, can be achieved through various methods such as small apertures, wavefront shaping technologies, or manipulations of spherical aberrations.¹⁰

Amongst these, the RayOne EMV RAO200E lens (Rayner Intraocular Lenses Limited, Worthing, UK) is a non-diffractive, monofocal aspheric lens, designed to extend the range of vision by inducing a controlled amount of positive spherical aberrations, unlike other

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7 technologies using negative spherical aberration. The aim of this study was to evaluate
8 refractive and visual outcomes as well as patient satisfaction after bilateral implantation of the
9 RayOne EMV RAO200E.
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12 13 14 **METHODS** 15

16 This prospective, single centre, observational, non-comparative study was performed at San
17 Carlos Hospital, in Madrid Spain. The study was reviewed and approved by the hospital's
18 Ethics Committee (Reference 21/664-O_P). Written informed consent was obtained from all
19 patients preoperatively, after they were fully informed about the purpose of the study. The
20 study followed the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki.
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23 Patients included in the study were men and women aged 21 years or older who presented with
24 bilateral cataract and suitable for cataract surgery with bilateral implantation of the RayOne
25 EMV IOL. Other inclusion criteria were: preoperative corneal astigmatism < 1.50D, potential
26 for best-corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA) of 0.18 logMAR or better postoperatively,
27 and calculated IOL power in the range of +10.0 D to +30.0 D. Subjects were excluded from
28 participation if they suffered from other co-morbidity such as other medical or ocular
29 conditions that could affect the outcome. Eyes with preoperative corneal positive spherical
30 aberration greater than 0.40 μm for a 6-mm pupil were excluded.
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33 Patients attended a preoperative visit, and three postoperative visits: 1 to 2 days after surgery
34 (Day-1), 30 to 60 days after surgery (Month-1), and 100 to 120 days after surgery (Month-3).
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37 **Intraocular lens** 38

39 The CE-marked RayOne EMV RAO200E lens (Rayner Intraocular Lenses Limited, Worthing,
40 UK) is made of Rayacryl hydrophilic acrylic; it is a non-diffractive enhanced monofocal
41 aspheric IOL. The centre of the optics induces controlled positive spherical aberration
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7 the focal range from far into intermediate and the blended edge reduces longitudinal spherical
8 aberration to maintain visual acuity and contrast sensitivity in mesopic conditions. It has a
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13 The IOL is fully preloaded in the RayOne injector in the full power range (+10.0 D to +30.0 D
14 in 0.5 D increments) and allows implantation through a 2.2 mm incision. The injector features
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18 19 **Surgical Procedure**

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21 The surgery was performed as per the surgeon preferred micro-incision surgical technique
22 under topical anesthesia, using standard phacoemulsification and a 2.2 mm incision.
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25 Biometry was measured using the IOL master 700 (Carl Zeiss Meditec, Jena, Germany). IOL
26 power was calculated using the Barrett Universal II Formula (lens factor 1.67; design factor
27 3.5) and the manufacturer suggested A-constant of 118.6. The target refraction was emmetropia
28 for both eyes; the IOL power was selected as the IOL power resulting in the smallest
29 postoperative myopic refraction (i.e., the closest myopic refraction to zero), rather than
30 resulting in the refraction closest to zero.
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34 Postoperative medication was prescribed according to hospital protocol, including topical
35 antibiotics and steroids.
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38 39 **Preoperative and Postoperative Assessments**

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41 Visual acuity was measured using ETDRS charts, with 100% contrast, under photopic
42 conditions and reported in logMAR. Uncorrected distance visual acuity (UDVA) and CDVA
43 were measured monocularly and binocularly at 4 meters. Uncorrected intermediate visual
44 acuity (UIVA) and distance corrected intermediate visual acuity (DCIVA) were measured
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7 refraction in place as per recommended published standards.¹² Visual acuities were measured
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11 Defocus curve was performed with the manifest refraction in place, monocularly (at the 1-
12 month visit) and binocularly (at the 3-month visit) under photopic conditions (85 cd/m²), with
13 defocus values between +1.00 D to -2.50 D in 0.50 D steps.
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17 Pupillometry was measured using the KR-1W wavefront analyser (Topcon, Tokyo, Japan).

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19 Preoperatively, corneal aberrations were measured with the Pentacam (Oculus GmbH, Wetzlar,
20 Germany) for the 6 mm pupil diameter. Postoperatively, corneal and ocular aberrations were
21 measured with the Hartmann-Shack KR-1W wavefront analyser.
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25 Patient satisfaction and spectacle independence were measured using the validated CatQuest-
26 9SF questionnaire.
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29 Aberrometry and questionnaires were performed at 3-month visit.

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31 Adverse events were recorded at all visits.

32 33 34 **Statistical Analysis**

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36 Sample size was calculated using published results related to UIVA by Kang et al.¹³ Given an
37 alpha risk of 0.05 and a beta risk of 0.2 in a two-sided test, it was calculated that 25 subjects
38 were required to achieve a statistically significant difference greater than or equal to 0.06
39 logMAR units. The standard deviation was assumed to be 0.1. It had been anticipated a drop-
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45 Data analysis was performed with the SPSS software for Windows, version 26.0 (IBM,
46 Armonk, NY, USA). The study data were analysed using descriptive statistics including mean
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13 Only the right eye of each patient was included in the analysis of refraction and monocular
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16 17 18 19 **RESULTS**

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21 A total of 25 patients (50 eyes) were included and bilaterally implanted with the EMV IOL.
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23 All patients completed the 3-Month follow-up. Mean preoperative characteristics are described
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25 in Table 1.

26 27 **Refractive Results**

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29 Postoperative mean spherical equivalent (SEQ) was -0.47 ± 0.39 D (-1.75 D to 0.00 D) at
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31 Month-1 and -0.39 ± 0.28 D (-1.00 D to 0.25 D) at Month-3. Figure 1A shows the distribution
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33 of the SEQ at Month-3: 87.0% of eyes were within ± 0.50 D and 100% of eyes within ± 1.00 D
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37 Postoperative astigmatism was -0.50 ± 0.44 D (-1.50 D to 0.00 D) at Month-1 and -0.52 ± 0.44
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39 D (-1.25 D to 0.00 D) at Month-3. Figure 1B shows the distribution of refractive astigmatism
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41 at Month-3: 60.9% of eyes were within ± 0.50 D and 87.0% of eyes within ± 1.00 D of target.

42 43 **Visual Acuity Results**

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45 Mean visual acuity values are shown in Table 2.

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47 All eyes had a monocular CDVA of 0.06 logMAR or better, except one eye diagnosed with
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49 macular edema at the 1-month visit and persisting at the 3-month visit with a CDVA of 0.3
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7 Figure 1C shows the distribution of the difference between postoperative monocular UDVA
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11 Mean monocular UDVA (at 4 m) was 0.06 ± 0.11 logMAR at Month-3. As shown on Figure
12 2A, at Month-3, UDVA was 0.0 logMAR or better in 58% of eyes, 0.1 logMAR or better in
13 88% of eyes, and 0.2 logMAR or better in 96% of eyes. Binocularly (Figure 2C), UDVA was
14 0.1 logMAR or better in 95% of patients, and 0.2 logMAR or better in all patients.

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17 At Month-3, mean monocular UIVA (at 66 cm) was 0.19 ± 0.09 logMAR; UIVA was 0.1
18 logMAR or better in 35% of eyes, 0.2 logMAR or better in 78%, and 0.3 logMAR or better in
19 96% of eyes (Figure 2B). Binocularly (Figure 2D), UIVA was 0.1 logMAR or better in 59%
20 of patients and 0.2 logMAR or better in all patients.

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23 At Month-3, mean monocular DCIVA was 0.28 ± 0.07 logMAR. As shown on Figure 2B,
24 DCIVA was 0.1 logMAR or better in 4% of eyes, 0.2 logMAR or better in 39%, and 0.3
25 logMAR or better in 91% of eyes. Binocularly (Figure 2D), DCIVA was 0.1 logMAR or better
26 in 23% of patients, 0.2 logMAR or better in 59% of patients, and 0.3 logMAR or better in 86%
27 of patients.

28 **Defocus Curve**

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30 The [distance corrected](#) monocular and binocular defocus curves (Figure 3) showed a peak at
31 defocus 0.00 D (4 m) and [as expected](#), a gradual continuous reduction in visual acuity with the
32 increase in negative defocus (near vision). For a defocus of -1.50 D (equivalent to a 66 cm
33 viewing distance), mean visual acuity was 0.36 ± 0.12 logMAR monocularly and 0.24 ± 0.09
34 binocularly.

35 **Questionnaires**

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37 Figure 4 shows the results of the CatQuest-9SF questionnaire obtained at Month-3. Most
38 patients (92%) reported that their vision did not cause any difficulty in their everyday life. In
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7 terms of satisfaction, 58% of patients reported being very satisfied with their present vision and
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9 38% of patients reported being fairly satisfied. In terms of difficulties with everyday tasks,
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13 prices of goods when shopping, seeing to walk on uneven ground, seeing to do needlework and
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15 handcraft, reading text on television, and seeing to carry out a preferred hobby. For reading
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17 text in newspaper, 58% of patients reported no difficulty, 37% reported some difficulty, and
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19 4% reporting great difficulties. No patient reported being very dissatisfied or having very great
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21 difficulties for any questions.

22 **Corneal and Ocular Aberrations**

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24 Mean preoperative and 3-month postoperative corneal and ocular spherical aberrations are
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26 presented in Supplemental Table 1. There was no statistically significant change in corneal
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28 spherical aberrations after surgery for the 4 mm pupil ($p=0.105$) and 6 mm pupil ($p=0.057$).
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30 There was a statistically significant increase in ocular spherical aberrations ($p<0.001$) for both
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34 μm to $0.38 \pm 0.17 \mu\text{m}$) induced by the RayOne EMV IOL.

35 **Adverse Events**

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37 Three non-serious adverse events were identified, all cystoid macular oedema. One was
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39 experienced monocularly, and the other two occurred in the same patient. Two adverse events
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41 resolved before the 1-month visit. In the third eye, despite apparent resolution on OCT, loss of
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43 CDVA persisted at month-1 and month-3 (CDVA of 0.30 logMAR). A subsequent visit showed
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45 improvement in CDVA, suggesting unresolved CME at month-3. Consequently, this eye was
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7 **DISCUSSION**
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11 The RayOne EMV is the only enhanced monofocal IOL on the market using positive spherical
12 aberration rather than negative spherical aberration to increase depth of focus. Regarding
13 presbyopic-correction strategies using induced aberrations for increased depth of focus,
14 Bakaraju et al.¹⁴ reported that both positive and negative spherical aberration have equal
15 potential. The IOL was designed so that the induced positive spherical aberration complements
16 the natural positive spherical aberration of the human cornea. An equivalent negative spherical
17 aberration IOL needs to first negate the positive spherical aberration of the cornea, then add
18 even more negative spherical aberration to induce any required depth of focus improvements.
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20 The total spherical aberration used on the RayOne EMV is therefore designed to be
21 significantly less than for equivalent negative spherical aberration extended depth IOLs. Using
22 optical bench analysis, Schmid et al.¹⁵ confirmed a positive increase in spherical aberration, as
23 per the manufacturer's claim. Our clinical study corroborated that the RayOne EMV IOL
24 induces positive spherical aberration in implanted eyes. Corneal aberrations remained
25 unchanged after surgery, however ocular spherical aberrations positively increased
26 postoperatively, averaging $0.38 \pm 0.17 \mu\text{m}$ (range: $0.02 \mu\text{m}$ to $0.72 \mu\text{m}$) for the 6-mm pupil.
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29 The increase in spherical aberration was also significant for the 4-mm pupil, increasing from
30 $0.04 \pm 0.11 \mu\text{m}$ before surgery to $0.10 \pm 0.04 \mu\text{m}$ after surgery. This is important as a 4 mm
31 pupil diameter closely aligns with the average pupil size of 3.6 mm measured under photopic
32 conditions in our study. This supports the finding that the improvement in intermediate vision
33 is due to the increased depth of field resulting from the increase in spherical aberration.
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36 At the time of writing, there are only published studies assessing the optical quality of the
37 RayOne EMV using optical bench evaluation. This is the first in humans' study reporting the
38 visual and refractive outcomes of patients implanted with the RayOne EMV. Schmid et al.¹⁶
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7 compared 4 enhanced monofocal IOLs in an optical bench study and concluded that for a small
8 aperture, the peak modulation transfer function was best for the Eyhance IOL (Johnson &
9 Johnson Vision, Santa Ana, USA) and RayOne EMV indicating excellent distance quality of
10 vision. Alarcon et al.¹⁷ also performed optical bench testing to evaluate the distance image
11 quality of three enhanced monofocal IOLs including the RayOne EMV. The simulated visual
12 acuity demonstrated that the [RayOne](#) EMV provided as good distance vision as that of a
13 standard monofocal; both papers are in good agreement with the clinical findings in our study
14 where mean CDVA was excellent and slightly better than 20/20 (-0.03 ± 0.06 logMAR).
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18 In the absence of previously published clinical data on the RayOne EMV, we compared our
19 results with published literature on other non-diffractive enhanced monofocal IOLs, also
20 offering an increased range of vision,¹⁸ including the Tecnis Eyhance ICB00 (Johnson &
21 Johnson Vision, Santa Ana, USA), and the ISOPURE 1.2.3 (PhysIOL S.A, Liege, Belgium).
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24 Given that the spherical aberration of any optical system is dependent on the height of incoming
25 light rays with respect to the optic axis, and therefore on the diameter of the entrance pupil of
26 the system, it is important to understand the strategies used by the manufacturers to increase
27 the depth of focus with these IOLs. It should be considered that positive spherical aberration
28 induces an extra positive power in the lens periphery compared to its central zone. Conversely,
29 negative spherical aberration leads to greater power in the central zone.
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32 In our study, refractive accuracy was excellent with 87% of eyes within ± 0.50 D and all eyes
33 within ± 1.00 D of target. These results are consistent with published data on other enhanced
34 monofocal IOLs. In our study, most eyes were slightly myopic postoperatively (mean
35 postoperative SEQ: -0.36 ± 0.28 D) aligning with the preference for a small myopic
36 postoperative target over a hypermetropic one while targeting emmetropia in all eyes. The
37 small postoperative myopic spherical equivalent did not greatly affect uncorrected visual
38 acuity; mean binocular uncorrected distance vision at 3-months after surgery was good ($0.01 \pm$
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0.08 logMAR) with 68% of patients reaching 0.0 logMAR or better, and 95% reaching 0.1 logMAR or better. ~~However, the small myopic refraction was beneficial for uncorrected vision at intermediate, improving intermediate vision of 1 line when measured uncorrected (UIVA) compared to corrected with the distance manifest refraction (DCIVA).~~

Binocular UDVA in our study (0.01 ± 0.08 logMAR) was comparable to previously reported for other IOLs: 0.03 ± 0.12 logMAR for the Eyhance ~~Auffarth et al.¹⁸~~ and -0.02 ± 0.13 logMAR for the Isopure ~~assessed binocular UDVA after implantation with the Eyhance and reported a similar mean value of 0.03 ± 0.12 logMAR. Stodulka et al.¹⁹ reported mean binocular UDVA of -0.02 logMAR after implantation with the Isopure, which is half a line better.~~

~~At intermediate distance, there were small differences of less than 1 line of visual acuity between the different IOLs. Binocular UIVA measured at 66 cm was slightly better with the Eyhance IOL; Lee et al. ~~ADDIN EN.CITE ADDIN EN.CITE.DATA~~²⁰ reported a mean value of 0.08 ± 0.11 logMAR. In our study, mean UIVA was 0.13 ± 0.07 logMAR which is between half a line and a line less than the Eyhance. On the other hand, binocular UIVA with the EMV was between half a line and one line better than that of the Isopure (0.20 ± 0.14 logMAR). Stodulka et al.¹⁹ reported that 35% of patients with binocular UIVA of 0.1 logMAR or better and 82% 0.2 logMAR or better. This is similar to our results with the EMV showing 59% of patients with binocular UIVA of 0.1 logMAR or better and 100% 0.2 logMAR or better. At intermediate distance measured at 66 cms, monocular outcomes were similar between the different IOLs. Mean monocular DCIVA was 0.27 ± 0.11 logMAR for the Eyhance²¹, 0.27 ± 0.13 logMAR for the Isopure¹⁹ and 0.28 ± 0.07 logMAR for the RayOne EMV in our study. The percentage of eyes with a monocular DCIVA of 0.3 logMAR or better was 83.3% with the Isopure and 91% with the RayOne EMV. Binocularly, the DCIVA values were small differences within 1 line of visual acuity between the IOLs; M-mean binocular DCIVA was 0.20 ± 0.11 logMAR for the Isopure¹⁹, 0.15 ± 0.08 logMAR for the Eyhance²¹ and $0.24 \pm$~~

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20 ~~uncorrected distance vision, and the myopic target in the non-dominant eye could result in an~~
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28 Patient satisfaction was high, with 96% of patients reporting satisfaction with their sight after
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30 satisfaction level was high for all viewing distances, showing a good tolerance to small
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32 standardised Cat-Quest 9SF questionnaire further underline the good visual acuity results with
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39 Some limitations of our study include the fact that defocus curve was only measured up to a
40 defocus of +1.00 D; it would be beneficial to extend to a wider range of positive defocus to
41 capture the full extended range of vision of the RayOne EMV. Further, preoperatively, eyes
42 with corneal spherical aberration greater than 0.4 μm were excluded to ensure that the
43 maximum spherical aberration postoperatively remained below the 0.6 μm threshold,^{22, 23} with
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10 the average corneal spherical aberration for virgin eyes is approximately $+0.27 \pm 0.10 \mu\text{m}$ for
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18 excellent binocular ~~CU~~DVA and good DCIVA. ~~The UIVA showed that intermediate vision,~~
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20 that the RayOne EMV induced positive spherical aberration resulting in an increased range of
21 vision. The results of the quality of vision questionnaire demonstrated high levels of patient^{2s}
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31 - Non-diffractive ~~extended-of-focus-nhanced monofocal~~ IOLs provide patients a
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36 **WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS**

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38 - Bilateral implantation of the RayOne EMV ~~an~~ enhanced monofocal IOL, which
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TABLE LEGENDS

Table 1: Mean preoperative demographics. SEQ: Spherical Equivalent (D)

Table 2: Mean monocular and binocular Uncorrected Distance Visual Acuity (UDVA), Corrected Distance Visual Acuity (CDVA), Uncorrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (UIVA) and Distance Corrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (DCIVA) preoperatively, at Month-1 and Month-3 postoperatively.

Supplemental Table

Supplemental Table 1: Mean preoperative and postoperative ocular (whole eye), corneal and internal eye spherical aberrations measured with the KR-1W for the 4 mm and 6 mm pupil diameters (in μm)

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Figure 1: Standard graphs for reporting refractive outcomes after IOL implantation (25 eyes, 3 months postoperatively)

A: Distribution of postoperative Spherical Equivalent (SEQ) refraction. B: Distribution of postoperative refractive cylinder C: Change in Snellen lines between postoperative CDVA and postoperative UDVA.

Figure 2: A: Cumulative distribution of monocular uncorrected distance visual acuity (UDVA) and corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA). B: Cumulative distribution of monocular uncorrected intermediate visual acuity (UIVA) and distance corrected intermediate visual acuity (DCIVA). C: Cumulative distribution of binocular UDVA and CDVA.D: Cumulative distribution of binocular UIVA and DCIVA

Figure 3: Photopic monocular and binocular defocus curves (measured with the best distance correction in place)

Figure 4: Results of the CatQuest-9SF questionnaire at the Month-3 postoperative visit.

A: Do you find that your sight at present causes you difficulty in your everyday life?

B: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your sight at present?

Do you have difficulties with the following activities because of your sight?

C1: Reading text in newspapers

C2: Recognizing faces of people you meet

C3: Seeing the process of goods when shopping

C4: Seeing to walk on uneven surfaces

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Visual and Refractive Outcomes after Bilateral Implantation of an Enhanced Monofocal IOL:
a Prospective study.

ABSTRACT

Purpose: To evaluate visual and refractive outcomes, as well as patient satisfaction after bilateral implantation of an enhanced monofocal intraocular lens (IOL) with emmetropia as a target refraction.

Setting: San Carlos Hospital, Madrid, Spain.

Design: Prospective, monocentric, non-comparative study.

Methods: Adults 21 years or older suitable for cataract surgery and with corneal astigmatism $< 1.50\text{D}$ were bilaterally implanted with the RayOne EMV IOL and followed up for 3-months. Outcomes measures included refraction, monocular and binocular uncorrected distance visual acuity (UDVA), corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA), uncorrected intermediate visual acuity (UIVA), distance corrected intermediate visual acuity (DCIVA), and defocus curve, aberrometry, and satisfaction. Visual symptoms were assessed using the CatQuest-9SF questionnaire.

Results: 50 eyes of 25 patients were included. At Month-3, the mean manifest spherical equivalent was $-0.39 \pm 0.28\text{ D}$, with all eyes within 1.00 D. Binocularly, uncorrected, at distance, 68% of patients could read $\leq 0.0\text{ logMAR}$ and 95% $\leq 0.2\text{ logMAR}$; at intermediate 59% of patients could read ≤ 0.1 and 100% $\leq 0.2\text{ logMAR}$. Mean monocular CDVA was $-0.03 \pm 0.06\text{ logMAR}$ and mean monocular DCIVA was $0.28 \pm 0.07\text{ logMAR}$. Binocular defocus curve demonstrated a visual acuity $\leq 0.2\text{ logMAR}$ over a 2 D range from +1.00 D to -1.25 D. Satisfaction was good in 96% of patients.

Conclusion: Bilateral implantation of an enhanced monofocal IOL with emmetropia as a target provided excellent binocular CDVA and good DCIVA, with a high level of satisfaction..

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7 presbyopia-correcting IOLs as well as the increasing patients' demand for restoration of
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9 functional vision at all distances. Increased spectacle independence has resulted in an increase
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11 in quality of life after surgery¹ as well as increased patient satisfaction.²⁻⁴
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17 disturbances; however, monofocal IOLs are not designed to offer spectacle independence at
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19 near or intermediate. On the other hand, multifocal IOLs have been shown to provide
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21 acceptable visual acuity from distance to near, however, their main disadvantages remain a loss
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23 in contrast sensitivity and increased visual disturbances such as halos and glare.⁵
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50 wavefront shaping technologies, or manipulations of spherical aberrations.¹⁰
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56 Worthing, UK) is a non-diffractive, monofocal aspheric lens, designed to extend the range of
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1 technologies using negative spherical aberration. The aim of this study was to evaluate
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9 **METHODS**

10 This prospective, single centre, observational, non-comparative study was performed at San
11 Carlos Hospital, in Madrid Spain. The study was reviewed and approved by the hospital's
12 Ethics Committee (Reference 21/664-O_P). Written informed consent was obtained from all
13 patients preoperatively, after they were fully informed about the purpose of the study. The
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24 Patients included in the study were men and women aged 21 years or older who presented with
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27 for best-corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA) of 0.18 logMAR or better postoperatively,
28 and calculated IOL power in the range of +10.0 D to +30.0 D. Subjects were excluded from
29 participation if they suffered from other co-morbidity such as other medical or ocular
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48 **Intraocular lens**

49 The CE-marked RayOne EMV RAO200E lens (Rayner Intraocular Lenses Limited, Worthing,
50 UK) is made of Rayacryl hydrophilic acrylic; it is a non-diffractive enhanced monofocal
51 aspheric IOL. The centre of the optics induces controlled positive spherical aberration
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1 the focal range from far into intermediate and the blended edge reduces longitudinal spherical
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8 in 0.5 D increments) and allows implantation through a 2.2 mm incision. The injector features
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25 power was calculated using the Barrett Universal II Formula (lens factor 1.67; design factor
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44 **Preoperative and Postoperative Assessments**

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46 conditions and reported in logMAR. Uncorrected distance visual acuity (UDVA) and CDVA
47 were measured monocularly and binocularly at 4 meters. Uncorrected intermediate visual
48 acuity (UIVA) and distance corrected intermediate visual acuity (DCIVA) were measured
49 monocularly and binocularly at 66 cm. DCIVA was measured with the distance manifest
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1 refraction in place as per recommended published standards.¹² Visual acuities were measured
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5 Defocus curve was performed with the manifest refraction in place, monocularly (at the 1-
6 month visit) and binocularly (at the 3-month visit) under photopic conditions (85 cd/m²), with
7 defocus values between +1.00 D to -2.50 D in 0.50 D steps.
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12 Pupillometry was measured using the KR-1W wavefront analyser (Topcon, Tokyo, Japan).
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16 Preoperatively, corneal aberrations were measured with the Pentacam (Oculus GmbH, Wetzlar,
17 Germany) for the 6 mm pupil diameter. Postoperatively, corneal and ocular aberrations were
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24 Patient satisfaction and spectacle independence were measured using the validated CatQuest-
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35 **Statistical Analysis**

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38 Sample size was calculated using published results related to UIVA by Kang et al.¹³ Given an
39 alpha risk of 0.05 and a beta risk of 0.2 in a two-sided test, it was calculated that 25 subjects
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41 logMAR units. The standard deviation was assumed to be 0.1. It had been anticipated a drop-
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51 Data analysis was performed with the SPSS software for Windows, version 26.0 (IBM,
52 Armonk, NY, USA). The study data were analysed using descriptive statistics including mean
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1 used to compare results between consecutive visits. When parametric analysis was not possible,
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3 value of less than 0.05 was considered to be statistically significant.
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11 **RESULTS**

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13 A total of 25 patients (50 eyes) were included and bilaterally implanted with the EMV IOL.
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15 All patients completed the 3-Month follow-up. Mean preoperative characteristics are described
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19 **Refractive Results**

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21 Postoperative mean spherical equivalent (SEQ) was -0.47 ± 0.39 D (-1.75 D to 0.00 D) at
22 Month-1 and -0.39 ± 0.28 D (-1.00 D to 0.25 D) at Month-3. Figure 1A shows the distribution
23 of the SEQ at Month-3: 87.0% of eyes were within ± 0.50 D and 100% of eyes within ± 1.00 D
24 of emmetropia.
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28 Postoperative astigmatism was -0.50 ± 0.44 D (-1.50 D to 0.00 D) at Month-1 and -0.52 ± 0.44
29 D (-1.25 D to 0.00 D) at Month-3. Figure 1B shows the distribution of refractive astigmatism
30 at Month-3: 60.9% of eyes were within ± 0.50 D and 87.0% of eyes within ± 1.00 D of target.
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33 **Visual Acuity Results**

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35 Mean visual acuity values are shown in Table 2.
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39 All eyes had a monocular CDVA of 0.06 logMAR or better, except one eye diagnosed with
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1 Figure 1C shows the distribution of the difference between postoperative monocular UDVA
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5 Mean monocular UDVA (at 4 m) was 0.06 ± 0.11 logMAR at Month-3. As shown on Figure
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7 2A, at Month-3, UDVA was 0.0 logMAR or better in 58% of eyes, 0.1 logMAR or better in
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9 88% of eyes, and 0.2 logMAR or better in 96% of eyes. Binocularly (Figure 2C), UDVA was
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11 0.1 logMAR or better in 95% of patients, and 0.2 logMAR or better in all patients.
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15 At Month-3, mean monocular UIVA (at 66 cm) was 0.19 ± 0.09 logMAR; UIVA was 0.1
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17 logMAR or better in 35% of eyes, 0.2 logMAR or better in 78%, and 0.3 logMAR or better in
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27 DCIVA was 0.1 logMAR or better in 4% of eyes, 0.2 logMAR or better in 39%, and 0.3
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29 logMAR or better in 91% of eyes. Binocularly (Figure 2D), DCIVA was 0.1 logMAR or better
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37 38 **Defocus Curve**

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41 The distance corrected monocular and binocular defocus curves (Figure 3) showed a peak at
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43 defocus 0.00 D (4 m) and as expected, a gradual continuous reduction in visual acuity with the
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45 increase in negative defocus (near vision). For a defocus of -1.50 D (equivalent to a 66 cm
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47 viewing distance), mean visual acuity was 0.36 ± 0.12 logMAR monocularly and 0.24 ± 0.09
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52 53 **Questionnaires**

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57 Figure 4 shows the results of the CatQuest-9SF questionnaire obtained at Month-3. Most
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59 patients (92%) reported that their vision did not cause any difficulty in their everyday life. In
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1 terms of satisfaction, 58% of patients reported being very satisfied with their present vision and
2 38% of patients reported being fairly satisfied. In terms of difficulties with everyday tasks,
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4 most patients (between 80% and 96%) reported no difficulty with recognizing faces, seeing
5 prices of goods when shopping, seeing to walk on uneven ground, seeing to do needlework and
6 handicraft, reading text on television, and seeing to carry out a preferred hobby. For reading
7 text in newspaper, 58% of patients reported no difficulty, 37% reported some difficulty, and
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9 4% reporting great difficulties. No patient reported being very dissatisfied or having very great
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20 **Corneal and Ocular Aberrations**

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22 Mean preoperative and 3-month postoperative corneal and ocular spherical aberrations are
23 presented in Supplemental Table 1. There was no statistically significant change in corneal
24 spherical aberrations after surgery for the 4 mm pupil ($p=0.105$) and 6 mm pupil ($p=0.057$).
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26 There was a statistically significant increase in ocular spherical aberrations ($p<0.001$) for both
27 the 4-mm pupil (from $0.04 \pm 0.11 \mu\text{m}$ to $0.10 \pm 0.04 \mu\text{m}$) and the 6-mm pupil (from 0.07 ± 0.40
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38 **Adverse Events**

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40 Three non-serious adverse events were identified, all cystoid macular oedema. One was
41 experienced monocularly, and the other two occurred in the same patient. Two adverse events
42 resolved before the 1-month visit. In the third eye, despite apparent resolution on OCT, loss of
43 CDVA persisted at month-1 and month-3 (CDVA of 0.30 logMAR). A subsequent visit showed
44 improvement in CDVA, suggesting unresolved CME at month-3. Consequently, this eye was
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DISCUSSION

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5 The RayOne EMV is the only enhanced monofocal IOL on the market using positive spherical
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7 aberration rather than negative spherical aberration to increase depth of focus. Regarding
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9 presbyopic-correction strategies using induced aberrations for increased depth of focus,
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11 Bakaraju et al.¹⁴ reported that both positive and negative spherical aberration have equal
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13 potential. The IOL was designed so that the induced positive spherical aberration complements
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15 the natural positive spherical aberration of the human cornea. An equivalent negative spherical
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19 even more negative spherical aberration to induce any required depth of focus improvements.
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22 The total spherical aberration used on the RayOne EMV is therefore designed to be
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24 significantly less than for equivalent negative spherical aberration extended depth IOLs. Using
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26 optical bench analysis, Schmid et al.¹⁵ confirmed a positive increase in spherical aberration, as
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28 per the manufacturer's claim. Our clinical study corroborated that the RayOne EMV IOL
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30 induces positive spherical aberration in implanted eyes. Corneal aberrations remained
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32 unchanged after surgery, however ocular spherical aberrations positively increased
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34 postoperatively, averaging $0.38 \pm 0.17 \mu\text{m}$ (range: $0.02 \mu\text{m}$ to $0.72 \mu\text{m}$) for the 6-mm pupil.
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46 pupil diameter closely aligns with the average pupil size of 3.6 mm measured under photopic
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48 conditions in our study. This supports the finding that the improvement in intermediate vision
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50 is due to the increased depth of field resulting from the increase in spherical aberration.
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54 At the time of writing, there are only published studies assessing the optical quality of the
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56 RayOne EMV using optical bench evaluation. This is the first in humans' study reporting the
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58 visual and refractive outcomes of patients implanted with the RayOne EMV. Schmid et al.¹⁶
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1 compared 4 enhanced monofocal IOLs in an optical bench study and concluded that for a small
2 aperture, the peak modulation transfer function was best for the Eyhance IOL (Johnson &
3 Johnson Vision, Santa Ana, USA) and RayOne EMV indicating excellent distance quality of
4 vision. Alarcon et al.¹⁷ also performed optical bench testing to evaluate the distance image
5 quality of three enhanced monofocal IOLs including the RayOne EMV. The simulated visual
6 acuity demonstrated that the RayOne EMV provided as good distance vision as that of a
7 standard monofocal; both papers are in good agreement with the clinical findings in our study
8 where mean CDVA was excellent and slightly better than 20/20 (-0.03 ± 0.06 logMAR).
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20 In the absence of previously published clinical data on the RayOne EMV, we compared our
21 results with published literature on other non-diffractive enhanced monofocal IOLs, also
22 offering an increased range of vision,¹⁸ including the Tecnis Eyhance ICB00 (Johnson &
23 Johnson Vision, Santa Ana, USA), and the ISOPURE 1.2.3 (PhysIOL S.A, Liege, Belgium).
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25 Given that the spherical aberration of any optical system is dependent on the height of incoming
26 light rays with respect to the optic axis, and therefore on the diameter of the entrance pupil of
27 the system, it is important to understand the strategies used by the manufacturers to increase
28 the depth of focus with these IOLs. It should be considered that positive spherical aberration
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45 In our study, refractive accuracy was excellent with 87% of eyes within ± 0.50 D and all eyes
46 within ± 1.00 D of target. These results are consistent with published data on other enhanced
47 monofocal IOLs. In our study, most eyes were slightly myopic postoperatively (mean
48 postoperative SEQ: -0.36 ± 0.28 D) aligning with the preference for a small myopic
49 postoperative target over a hypermetropic one while targeting emmetropia in all eyes. The
50 small postoperative myopic spherical equivalent did not greatly affect uncorrected visual
51 acuity; mean binocular uncorrected distance vision at 3-months after surgery was good ($0.01 \pm$
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0.08 logMAR) with 68% of patients reaching 0.0 logMAR or better, and 95% reaching 0.1 logMAR or better.

Binocular UDVA in our study (0.01 ± 0.08 logMAR) was comparable to previously reported for other IOLs: 0.03 ± 0.12 logMAR for the Eyhance¹⁸ and -0.02 ± 0.13 logMAR for the Isopure¹⁹.

At intermediate distance measured at 66 cm, monocular outcomes were similar between the different IOLs. Mean monocular DCIVA was 0.27 ± 0.11 logMAR for the for the Eyhance²¹, 0.27 ± 0.13 logMAR for the Isopure¹⁹ and 0.28 ± 0.07 logMAR for the RayOne EMV in our study. The percentage of eyes with a monocular DCIVA of 0.3 logMAR or better was 83.3% with the Isopure and 91% with the RayOne EMV. Mean binocular DCIVA was 0.20 ± 0.11 logMAR for the Isopure¹⁹, 0.15 ± 0.08 logMAR for the Eyhance²¹ and 0.24 ± 0.09 logMAR for the RayOne EMV showing 59% of patients with binocular DCIVA of 0.2 logMAR or better. Randomized trials would be necessary to further evaluate if there are any differences and conclude with certainty on the comparative performance of these lenses.

Patient satisfaction was high, with 96% of patients reporting satisfaction with their sight after surgery. Although the mean refractive error postoperatively was slightly myopic, the satisfaction level was high for all viewing distances, showing a good tolerance to small refractive errors. The spectacle independence results assessed in this study with the standardised Cat-Quest 9SF questionnaire further underline the good visual acuity results with RayOne EMV.

Some limitations of our study include the fact that defocus curve was only measured up to a defocus of +1.00 D; it would be beneficial to extend to a wider range of positive defocus to capture the full extended range of vision of the RayOne EMV. Further, preoperatively, eyes with corneal spherical aberration greater than $0.4 \mu\text{m}$ were excluded to ensure that the

1 maximum spherical aberration postoperatively remained below the 0.6 μm threshold,^{22, 23} with
2 the aim of avoiding any potential impact on visual quality. Our approach leaned towards
3 caution in the absence of prior published clinical studies on the RayOne EMV. Based on the
4 findings from this study, future research may benefit from extending the inclusion criteria to
5 encompass patients with higher spherical aberration to evaluate the clinical threshold beyond
6 which the lens advantages in extending the depth of focus become indiscernible. It is expected
7 that most eyes will be suitable for implantation with the RayOne EMV given that the average
8 corneal spherical aberration for virgin eyes is approximately $+0.27 \pm 0.10 \mu\text{m}$ for a diameter of
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22 In conclusion, bilateral implantation of the enhanced monofocal RayOne EMV provided
23 excellent binocular CDVA and good DCIVA. It was confirmed that the RayOne EMV induced
24 positive spherical aberration resulting in an increased range of vision. The results of the quality
25 of vision questionnaire demonstrated high levels of patient satisfaction with 92% of patients
26 reporting no difficulty with their vision in their everyday life.
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36 **WHAT WAS KNOWN**

- 37 - Non-diffractive enhanced monofocal IOLs provide patients a continuous range of good
38 vision from distance to intermediate vision compared to monofocal IOLs.
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43 **WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS**

- 44 - Bilateral implantation of the RayOne EMV enhanced monofocal IOL, which induces
45 controlled positive spherical aberration, provides excellent binocular corrected distance
46 and good intermediate visual acuity with high levels of patient satisfaction.
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58 **DISCLOSURES**

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TABLE LEGENDS

Table 1: Mean preoperative demographics. SEQ: Spherical Equivalent (D)

Table 2: Mean monocular and binocular Uncorrected Distance Visual Acuity (UDVA), Corrected Distance Visual Acuity (CDVA), Uncorrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (UIVA) and Distance Corrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (DCIVA) preoperatively, at Month-1 and Month-3 postoperatively.

Supplemental Table

Supplemental Table 1: Mean preoperative and postoperative ocular (whole eye), corneal and internal eye spherical aberrations measured with the KR-1W for the 4 mm and 6 mm pupil diameters (in μm)

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3 **FIGURE LEGENDS**
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10 A: Distribution of postoperative Spherical Equivalent (SEQ) refraction. B: Distribution of
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12 postoperative UDVA.
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20 Figure 2: A: Cumulative distribution of monocular uncorrected distance visual acuity (UDVA)
21 and corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA). B: Cumulative distribution of monocular
22 uncorrected intermediate visual acuity (UIVA) and distance corrected intermediate visual
23 acuity (DCIVA). C: Cumulative distribution of binocular UDVA and CDVA.D: Cumulative
24 distribution of binocular UIVA and DCIVA
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35 Figure 3: Photopic monocular and binocular defocus curves (measured with the best distance
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43 Figure 4: Results of the CatQuest-9SF questionnaire at the Month-3 postoperative visit.
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47 B: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your sight at present?
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51 Do you have difficulties with the following activities because of your sight?
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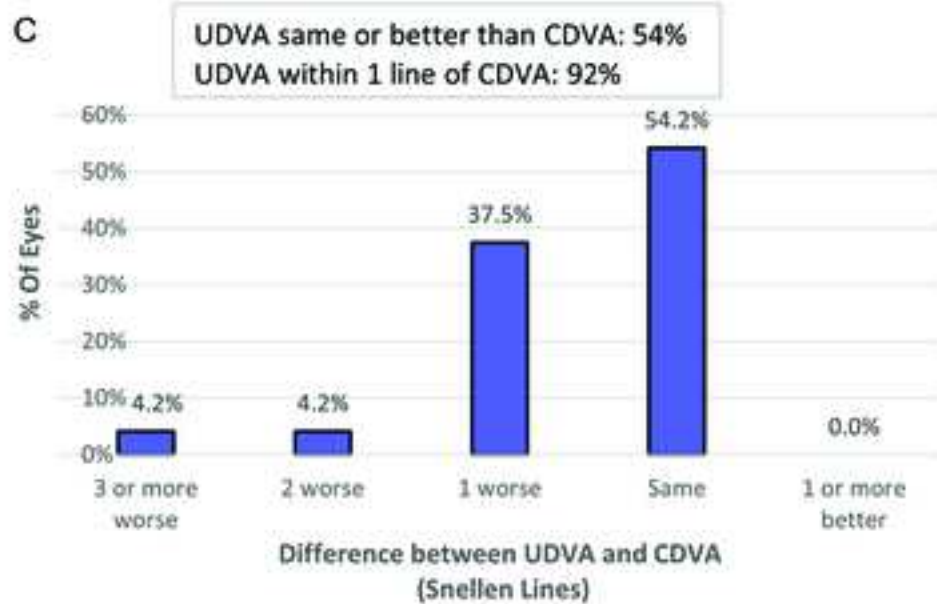
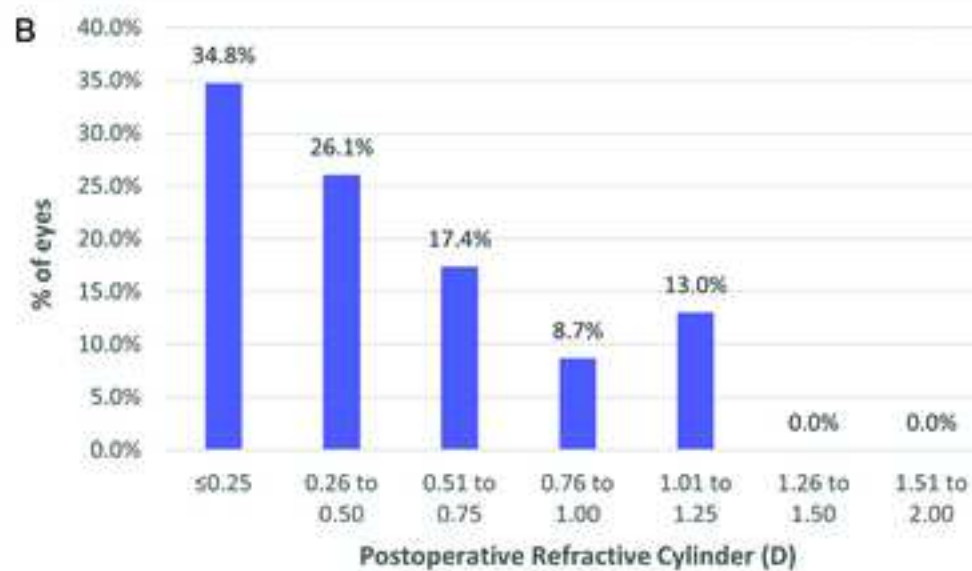
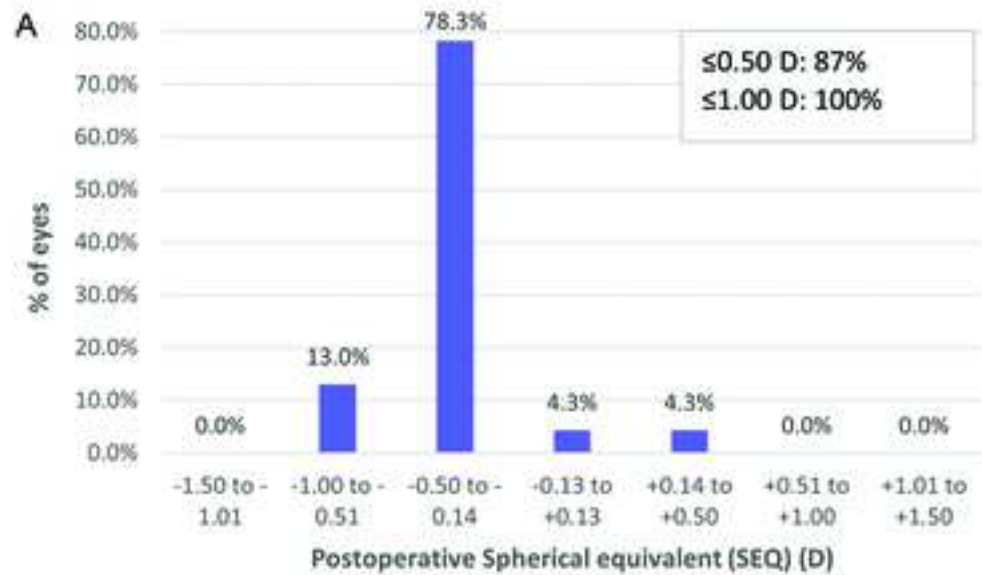
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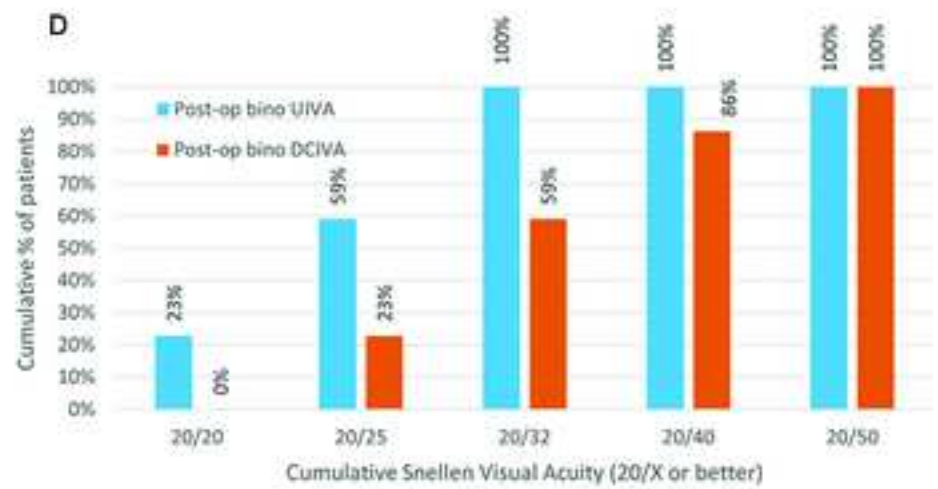
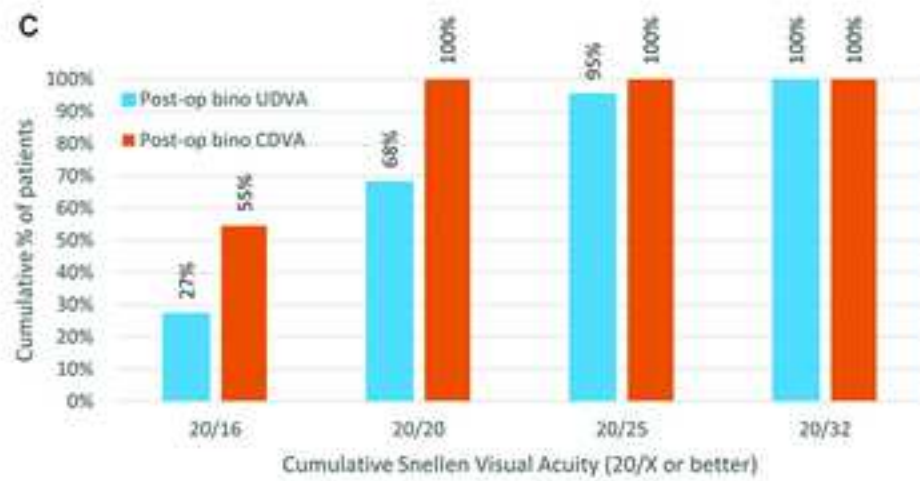
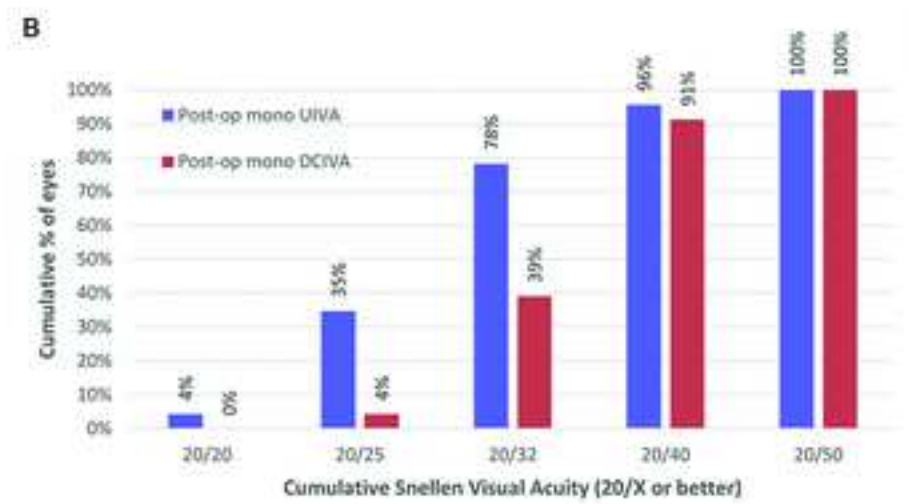
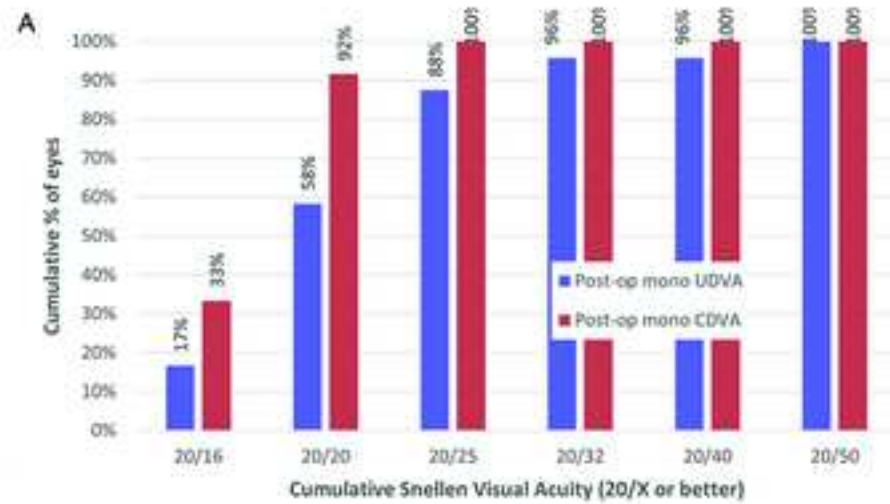
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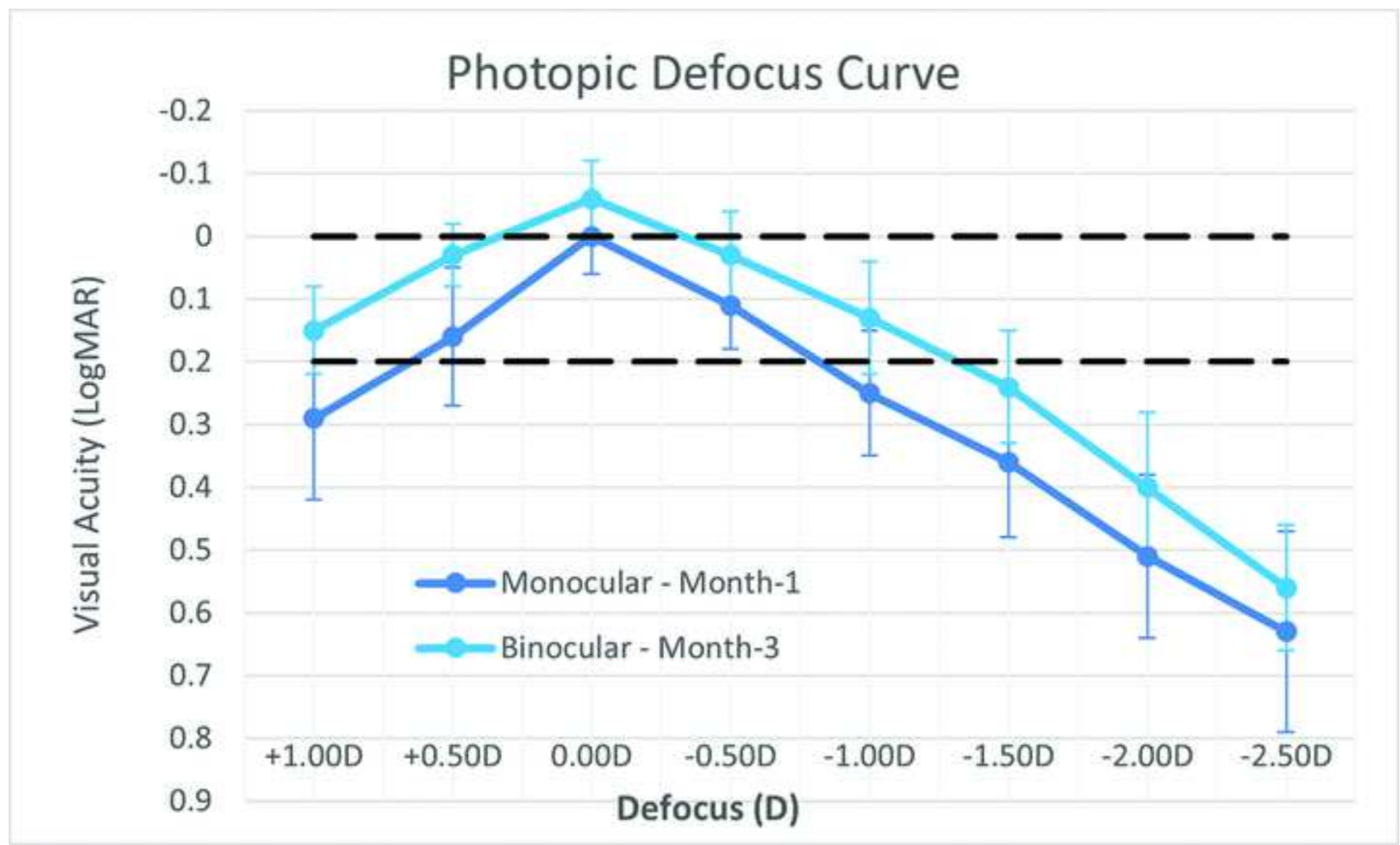
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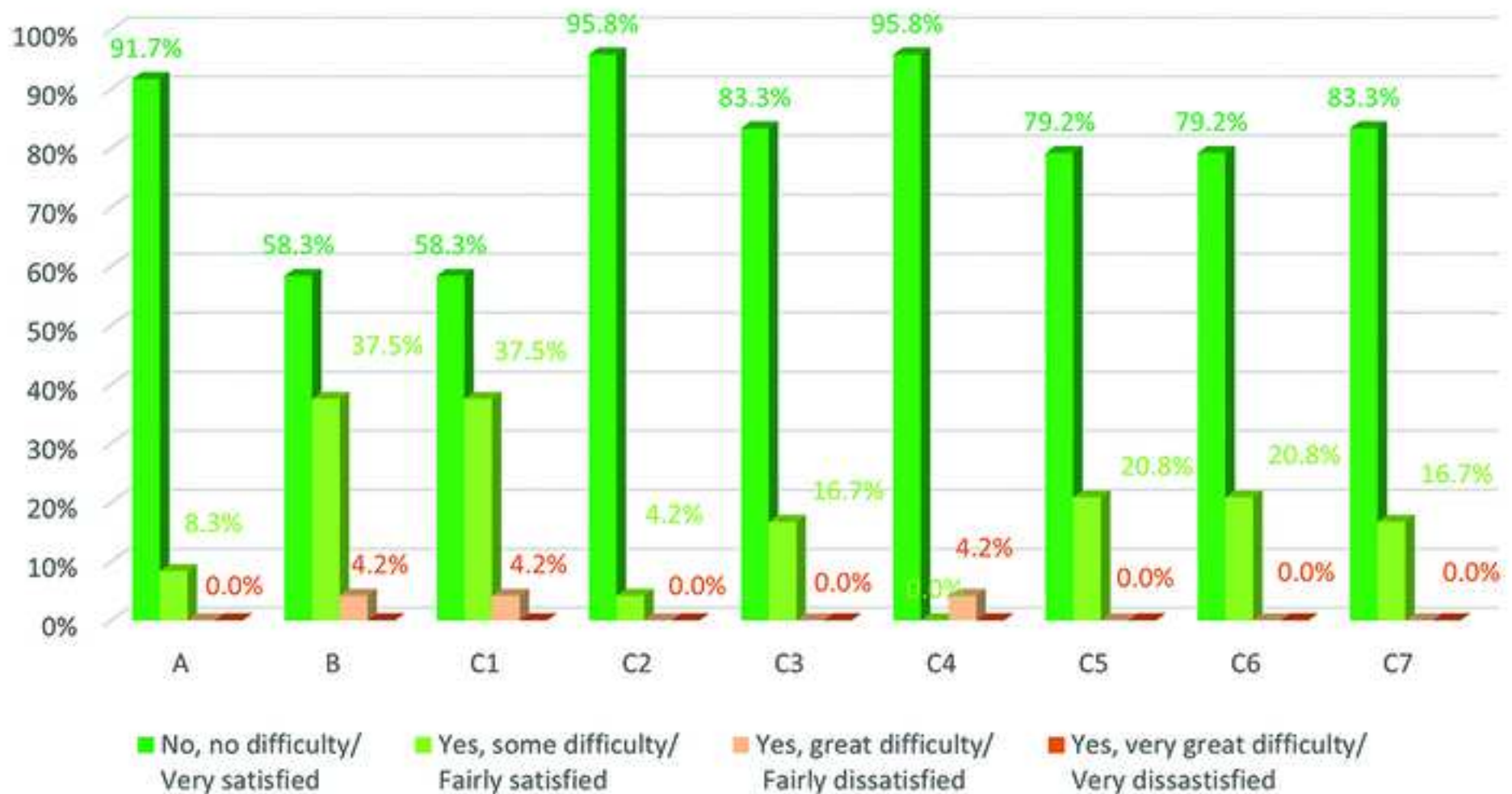
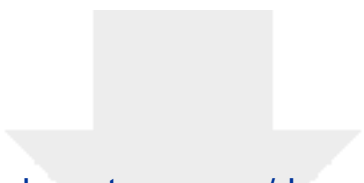


Table 1: Mean preoperative demographics. SEQ: Spherical Equivalent 9D)


		Mean \pm SD (Range)
Age (years)		69.2 \pm 8.1 (50 to 81)
Gender		Female: 72%; Male: 28%
SEQ (D)		-0.50 \pm 2.94 (-8.50 to +3.50)
Mean keratometry (D)		43.61 \pm 1.53 (41.08 to 47.10)
Corneal astigmatism (D)		0.63 \pm 0.35 (0.00 to 1.36)
Refractive astigmatism (D)		-0.81 \pm 0.54 (0.25 to 2.25)
Axial length (mm)		23.41 \pm 1.53 (22.34 to 25.12)
Anterior chamber depth (mm)		3.11 \pm 0.30 (2.58 to 3.90)
Pupil diameter (mm)	Photopic	3.6 \pm 0.7 (2.3 to 4.6)
	Mesopic	5.4 \pm 1.0 (2.8 to 6.6)
Corneal spherical aberration (Z_4^0) for the 6mm pupil (μm)		0.33 \pm 0.06 (0.20 to 0.39)
IOL power (D)		21.38 \pm 2.02 (16.00 to 25.50)

Table 2: Mean monocular and binocular Uncorrected Distance Visual Acuity (UDVA), Corrected Distance Visual Acuity (CDVA), Uncorrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (UIVA) and Distance Corrected Intermediate Visual Acuity (DCIVA) preoperatively, at Month-1 and Month-3 postoperatively.

LogMAR		Preoperatively	Month-1	Month-3	p-value (1M vs 3M)
UDVA	monocular	0.59 ± 0.23 (0.00 to 0.60)	0.13±0.20 (-0.10 to 0.74)	0.06 ± 0.11 (-0.10 to 0.42)	0.047
UDVA	binocular	0.38 ± 0.22 (0.10 to 0.94)	0.06 ± 0.16 (-0.08 to 0.72)	0.01 ± 0.08 (-0.08 to 0.20)	0.203
CDVA	monocular	0.20 ± 0.16 (0.02 to 0.66)	-0.01 ± 0.07 (-0.20 to 0.16)	-0.03 ± 0.06 (-0.20 to 0.06)	0.137
CDVA	binocular	0.09 ± 0.10 (-0.10 to 0.40)	-0.05 ± 0.07 (-0.18 to 0.04)	-0.07 ± 0.05 (-0.18 to 0.02)	0.355
UIVA	monocular	0.62 ± 0.26 (0.20 to 1.24)	0.17 ± 0.06 (0.06 to 0.26)	0.19 ± 0.09 (0.00 to 0.36)	0.241
UIVA	binocular	0.40 ± 0.24 (0.10 to 1.04)	0.13 ± 0.05 (0.02 to 0.24)	0.13 ± 0.07 (0.00 to 0.24)	0.949
DCIVA	monocular	0.39 ± 0.16 (0.10 to 0.82)	0.25 ± 0.12 (0.00 to 0.56)	0.28 ± 0.07 (0.12 to 0.40)	0.217
DCIVA	binocular	0.26 ± 0.12 (0.06 to 0.62)	0.21 ± 0.05 (0.10 to 0.32)	0.24 ± 0.09 (0.10 to 0.38)	0.116



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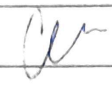
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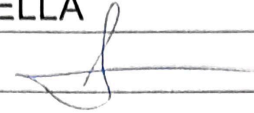
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