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Visual performance of an extended depth of focus intraocular lens for treatment selection

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Abstract

Purpose To evaluate the visual performance of an extended depth of focus (EDOF) intraocular lens (IOL) for patient selection.

Methods This prospective non-comparative case series evaluated fifty-two eyes (26 patients) after bilateral implantation of the Tecnis Symfony IOL. Exclusion criteria were previous ocular surgeries, corneal astigmatism of >1.5 diopter, and ocular pathologies or corneal abnormalities. Uncorrected (UCVA) and distance-corrected (DCVA) visual acuity (VA) in 4 m, 80 cm, 60 cm and 40 cm (logMAR), defocus curve, contrast sensitivity (CS) and a questionnaire on subjective quality of vision (QoV) were assessed after 3 months.

Results UCVA was -0.02 ± 0.071 logMAR at 4 m, 0.01 ± 0.077 logMAR at 80 cm, 0.08 ± 0.187 logMAR at 60 cm and 0.22 ± 0.153 logMAR at 40 cm. Defocus curve testing showed a flat VA range from 0.00 to -1.50 D (-0.05-0.02 logMAR). At near distance from -2.0 to -2.5 D a dip of DCVA was observed (0.14-0.28 logMAR). CS under photopic and mesopic conditions without and with glare was 1.56 logCS, 0.86 logCS, 0.78 logCS, respectively. Spectacle independence was achieved in 100% for distance and intermediate vision and 71% of patients at near distance.

Conclusion This EDOF IOL provides excellent intermediate and far (<0.1 logMAR) and acceptable near UCVA (<0.3 logMAR). Defocus curve testing confirmed an EDOF between far and intermediate distance and showed a dip at near distance. It provides good QoV, CS, high spectacle independence, perception of few optical phenomena, and particularly good night-driving capabilities.

Introduction

In the last decade, intermediate-working distances required for computer work and the use of smartphones and tablets, for example, have gained increased importance in patients' priorities. This has, in part, lead to a demand for spectacle independence at the intermediate distance.

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Thomas Kohnen kohnen@em.uni-frankfurt.de Bifocal intraocular lenses (IOLs) with two focal points representing fixed working distances at far and near vision are not able to respond to that need and only deliver a sharp image on the patient's retina at these two "sweet spots", not in-between [1].

Thus, to address the patient's needs and desire for good intermediate visual acuity (VA), the principle of monovision was introduced and trifocal IOLs were developed [2–6].

First, the most cost-neutral alternative to meet these patients' expectations is to apply the principle of monovision by targeting for emmetropia for the dominant eye and near to intermediate distance for the non-dominant eye. However, the principle of monovision must be simulated prior to surgery in order to assess if the individual patient is able to tolerate it before identifying the appropriate treatment selection. Second, trifocal IOLs were designed with three peaks for distance, intermediate, and near vision, however, these peaks are associated with a loss of contrast sensitivity (CS) and increased occurrences of photopic phenomena such as halos and glare

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that affect patients' quality of vision, particularly reducing night-driving capabilities and, subsequently, their satisfaction with the treatment [7, 8].

A recently introduced extended depth of focus (EDOF) IOL (Tecnics Symfony ZXR00, Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, IL) was designed using new optical technology to generate an EDOF. The IOL aims to provide patients with improved VA at intermediate distances. According to the manufacturer, this technology uses a proprietary achromatic diffractive echelette design that corrects the corneal chromatic aberration for enhanced CS and generates an extended range of vision with incidences of halos and glare comparable to a monofocal IOL [9].

The aim of the current study was to analyze the visual performance of the EDOF IOL for treatment selection, particularly intermediate VA (60 cm and 80 cm), the range of depth of focus in defocus curve testing, CS, photopic phenomena, and subjective quality vision (QoV).

Patients and methods

Study design

This prospective, non-comparative study included twentysix patients after bilateral phacoemulsification and implantation of Tecnis Symfony IOL (Abbott Medical Optics, Inc., USA) 3 months postoperatively. The study was conducted from February 2nd, 2016, to November 11th, 2017. It adhered to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki and was approved by the local ethics committee of the Department of Ophthalmology at Goethe University in Frankfurt. The study was registered at ClinicalTrials.gov (registration number: NCT03223857). All patients signed an informed consent form.

Statistical analysis

The data are presented as the mean \pm standard deviation (SD). The statistical analysis was performed using SPSS[®] Statistics for Mac (version 24.0, International Business Machines Corp.).

Patients

Fifty-two eyes of twenty-six patients were enrolled after bilateral phacoemulsification and implantation of an EDOF IOL. Seven patients were not included in the study due to exclusion criteria. Four of them suffered from a comorbidity of the eye and three patients showed an astigmatism higher than 1.5 D. The lens explantation rate in this study was zero.

Patients were recruited to participate in the study after having surgery on either eye. The two surgeries took place within 2 weeks for all patients included in the study. The inclusion criteria were a bilateral cataract surgery with the implantation of Symfony IOL and a corneal astigmatism <1.5 D measured with Pentacam (Oculus, Wetzlar, Germany). Exclusion criteria were previous ocular surgeries, ocular pathologies or corneal abnormalities. Throughout this study, the study team: the surgeon, two investigators, an optician and the study coordinator, performing the surgery as well as all preoperative and postoperative measurements remained the same.

Examinations

Patients were examined 3 months after the second eye surgery to evaluate the primary outcome parameters of monocular and binocular uncorrected and distance-corrected VA at distance (UDVA, CDVA), intermediate distance (80 cm, 60 cm) (UIVA, DCIVA), and near distance (40 cm) (UNVA, DCNVA).

Postoperatively, all patients received a complete ophthalmological examination including manifest refraction, monocular and binocular UCVA and DCVA at all distances, Goldmann applanation tonometry, slit-lamp examination and funduscopy in mydriasis.

Monocular and binocular UCVA and DCVA at far (4 m), intermediate (80 cm, 60 cm), and near (40 cm) were performed using the 100% contrast Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) chart under photopic light conditions (167 cd/m²) in logMAR [10]. The VA in 60 cm was measured by means of the 40 cm chart and converted afterward. Binocular CS was measured under photopic (167 cd/m²), mesopic (0.167 cd/m²), and mesopic with glare light conditions by means of the "Frankfurt-Freiburg Contrast and Acuity Test System" (FF-CATS) [11]. Furthermore, monocular and binocular defocus curve testing from -5.0 to +2.0 D in 0.5 D steps under photopic light conditions (ETDRS) was conducted.

Moreover, all patients completed a QoV questionnaire that included the following: (1) The presence of visual disturbances or photopic phenomena (6 items) - glare (trouble seeing street signs due to bright light or oncoming headlights), halos (rings around a light), double vision, ghosting, color perception (trouble recognizing specific colors), and distorted vision (straight lines look crooked), (2) Visual lifestyle activities (9 items): driving at day, driving at night, theatre/concert, watching TV, at home, cooking, using a computer/musical instrument, domestic work, and reading a newspaper, (3) Spectacle independence for distance, intermediate, and near vision (3 items), (4) Satisfaction: "Would you choose this IOL again?" The response rating scale for the visual disturbances and the spectacle independence was either yes or no. For lifestyle activity items, a scale of 1 (very good) to 6 (very bad)

was used. Furthermore, patients were asked if they would choose the same IOL again and if they would recommend this IOL to others. (Quality of life questionnaire, supplementary document S1) This questionnaire is a summarized version of one used by Kohnen et al. previously [12]. The visual disturbance questions and lifestyle activities were based on a survey distributed in FDA clinical trials (Alcon, Inc. AcrySof IQ ReSTOR, physician labeling, 2009) and subscales of the National Eye Institute Visual Functioning Questionnaire-25 (NEIVFQ-25) [13]. The spectacle independence questions were similar to those in the modified Cataract Type Specification quality of life instrument [14].

Surgical procedure

The surgeries were all performed under topical anesthesia by the same experienced surgeon (T.K.). Twenty-one study participants received a capsulotomy, lens fragmentation, and corneal incisions using a LenSx femtosecond laser (Alcon Laboratories, Inc, Fort Worth, Texas, USA), and phacoemulsification was performed using the standard ultrasound technique (Infiniti, Alcon Laboratories, Inc, Fort Worth, TX, USA). In five patients, manual capsulorhexis, corneal incisions, and ultrasound lens fragmentation were performed. All patients received sutureless 2.3 mm corneal incisions located temporally.

Study intraocular lens

The Technics Symfony ZXR00 IOL (Abbott Medical Optics, Inc., CA, USA) is a foldable, single-piece, UVblocking hydrophobic acrylic, C-loop haptic multifocal IOL with a power addition of +1.75 D at the IOL plane. The biconvex wavefront-designed anterior aspheric surface (negative spherical aberration of $-0.27 \,\mu\text{m}$) and the posterior achromatic diffractive surface are intended to correct chromatic aberration for enhanced CS and extended range of focus. The IOL has an overall diameter of 13 mm, an optical zone of 6 mm and a refractive index of 1.47 at 35 °C. It is available in powers from +5.0 to +34.0 D in 0.5 D increments. The lens has a frosted continuous 360° posterior square edge. For IOL power calculations, the Haigis formula was used using axial length measurements, corneal power and anterior chamber depth measured by the IOL Master (IOL Master 500; Carl Zeiss Meditec, Jena, Germany, Software version 7.1) in all patients.

Results

The mean patient age was 69 ± 8.089 years [48–83 years] and 31% (8 of 26 patients) were female. Cataract surgery was performed in all 26 patients; in 19% (5 of 26 patients)

standard manual phacoemulsification was performed, whereas 81% (21 of 26 patients) received femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgery. The mean lens power was +18.55 ± 5.330 D [8.5–23.5 D], the mean target refraction -0.17 ± 0.297 D and the prediction error (target refraction spherical equivalent (SE)) was -0.15 ± 0.324 D.

SE changed from -1.17 ± 3.310 D [-8.6 to 3.0 D] preoperatively to -0.03 ± 0.284 D [-0.88 to 0.50 D] 3 months postoperatively. Furthermore, 96 % (50 of 52 eyes) showed a SE accuracy of ± 0.5 D 3 months postoperatively (supplementary Fig. S2) and 100% (52 of 52 eyes) showed a postoperative refractive cylinder of ± 0.5 D after 3 months (supplementary Fig. S3).

Three months after lens implantation the monocular and binocular uncorrected and distance-corrected VA at far, intermediate and near distance are shown in Table 1.

Cumulative monocular UCVA and DCVA at far, intermediate and near distance are shown in Fig. 1a–d. Fifty eyes (96 %) showed a UDVA of 0.00 logMAR or better and all 52 eyes (100 %) a DCVA of minimum 0.0 logMAR (Fig. 1a). At 80 cm all 52 eyes (100 %) and at 60 cm 39 eyes of 52 (75 %) eyes showed a UIVA of at least 0.1 logMAR (Fig. 1b, c) and 69 % (36 eyes of 52) showed a UNVA of minimum 0.3 logMAR and 90 % (47 eyes of 52) a UNVA of 0.5 logMAR or better (Fig. 1d).

Figure 2 visualizes the postoperative monocular UDVA vs. postoperative DCVA and shows that for 90% (47 eyes of 52) UDVA is within one line of CDVA and that for 58% (30 eyes of 52) UDVA is the same as CDVA.

Figure 3a, b illustrates the depth of focus tested with the monocular and binocular defocus curve. The depth of focus between 0.00 and -1.50 D between far and intermediate distance showed a VA range of 0.09 logMAR (-0.06 to 0.03 logMAR) for the monocular defocus curve and of

Table 1 Logarithm of Minimal Angle of Resolution (logMAR) of monocular and binocular uncorrected and distance-corrected distance, intermediate and near visual acuity after implantation of extended depth of focus (EDOF) intraocular lens (Symfony) at 3 months postoperatively

Parameters	Monocular $(n = 52)$	Binocular $(n = 26)$
UDVA (mean ± SD)	0.01 ± 0.089	-0.02 ± 0.071
DCVA (mean ± SD)	-0.05 ± 0.061	-0.06 ± 0.081
UIVA 80 cm (mean ± SD)	0.04 ± 0.087	0.01 ± 0.077
DCIVA 80 cm (mean ± SD)	0.03 ± 0.083	0.01 ± 0.086
UIVA 60 cm (mean ± SD)	0.08 ± 0.144	0.08 ± 0.187
DCIVA 60 cm (mean ± SD)	0.08 ± 0.150	0.09 ± 0.166
UNVA (mean ± SD)	0.30 ± 0.145	0.22 ± 0.153
DCNVA (mean ± SD)	0.30 ± 0.144	0.23 ± 0.126

UDVA uncorrected distance visual acuity, CDVA corrected distance visual acuity, UIVA uncorrected intermediate visual acuity, DCIVA distance-corrected intermediate visual acuity, UNVA uncorrected near visual acuity, DCNVA distance-corrected near visual acuity



Fig. 1 a Cumulative monocular visual acuity at 4 m distance. Percentage of patients who achieved a certain cumulative monocular distance-corrected and uncorrected visual acuity in logMAR at 3 months after implantation of a Symfony IOL (n = 52 eyes). **b** Cumulative monocular visual acuity at 80 cm distance. Percentage of patients who achieved a certain cumulative monocular distance-corrected and uncorrected intermediate (80 cm) visual acuity in logMAR at 3 months after implantation of a Symfony IOL (n = 52 eyes). **c** Cumulative monocular visual acuity at 60 cm distance. Percentage of patients who achieved a certain cumulative monocular distance-corrected and uncorrected intermediate (80 cm) visual acuity in log-MAR at 3 months after implantation of a Symfony IOL (n = 52 eyes). **c** Cumulative monocular visual acuity at 60 cm distance. Percentage of patients who achieved a certain cumulative monocular distance-corrected and uncorrected intermediate (60 cm) visual acuity in



Fig. 2 Postoperative monocular uncorrected distance visual acuity vs. postoperative monocular corrected distance visual acuity 3 months after implantation of an extended depth of focus intraocular lens (Symfony IOL) (n = 52). UDVA uncorrected distance visual acuity, DCVA distance-corrected visual acuity



logMAR at 3 months after implantation of a Symfony IOL (n = 52 eyes). (UIVA = uncorrected intermediate visual acuity, DCIVA = distance-corrected intermediate visual acuity). **d** Cumulative monocular visual acuity at 40 cm distance. Percentage of patients who achieved a certain cumulative monocular distance-corrected and uncorrected near visual acuity (40 cm) in logMAR at 3 months after implantation of a Symfony IOL (n = 52 eyes). UNVA uncorrected near visual acuity, UIVA uncorrected near visual acuity, UIVA uncorrected near visual acuity, UIVA distance-corrected intermediate visual acuity, DCIVA distance-corrected intermediate visual acuity, DCVA distance-corrected visual acuity, DCVA distance-corrected

0.07 logMAR (-0.05 to 0.02 logMAR) for the binocular defocus curve. The binocular defocus curve showed a maximum peak of -0.05 logMAR at defocus 0.00 D (4 m). In the intermediate range from -0.5 to -1.5 D (2 m to 67 cm) a DCVA of -0.03 to 0.02 logMAR was observed. At near distance from -2.0 to -2.5 D (50 cm to 40 cm) a dip of DCVA of to 0.28 logMAR can be seen. Overall, a DCVA of 0.3 logMAR or better was achieved between the 0.00 and -2.50 D defocus in the monocular and binocular defocus curve.

The CS measured under photopic, mesopic, and mesopic with glare lighting conditions was 1.56 ± 0.37 , 0.86 ± 0.12 and 0.78 ± 0.12 logCS_{Weber} (smallest detectable increment of CS of "Weber's law"), respectively.

Twenty-four of twenty-six patients filled out a questionnaire about subjective QoV. On a grading scale of 1 Fig. 3 a Monocular defocus curve. Monocular distancecorrected defocus curve in logMAR 3 months after implantation of an extended depth of focus intraocular lens (Symfony IOL) (n = 52 eyes). b Binocular defocus curve. Binocular distance-corrected defocus curve in logMAR 3 months after implantation of an extended depth of focus intraocular lens (Symfony IOL) (n = 26 patients)



(very good) to 6 (very bad), they rated their total uncorrected vision for activities of daily life with a mean score of 1.6 ± 0.884 . The mean scores for far distance, intermediate and near activities were 1.58 ± 0.325 , 1.63 ± 0.083 and 1.98 ± 0.812 , respectively (Table 2).

In addition, 20 of 24 patients (83.3%) perceived photopic phenomena such as halos (54.2%), glare (33.3%), colour perception (4.2%). Four out of 24 patients (16.7%) did not report any photopic phenomena. No patient reported the perception of double vision (0.0%), ghosting (0.0%) or distorted vision (0.0%).

One hundred percent (24 of 24 patients) would choose the same IOL again and also recommend it to others. All patients reported spectacle independence at far and intermediate distance and 29 % (7 of 24 patients) to use reading spectacles for small font sizes. In total 71 % (17 of 24 patients) reported complete spectacle independence.

Discussion

The optical technology of EDOF IOLs is based on the concept that uses an echelette design to provide good intermediate vision with EDOF between intermediate and far distance. Thus, for patients whose priorities concerning daily life activities are in the intermediate to far distance, EDOF IOLs would be the right choice and recommendation.

 Table 2
 Subjective scores from patient-responded questionnaire about the quality of vision (QoV) in daily life activities after implantation of an extended depth of focus intraocular lens (Symfony) at 3 months postoperatively

Situation	Score (mean \pm SD) ($n = 24$ patients)
Far distance	1.58 ± 0.325
Car driving, day	1.56 ± 0.638
Car driving, night	2.13 ± 0.973
TV	1.44 ± 0.662
Theater, concert	1.45 ± 0.724
At home	1.29 ± 0.549
Intermediate distance	1.63 ± 0.083
Cooking	1.71 ± 0.744
Computer, musical instrument	1.54 ± 0.703
Domestic work	1.63 ± 0.616
Near distance	1.98 ± 0.812
Newspaper	1.98 ± 0.812
Total distance	1.64 ± 0.884

Score range: 1 = very good to 6 = very bad

The current prospective study showed very good monocular and binocular UDVA (0.01 ± 0.089 logMAR, -0.02 ± 0.071 logMAR) and DCVA (-0.05 ± 0.061 logMAR, -0.06 ± 0.081 logMAR) for the Symfony IOL. This finding is in line with the multicentre Concerto study by

Cochener et al (2016) measuring a binocular UDVA of $0.03 \pm 0.09 \log$ MAR and DCVA of $-0.02 \pm 0.07 \log$ MAR [15]. Comparing our results to the study results of Attia et al (2017) presenting a median UDVA of 0.03 logMAR and DCVA of $-0.08 \log$ MAR also shows comparable results with a median UDVA of 0.00 logMAR and DCVA of $-0.10 \log$ MAR in the current study [16]. Thus, it can be concluded that this EDOF IOL successfully restores UDVA and CDVA as well as other models of multifocal IOLs [17–24] as for example the AT LISA [25] and PanOptix IOL [26].

The monocular and binocular UIVA $(0.04 \pm 0.087 \log -$ MAR, 0.03 ± 0.083 logMAR) and DCIVA (0.01 ± 0.077 \log MAR, 0.01 ± 0.086 \log MAR) at 80 cm demonstrated excellent results. The results of monocular and binocular UIVA $(0.08 \pm 0.144 \log MAR, 0.08 \pm 0.187 \log MAR)$ and DCIVA $(0.08 \pm 0.150 \log MAR, 0.09 \pm 0.166 \log MAR)$ at 60 cm showed slightly worse values, however, still very good results. A study by Ruiz Mesa et al (2017) [27] found comparable VA values in their series for binocular DCIVA at 80 cm $(0.06 \pm 0.04 \text{ logMAR})$ and 60 cm $(0.05 \pm 0.04 \text{ logMAR})$ logMAR). The same holds for Ganesh et al (2018) [28], showing good binocular UIVA and DCIVA at 80 cm $(-0.04 \pm 0.09 \log MAR, 0.01 \pm 0.09 \log MAR)$ and slightly worse values at 60 cm $(0.05 \pm 0.09 \text{ logMAR}, 0.10 \pm 0.08$ logMAR). These results are also supported by other previous studies measuring intermediate VA of this EDOF IOL at 70 cm, showing slightly worse values at this distance, for example, Cochener et al (2016) [15] and Monaco et al (2017) [23]. Comparing the monocular UIVA and DCIVA results to the diffractive AT LISA IOL $(0.06 \pm 0.12 \text{ log-}$ MAR, $0.04 \pm 0.11 \log MAR$) [25] with preferred intermediate focus at 80 cm and the PanOptix IOL with preferred intermediate focus at 60 cm ($0.06 \pm 0.121 \text{ log-}$ MAR, $0.05 \pm 0.119 \log MAR$ [26] shows almost identically good results for the EDOF IOL at both intermediate distances.

The mean monocular and binocular UNVA $(0.30 \pm$ 0.145 logMAR, 0.22 ± 0.153 logMAR) and DCNVA $(0.30 \pm 0.144 \text{ logMAR}, 0.23 \pm 0.126 \text{ logMAR})$ showed acceptable results. These UNVA and DCNVA results are comparable to other recently conducted studies [15, 16, 28–31] on this EDOF IOL, for example, Pedrotti et al (2016) [30] who find a UNVA and DCNVA of $0.27 \pm$ 0.11 logMAR and 0.33 ± 0.10 logMAR, respectively. Comparing the results of monocular UNVA and DCNVA to two diffractive trifocal IOLs, namely the AT LISA IOL $(0.09 \pm 0.12 \log MAR, 0.06 \pm 0.13 \log MAR)$ [25] and PanOptix IOL $(0.06 \pm 0.107 \text{ logMAR}, 0.05 \pm 0.095 \text{ log-}$ MAR) [26], the preferred near focus at 40 cm shows a lower near VA of delta 0.2 logMAR for this EDOF IOL. This finding is as expected since the EDOF function of the Symfony IOL cannot provide the same function as a near addition would allow. A possible option to overcome the lower near VA of the Symfony IOL compared to other trifocal IOLs would be to target a "mini-monovision" in the non-dominant eye if implanted bilaterally. The binocular defocus curve testing confirmed the VA measurements with a maximum peak at 0.00 D (-0.05 logMAR) and a flat intermediate VA depth of focus range from -0.5 to -1.5 D of 0.05 logMAR (-0.03-0.02 logMAR). At near distance from -2.0 to -2.5 D (50 cm to 40 cm), it confirmed results showing a dip of DCVA of 0.14 to 0.28 logMAR.

As expected CS results were best under photopic light conditions (1.54 logCS). Mean CS of the EDOF IOL showed similar results as the PanOptix (1.55 logCS) [26] and AT LISA IOL (1.58 logCS) [25] but lower values compared to an aspheric monofocal IOL (SN60WF, Alcon) (1.80 logCS) [32]. CS under mesopic conditions without and with glare was lower (0.86 logCS, 0.78 logCS) compared to the aspheric IOL (SN60WF, Alcon) and even showed slightly lower values compared to the two diffractive IOLs [25, 26, 32].

The overall QoV rating for daily life activities was good (1.64 ± 0.884) . Daily life activities at far distance such as television, theater, working at home, and car driving at day were rated very good to good and even car driving at was evaluated as good (2.13 ± 0.973) . Comparing car driving at night to two diffractive trifocal IOLs, namely the AT LISA (3.4 ± 1.4) [25] and PanOptix (3.0 ± 1.31) [26], showed a better grading of the Symfony IOL. However, when comparing night-driving capabilities of these two trifocal IOLs, it has to be taken into account that in both studies [25, 26], patients with cataract and clear lens exchange were included, unlike the current study in which only patients with cataract were included. This could lead to a bias regarding the comparison of the night-driving capabilities since patients that underwent a clear lens exchange may report a decrease in night vision.

Reading a newspaper was rated as good (1.98 ± 0.812) , which is similar to ratings of the trifocal IOLs PanOptix (1.9 ± 1.36) and AT LISA (2.4 ± 1.1) [25, 26, 32].

At the 3 months postoperative visit, 16.7 % of the patients experienced no photopic phenomena, whereas 54.2% reported halos and 33.3% perceived glare on direct questioning. Compared to the perception of photopic phenomena after 3 months of other multifocal IOLs, these rates can be evaluated as rather good [17, 25, 26, 33, 34].

Spectacle independence was achieved in 100% for distance and intermediate vision and 71% of patients at near distance, whereas patients reported using reading spectacles only for small font sizes. That 100 % would choose the same IOL again and would also recommend it to other patients underlines the high levels of patient satisfaction.

The study's limitations include small sample size, lack of control group, and a short follow-up duration of only 3 months. The study is susceptible to possible selection bias since patients were included in the study after having completed the surgery. A randomized controlled study would have possibly provided more meaningful results, but the fact that the study was not sponsor financed but rather independently performed in a university setting did not allow randomization of patients since the patients had to cover the costs for their refractive surgery and lens. In this setting a preoperative randomization and choice of lens was unfortunately not possible. A final limitation is the modified, unvalidated quality of vision questionnaire.

In conclusion, this study shows that the EDOF IOL provides good intermediate and far UCVA and acceptable near UCVA. The binocular defocus curve confirmed this finding with a very good EDOF between far and intermediate distance and a dip at the near distance. Finally, it provides good QoV, CS, high spectacle independence and satisfaction with particularly good night-driving capabilities. The study highlights that, regarding treatment selection, this EDOF IOL can be recommended to patients with very high VA priorities at far to intermediate distance, who are also looking for acceptable near vision, and who need good night-driving capabilities with a low perception of photopic phenomena.

Summary

What was known before

• An extended depth of focus (EDOF) IOL provides successful visual restoration with good visual outcomes across all distances. The visual performance of an EDOF IOL is associated with a minimal level of disturbing photic phenomena and high levels of spectacle independence.

What this study adds

• The EDOF IOL provides excellent intermediate and far vision with a slight drop in visual acuity at near distance. The EDOF IOL provides good contrast sensitivity and perception of few optical phenomena with good night-driving capabilities.

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